



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

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

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Mary Lou McDonald. [7937/24]
2. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Alan Dillon. [9029/24]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [9218/24]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Brendan Smith. [9335/24]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [9336/24]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Cian O’Callaghan. [10350/24]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10619/24]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Paul Murphy. [10622/24]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Mick Barry. [12453/24]
10. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [7939/24]
11. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit in his Department. — Mick Barry. [9340/24]
12. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit in his Department. — Cian O’Callaghan. [10351/24]
13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10615/24]

18. 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. — Paul Murphy. [10621/24]

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

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

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

22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will meet next. — Mick Barry. [12452/24]

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will meet next. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13013/24]

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

25. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on with Economy and Investment will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13014/24]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Alan Dillon. [13016/24]

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

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

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

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the recent Munich Security Conference. — Mick Barry. [12451/24]

31. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent visit to Paris. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10816/24]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will indicate the outcome of the recent conference in Paris on the invasion of Ukraine. — Richard Bruton. [11131/24]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [11792/24]

34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plan for constitutional amendments. — Mary Lou McDonald. [11793/24]

35. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent visit to Boston. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12985/24]

36. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his visit to Washington on St. Patrick's Day. — Alan Dillon. [13015/24]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*37. To ask the Taoiseach if the decision to hold the two referenda was a Cabinet decision. — Seán Canney. [13091/24]

\*38. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department has had the need to contact An Garda Síochána due to verbal, written (including electronically) or physical threats being addressed to staff or Ministers, at any level, working within their Department during the period 2020 to date. — Carol Nolan. [11603/24]

\*39. To ask the Taoiseach his plans for long-Covid to be included in the terms of reference for the upcoming Covid inquiry. — Catherine Connolly. [12139/24]

\*40. To ask the Taoiseach the breakdown of expenditure from the shared island unit, broken down by year and Department since 2020, and by the revised estimates for projected expenditure for 2024, in tabular form. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [12162/24]

\*41. To ask the Taoiseach to provide a breakdown of each project and funding announced on 20 February 2024 to be funded from the shared island unit; the details of the amount of funding allocated in 2024; and the funding needs projected into the future to for the projects. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [12163/24]

\*42. To ask the Taoiseach the number of exit and or severance and or redundancy packages granted by his Department and bodies under his aegis, and of bodies he funds in full or in part, of €100,000 and above but less than €200,000, by the amount and by each body in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [12358/24]

\*43. To ask the Taoiseach if he will publish a list of the NGOs funded by his Department; and the level the funding each NGO received in the past three years, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [12728/24]

\*44. To ask the Taoiseach if there will be an independent investigation into the leaking of the Attorney General's referendum advice to the media the day before the referendum. — Peadar Kirby. [12882/24]

\*45. To ask the Taoiseach to provide details on all planned PPP projects and ongoing PPP contracts; the status of each project; the anticipated or known capital cost; the anticipated or known cost to the Exchequer over the lifetime of the contracts; and the annual total payment of PPP unitary charges and the percentage share of the total capital budget for his Department and all public bodies under the aegis of his Department. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13204/24]

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

\*46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department has had the need to contact An Garda Síochána due to verbal, written (including electronically) or physical threats being addressed to staff or Ministers, at any level, working within the Department during the period 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11595/24]

\*47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 157 of 15 February 2024, the rationale for the Government's position of non-intervention in the Gambia v. Myanmar case before the International Court of Justice. — Ivana Bacik. [11665/24]

\*48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to clarify how long an Irish passport must be expired to be considered a first-time application with the Passport Office. — Robert Troy. [11778/24]

\*49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a person born in the UK with no Irish decent but married to an Irish person and living in Ireland for almost 30 years can apply for an Irish passport without applying and paying for naturalisation. — Dara Calleary. [11790/24]

\*50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a substantive reply will issue to email correspondence (details supplied) from this Deputy with his Office of 17 January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [11908/24]

\*51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application (details supplied) can be escalated as the applicant's travel date is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [11941/24]

\*52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application (details supplied) can be escalated as the applicant's travel date is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [11942/24]

\*53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his discussions with international partners regarding the air dropping of food to Gaza; the timeframe in which it is intended to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [11973/24]

\*54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to reports regarding Israeli settlers storming the Erez crossing in north Gaza and constructing wooden structures which often precedes action through the Israeli legal system to establish settlements which are illegal under international law; if he has raised this specific incident with the representative of the Israeli government to Ireland; what the Irish diplomatic response would be should Israel attempt to re-establish settlements within Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [11974/24]

\*55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is aware of the case of a person (details supplied), a Palestinian lawyer and human rights defender, who was arrested by Israeli forces on 19 January 2024, and whose detention has been strongly condemned by Front Line Defenders and the International Observatory of Lawyers at Risk; if he will raise their case at the highest diplomatic and political level in an effort to secure their earliest release; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brid Smith. [12011/24]

\*56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he and his consular officials will engage with their counterparts in India to ensure that the family of a person (details supplied) will be granted their ongoing request to remotely view the trial of the person accused of their murder in India, on compassionate grounds, considering the inordinate delays in this trial, now approaching seven years. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [12020/24]

\*57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the US Air Force Gulfstream 5 executive jet number 99-0402 was permitted to fly and through Irish air space and land and refuel in Shannon Airport on 3 March 2024 on its way to Frankfurt (callsign SAM265) and from there to Cyprus and then Tel Aviv Israel on 4 March 2024; if he has concerns that this may breach Irish neutrality, given the allegations of war crimes and the potential genocide taking place in Palestine according to the ICJ, for which arms and munitions are being supplied by the US; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [12147/24]

\*58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will make a statement on the deteriorating situation of Syrian refugees in Lebanon. — Ivana Bacik. [12221/24]

\*59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will clarify the issues that are complicating a passport application for an individual (details supplied) given the issues in this case; his views on whether there needs to be clarification on the acceptability of gender recognition certificates to document a change of name; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [12299/24]

\*60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to his statement (details supplied) the occasions on which he suggested to people in the United States that they speak with members of the opposition; the individuals in attendance on such occasions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12322/24]

\*61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of exit and or severance and or redundancy packages granted by his Department and bodies under his aegis and of bodies he funds in full or in part, of €100,000 and above but less than €200,00, by the amount and by each body in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [12350/24]

\*62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 151 of 29 February 2024, the steps a person (details supplied) can take to ensure they receive their renewed passport in their new name; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12446/24]

\*63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs how a child born in Ireland in 2008 to Romanian citizen parents can qualify for an Irish passport in circumstances (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [12454/24]

\*64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if in line with the recent report of Operation Kenova in Northern Ireland, he will advocate for a national day of commemoration on 21 June, for all of those who lost their lives during the Troubles on the islands of Ireland and Britain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [12458/24]

\*65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs in instances in which a person has recently changed their name to its Irish version by deed poll and therefore cannot provide the requisite proof of two years' habitual usage or more of their Irish name, if such a person may legally continue to travel on their old passport which displays the English version of their name during the interim two year period only after which they can provide evidence of two years' habitual usage; if his attention has been drawn to the difficulty which current rules on habitual usage timeframes present to such individuals when travelling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [12488/24]

\*66. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Government will consider signing up to an organisation (details supplied) which aims to scale up school meal programmes around the world; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [12556/24]

\*67. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagements with the government of Indonesia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [12558/24]

\*68. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the percentage of staff based at the Irish embassy and consulates in China that are fluent in speaking and writing in Mandarin Chinese. — Darren O'Rourke. [12634/24]

\*69. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 98 of 5 March 2024, the number of passport applications received from persons with an address in the north of Ireland in each of the years 2015 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12702/24]

\*70. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will publish a list of the NGOs funded by his Department; and the level the funding each NGO received in the past three years, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [12720/24]



\*71. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of engagements, including online meetings, webinars, briefings and in-person meetings that he or officials from his Department and bodies under the aegis of his Department have had with an organisation (details supplied), including its representatives, from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12740/24]

\*72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of times in 2023 and to-date in 2024 where the Irish consulate general or deputy consulate general based in Los Angeles has met with the governor of the state of Nevada, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [12787/24]

\*73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the current situation in Haiti was discussed at the last EU Foreign Affairs Council meeting. — Catherine Murphy. [12788/24]

\*74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport for a person (details supplied) will issue before 24 March 2024 as they are due to travel on a school trip on that date but the passport is not expected until 25 March 2024. — Paul McAuliffe. [12853/24]

\*75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [12923/24]

\*76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a decision will be made on a foreign birth register application (details supplied); the reason for the delay in processing the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [13096/24]

\*77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13112/24]

\*78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to confirm receipt of a foreign birth registration application from a person (details supplied); and if an indication of a turnaround time is available. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13118/24]

\*79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the current processing times for applications for foreign birth registration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13119/24]

\*80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs Ireland's position on the Egyptian authorities charging Gazans thousands of dollars to gain entry to their state; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13129/24]

\*81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide details on all planned PPP projects and ongoing PPP contracts; the status of each project; the anticipated or known capital cost; the anticipated or known cost to the Exchequer over the lifetime of the contracts; the annual total payment of PPP unitary charges and the percentage share of the total capital budget for his Department and all public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13196/24]

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

\*82. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the new low-cost EIB group-supported home energy upgrade loan scheme will be delivered; if he will provide more information on the application process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [11561/24]

\*83. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if their Department has had the need to contact An Garda Síochána due to verbal, written (including electronically) or physical threats being addressed to staff or Ministers, at any level, working within their Department during the period 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11593/24]

\*84. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of windfarms; the related installed capacity of these windfarms which have exited their support scheme contracts under the alternative energy requirement support scheme and, separately, the renewable energy feed-in tariff support scheme, in the years 2000 to 2023, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [11609/24]

\*85. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications whether he intends to legislate for a ban on disposable e-cigarettes; and if so, whether he intends this to be a standalone Bill or whether it will form part of a broader package of measures to regulate flavours and packaging as part of proposed further regulation of tobacco and nicotine inhaling products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11633/24]

\*86. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a noise abatement order under Section 108 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 is granted; what responsibility does a local authority have to enforce it; what actions it can take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [11671/24]

\*87. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a noise abatement order under Section 108 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 is granted; what responsibility does the EPA have to enforce it; and what actions it can take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [11672/24]

\*88. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when loans will be available under the home energy upgrade loan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [11750/24]

\*89. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider increasing county allocations for the community climate action programme; if his Department is monitoring the level of demand versus the available funding from counties such as County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11806/24]

\*90. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for an update and report on the return deposit scheme; the number of stores that are up and running; and the uptake by consumers. — Paul Donnelly. [11836/24]

\*91. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications in a case where bottles or cans are rejected by the return deposit scheme machine, but have the valid logo,

if stores are obliged to take these items manually and issue a refund to the consumer. — Paul Donnelly. [11837/24]

\*92. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications in the case where a bottle or can is not accepted or not returned, if the deposit stays with the retailer. — Paul Donnelly. [11838/24]

\*93. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has had any policy discussions with ComReg to encourage telecommunications providers to introduce social broadband and phone tariffs similar to those that many of the same companies offer in the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [11905/24]

\*94. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what monies were allocated to the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) residential and community retrofit scheme in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [11912/24]

\*95. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he expects the details of the low-cost loan scheme for home retrofits to be finalised and announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [11994/24]

\*96. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to outline the presence he or his Departmental officials will have at the Wind Europe annual event in Bilbao, Spain from 20-22 March 2024; his Department's proposed contribution to the event; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [12003/24]

\*97. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if consideration will be given to the introduction of a public subsidy where an estate in a town or urban area for which it is uncommercial for operators to service high speed broadband due to infrastructure deficits, which operators can tender for, which provides funding to bridge the gap between the excess cost in rolling out to such estates and the commercial cut off point that is, the point at which it is uncommercial for an operator to serve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [12044/24]

\*98. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a response will issue to concerns raised by a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [12052/24]

\*99. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans regarding the transposition of the requirements of the Revised Renewable Energy Directive, with particular focus on the delivery of the specified planning and permitting timescales, in view of recommendation 7 in the recent European Commission assessment of the draft updated National Energy and Climate Plan of Ireland for 2021-2030 (NECP); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [12062/24]

\*100. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will give consideration to the issues outlined in correspondence concerning prices for broadband and mobile network services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [12092/24]

\*101. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications where within the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 it stipulates the procedures for appointing a deputy or interim CEO; the date on which he was consulted regarding the appointment of a deputy CEO; the reason the current CEO requires a deputy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12094/24]

\*102. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason Inland Fisheries Ireland needed to convene an emergency board meeting on 6 March 2024; if he will share the minutes from this meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12095/24]

\*103. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the date on which IFI undertook a study of sea trout and salmon stocks that use the river systems of the Dargle, Vartry and Avoca; the plans that IFI has to replenish stocks and or provide conservation for stocks; and if he will outline any concerns IFI has in respect of stocks of those species in the named river systems. — Catherine Murphy. [12146/24]

\*104. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details and commencement date for the low-cost home energy upgrade loan scheme that was announced in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [12198/24]

\*105. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures which are currently being undertaken to identify and implement strategies that will assist in reducing Ireland's carbon footprint in regard to future decisions on public procurement contracts across all areas and public bodies, including targeted timelines for implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [12208/24]

\*106. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to identify any and all grant supports for new businesses building new premises that wish to make their sites carbon neutral and avoid fossil fuel energy sources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [12212/24]

\*107. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide clarity on the extent to which his Department has implemented a moratorium on additional data centres in the Dublin region; if the west of Ireland is included in this moratorium; to extent to which his Department has placed a moratorium on new data centres; the conditions or criteria his Department is utilising to evaluate data centre proposals during this moratorium; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12333/24]

\*108. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of exit and or severance and or redundancy packages granted by his Department, and bodies under his aegis and of bodies he funds in full or in part, of €100,000 and above but less than €200,000, by the amount and by each body in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [12348/24]

\*109. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to concerns related to the wording of the plastic bag levy legislation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [12447/24]

\*110. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he aware a case (details supplied) in relation to broadband; the reasons that the connection was not extended

to include the additional homes; if there are any plans to extend the fibre connection to include additional homes; what measures he taking to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [12462/24]

\*111. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the number and locations of post offices run directly by An Post; and the number franchised out to postmasters. — Paul Murphy. [12523/24]

\*112. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the latte levy on disposable cups will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [12535/24]

\*113. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline any further details regarding the new low interest retrofit loans for homeowners scheme which was announced in October 2023 and due to be in place by February 2024 (details supplied); can he confirm these details and make a further statement on the timing and details of this initiative. — Frankie Feighan. [12593/24]

\*114. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what measures are being taken to accelerate the deployment of renewable energy in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12641/24]

\*115. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of any omissions by the electric supply company in terms of customers receiving the correct energy credits; and if he will seek a report from the electricity supply companies in terms of any omissions and whether they have been rectified. — Robert Troy. [12682/24]

\*116. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware that the Houses of the Oireachtas have been granted an exemption (details supplied) as part of the deposit return scheme; the reasoning for this; if he plans to seek a reversal to this exemption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [12710/24]

\*117. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will publish a list of the NGOs funded by his Department; and the level the funding each NGO received in the past three years, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [12718/24]

\*118. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of engagements, including online meetings, webinars, briefings and in-person meetings that he or officials from his Department and bodies under the aegis of his Department have had with an organisation (details supplied) including its representatives from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12738/24]

\*119. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has had discussions with the CRU on the possibility of adding a second annual application window for the Enduring Connections Process. — Cathal Crowe. [12812/24]

\*120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are plans to upgrade the grid in order that the limits for peak export from single-phase connections and three-phase connections can be increased. — Michael Moynihan. [12821/24]

\*121. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has been consulted by and or if he has engaged with the CRU in respect of the establishment of a second annual application window for renewable energy projects to connect to the electricity grid; if his attention has been drawn to a petition in respect of same and his views on same. — Catherine Murphy. [12840/24]

\*122. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will advise on measures to provide due regard to the special economic and social role of agriculture with regard to the distinct characteristics of biogenic methane; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12860/24]

\*123. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the retrofitting of solid fuel homes; how many solid fuel homes were retrofitted; how many solid fuels homes have been retrofitted with solid fuel boilers in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, broken down per SEAI scheme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [12952/24]

\*124. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the provision of fibre broadband to a property (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [13100/24]

\*125. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for a breakdown of the amount of funding drawn down by each local authority from the anti-litter and anti-graffiti awareness grant scheme in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13133/24]

\*126. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide details on all planned PPP projects and ongoing PPP contracts; the status of each project; the anticipated or known capital cost; the anticipated or known cost to the Exchequer over the lifetime of the contracts; the annual total payment of PPP unitary charges and the percentage share of the total capital budget for his Department and all public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13194/24]

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

\*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department has had the need to contact An Garda Síochána due to verbal, written (including electronically) or physical threats being addressed to staff or Ministers, at any level, working within the Department during the period 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11590/24]

\*128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on the acquisition of Airbus C295W; the expected delivery date; if the aircraft will have the capacity to participate in humanitarian air drops; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [11967/24]

\*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he is aware of media reports in relation to civilians in Beirut detaining a UNIFIL vehicle which while conducting routine logistical movements transited on an unplanned route resulting in the confiscation of equipment and peacekeepers being detained and transferred to Hezbollah; if he will report on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [11969/24]



\*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on the implications of an increased retirement in the Defence Forces; his considerations in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [11970/24]

\*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 168 of 17 January 2024, the status of the project aiming to explore the establishment of a defence attaché network; if he has received the report and its findings; if the report will be published; any arising related timelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [11972/24]

\*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on the nomination of Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces to the position of Chair of the European Union Military Committee; the implications of the Chief of Staff being successfully elected, including with regard to support staff; when the election is due to be held and the duration of the term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12080/24]

\*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on the work of the European Union Military Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12081/24]

\*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the specific equipment for the Army, Naval Service and Aer Corps that he expects to acquire in 2024; the specific capital allocated to each acquisition in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [12275/24]

\*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of exit and or severance and or redundancy packages granted by his Department, and bodies under his aegis and of bodies he funds in full or in part, of €100,000 and above but less than €200,000, by the amount and by each body in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [12345/24]

\*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of vacancies by rank in the Defence Forces School of Music as of 11 March 2024; the timeframe within each of those vacancies will be filled, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [12568/24]

\*137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the locations around the country where military personnel from Ukraine have been trained by the Defence Forces; when the training took place; the number involved; the type of training provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [12625/24]

\*138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the originating airport that an aircraft (details supplied) took off from before its initial landing at Casement Aerodrome, County Dublin on 10 September 2004; and the time of this landing and any subsequent landings that day. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [12645/24]

\*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 148 of 20 February 2024, if he will provide the name of the charity event run by the Air Corps in conjunction with an aircraft (details supplied) in September 2004; the name registered charity number of the actual charity that ran the event or benefited from the event; the amount that was raised; the name of the individual organisers of the event and the liaison officer; and the reason

the civilian aircraft was allowed to visit secure military aviation facilities in view of the fact that the Air Corps kept no record of the pilots or crew. — Catherine Murphy. [12653/24]

\*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will publish a list of the NGOs funded by his Department; and the level the funding each NGO received in the past three years, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [12715/24]

\*141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of engagements, including online meetings, webinars, briefings and in-person meetings that he or officials from his Department and bodies under the aegis of his Department have had with an organisation (details supplied) including its representatives from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12735/24]

\*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the details of the new working group to develop a complaints process for civilian employees and civil servants who work with the Defence Forces; the membership of the working group; the number of meetings held to-date by the working group, and the dates of same; if minutes are taken in respect of the meetings of the working group, and if any minutes taken will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12832/24]

\*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the details of Ireland's contribution to the German-led EU Battlegroup in 2024/2025; the total number of personnel posts to be filled by members of the Defence Forces; the number of posts filled to-date by members of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12833/24]

\*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the progress made in respect of each of the twelve recommendations arising from the Working Group which reviewed the Defence Forces approach in relation to the use of malaria chemoprophylaxis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12939/24]

\*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he is aware of any instances since 2020 whereby a person has sought to induce any other individual within the State to accept a commission or engagement with a military of another state in breach of the Defence Act 1954; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12940/24]

\*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 14 and 15 of 28 February 2024, the month of each expenditure in relation to orbiter 3 unmanned air systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13172/24]

\*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide details on all planned PPP projects and ongoing PPP contracts; the status of each project; the anticipated or known capital cost; the anticipated or known cost to the Exchequer over the lifetime of the contracts; the annual total payment of PPP unitary charges and the percentage share of the total capital budget for his Department and all public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13191/24]

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

\*148. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the fact that, ten years after the Garda inspectorate recommended that a system be introduced immediately to ensure that all penalty points are endorsed on driving licences, such a system is still not in place and it is still easy to



register a vehicle in a false name and address in order to avoid enforcement on the roads (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [12890/24]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that the removal of the 18 bus service has left residents of the Cashel Avenue/Ravensdale Park area in Crumlin without not only a bus connection with Ballyfermot and Palmerstown, but also without one that services Crumlin Village, and that, as a result, many elderly residents now have difficulties attending mass and going to their local Credit Union, Post Office and supermarket; and could the reconnection of this area of Crumlin with Ballyfermot, Palmerstown and, most urgently, Crumlin village, be re-examined. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [11533/24]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has had the need to contact An Garda Síochána due to verbal, written (including electronically) or physical threats being addressed to staff or Ministers, at any level, working within the Department during the period 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11605/24]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Transport what measures are proposed to address anti-social behaviour along the DART line which acts as a disincentive for people using public transport; if he will liaise with the relevant bodies including An Garda Síochána to address these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [11718/24]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will reconsider resurrecting the Bantry line of the west Cork railway; if he will make funding available to run cost-benefit analysis of a west Cork railway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [11731/24]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 233 of 17 January 2024, the number of fleet owners/managers and motor traders that have yet to upload their vehicle details to the NFD under the Road Traffic Act 2023; the number where legal proceedings have commenced for failure to upload their vehicle details to the NFD by the deadline date in 2023; the number to date subjected to fines of up to €500 per vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 2023; the fines imposed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11786/24]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Transport if, in any discussions with stakeholders on the passenger cap at Dublin airport, the capacity at Cork airport has been discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [11809/24]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Transport if he supports the expansion of Dublin airport, given its environmental impacts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [11038/24]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11812/24]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason none of the €3 million active travel investment grant was allocated to Graiguecullen despite this being the third largest town in County Laois and an area that would greatly benefit from further safe travel initiatives seeing as there are no cycle lanes or e-chargers present there at the moment. — Brian Stanley. [11828/24]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Transport with regard to the Cork Area Commuter Rail Programme, when works begin on each of the new rail stations of Blarney/Stoneview, Monard,

Blackpool/Kilbarry, Tivoli, Dunkettle, Carrigtwohill West, Water-Rock and Ballynoe; when each station will be opened and operational, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [11903/24]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Transport when works will commence in relation to each of the new rail stations of Blarney/Stoneview, Monard, Blackpool/Kilbarry, Tivoli, Dunkettle, Carrigtwohill West, Water-Rock, Ballynoe under the Cork area commuter rail programme; when each station will be open and operational, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [11927/24]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide the timeline for when Glasnevin MetroLink station will be open and operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [11955/24]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Transport the current position in relation to the number of driving testers recruited in 2023 and 2024, those on short term contracts, and whether they will all be retained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [12035/24]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Transport if, when and the extent to which future reviews as to the schedule for the complete implementation rollout of all recommendations made in the National Speed Limit Review Report will be undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [12078/24]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the disturbances to the residents of Firhouse due to loud air traffic over Firhouse (details supplied); if he will take steps in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [12096/24]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost to extend the young adult travel card to 24-year-olds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12204/24]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Transport if he, in consultation with the relevant departments, will examine a financial incentive for drivers to buy a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV) in order to meet Ireland's obligation to move away from diesel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [12222/24]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Transport when the draft national demand management strategy which was prepared in 2023 will be published; the other Government Departments and or Ministers that are involved in approving the strategy; if he intends to incorporate its recommendations into the 2024 Climate Action Plan that is currently under public consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [12305/24]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 52 of 6 March 2024, for a breakdown of the table provided to indicate the number of payments and amounts that were made in respect of exit, severance and redundancy; and whether any position categorised as redundant was refilled in any capacity. — Catherine Murphy. [12327/24]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of exit and or severance and or redundancy packages granted by his Department, and bodies under his aegis and of bodies he funds in full or in part, of €100,000 and above but less than €200,000, by the amount and by each body in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [12360/24]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with Bus Éireann regarding concerns about a bus route in Cork (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [12369/24]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Transport if a response will issue to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [12385/24]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide funding for the pedestrian/cyclist facilities at River Fane bridge crossing in Inniskeen, County Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12396/24]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans in place to change licensing rules (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12442/24]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans to deal with the provision of increased public transport in Dublin 8, particularly around Kilmainham-Inchicore which suffers from severe traffic congestion and proposed large housing developments which will bring additional demand to the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [12464/24]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he has considered the proposal of a working group being established to look into a vehicle being fitted with a breathalyser, whereby the driver must obtain a negative test prior to the engine starting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [12470/24]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Transport if he met the Brazilian President during his recent visit to Brazil for St. Patrick’s Day events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [12571/24]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Transport the value of performance related penalties issued to each public transport provider by the NTA in 2023 and for the first two months of 2024, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [12602/24]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Transport in relation to a recent reply to correspondence from a person with a disability (details supplied), where the NTA confirmed that 42,000 booked a seat on Irish Rail and that a charge exists to book a seat to mitigate against some customer behaviours that impact everyone; how much were the 42,000 disabled customers charged in fees; exactly how many incidents are there of those with disabilities ‘behaviour’s impacting other customers; and is he aware that the use of data collected using the public services card free travel pass in the manner described by the NTA is not the purpose for which this data was collected in the first instance. — Mairéad Farrell. [12617/24]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Transport if the contract with the service provider of the National Car Testing Service contains any performance related or penalty clauses for lengthy delays. — Darren O’Rourke. [12631/24]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he has monitored the progress made under the actions specified in the National Positive Ageing Strategy 2013 and published annual progress reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [12647/24]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that the language within the driver theory test is simplified into plain English to make it more accessible for those with literacy or learning difficulties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12672/24]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider requesting that the TII designate the 53km Shannon Erne Connectivity route as a proposed national strategic greenway (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [12679/24]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will publish a list of the NGOs funded by his Department; and the level the funding each NGO received in the past three years, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [12730/24]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of engagements, including online meetings, webinars, briefings and in-person meetings that he or officials from his Department and bodies under the aegis of his Department have had with an organisation (details supplied), including its representatives, from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12750/24]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Transport with regard to recently announced changes to licensing categories, if he will review the change to category W licences, given the challenges it would present to farmers and agricultural contractors who also utilise non-farm vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12757/24]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to improve the intercity rail serving Gorey and by extension Wexford (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [12770/24]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Transport the commuter services that will benefit from the extra commuter carriages that will come into the fleet over the next few weeks. — Catherine Murphy. [12785/24]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of defibrillators located in public areas in both terminals within Dublin Airport; and the number and percentage of DAA staff are trained in the use of this vital equipment. — Catherine Murphy. [12786/24]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost to remove a roundabout as part of BusConnects (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [12806/24]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 53 of 1 February 2024, the status of the roll-out of park and ride in Galway city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12829/24]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to increase the frequency of the 109A bus services which connect with DCU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [12844/24]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with the NTA to review the withdrawal of the 706 and 706x bus service by a company (details supplied) from Athlone and Dublin. — Robert Troy. [12849/24]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Transport when the Glasnevin (interchange) DART+ / MetroLink rail station will be opened and operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12874/24]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Transport his views regarding the rejection of a Section 38 request for a safety improvement project funded under safety improvement works (details supplied); if Kerry County Council and Tralee Municipal District will be considered for future funding after the rejection. — Pa Daly. [12915/24]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Transport what he considers to be best practice in relation to consultation on route selection for greenways through urban areas, noting that his Code of Best Practice for National and Regional Greenways contains guidelines for engagement with landowners and interested groups in rural areas yet has no such guidelines for urban areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [12927/24]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Transport in relation to the CIÉ superannuation scheme 1951; if his Department has finished considering the draft SI in conjunction with NewERA; the timeframe for when an increase might be sanctioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [12956/24]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount that CIÉ has generated from rent from coffee docks and other retail units at major train and bus stations in 2023 and to-date in 2024. — Paul Donnelly. [12962/24]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to legislate to shorten the amount of time gardaí have to wait before they have power to seize vehicles without tax over one month instead at over two months at present. — Paul Donnelly. [12966/24]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will change the rules where a person who does their driving test in an automatic car currently will not be licensed to drive a manual car to allow the automatic licence to include a manual licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [13012/24]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider the provision of additional funding for the expansion of the Cork city bike scheme into the northside of Cork city in view of the increase in bike journeys in Cork city from 2022 to 2023 as set out in a recent review undertaken by the National Transport Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13074/24]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will reconsider the decision not to install a walkway as was planned over the Clady River at Bunbeg, County Donegal; to detail the money already spent in surveys and other propriety work on this project; if he will meet with local representatives from the community to discuss the need for the walkway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [13103/24]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request the board of a company (details supplied) to comply with the spirit of the Mulvey Report 2023 and provide a pension increase in 2024 for pensions in payment to pensioners of the IAA in line with the pension increase recommendations within the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [13136/24]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will instruct the board of a company (details supplied) to provide an amount within the Eurocontrol user charge unit rate air navigation charging mechanism, to ensure that current pensions in payment to pensioners of The IAA receive occasional pension increases concurrently with the occasional pay increases received by their colleagues still working within the Irish State air navigation and regulation services, in light of the huge increase since the Covid pandemic ended in the demand for commercial and leisure air travel and in light of the significant rise in consumer inflation for pensioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [13137/24]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the current progress for the MetroLink; what is the estimate for completion of this project; and how he will ensure that this project is completed within the estimated timeframe and within budget. — Paul Murphy. [13178/24]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details on all planned PPP projects and ongoing PPP contracts; the status of each project; the anticipated or known capital cost; the anticipated or known cost to the Exchequer over the lifetime of the contracts; the annual total payment of PPP unitary charges and the percentage share of the total capital budget for his Department and all public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13206/24]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the impact that increased Irish Aviation Authority fees could have on smaller flying clubs and students; if he is considering any measures to address concerns around this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [13236/24]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Transport if he was informed by the RSA on their plans to implement restrictions on tractor and work vehicle licences; what measures are in place in order that he as Minister is informed of any changes being considered to licences by the RSA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [13245/24]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Transport for the up-to-date position on road safety improvements works for the N22 junctions between Macroom and Ballincollig; the up-to-date position on works for the Castlemore Junction on the N22 junction between Macroom and Ballincollig; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [13246/24]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Transport what measures he is taking to ensure revised fare structures are considered on expressway services operating in the Cork region as the National Transport Authority does not have authority in the regulation of bus fares charged on expressway services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [13247/24]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will advise on his plans for additional bus shelters in Clare to be completed by the end of 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13301/24]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for a bus stop to be marked at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13302/24]



\*211. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will advise on all of the bus shelters currently in County Clare, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13304/24]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is satisfied that all buses serving County Clare have only one wheelchair space and therefore cannot accommodate multiple passengers in wheelchairs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13318/24]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Transport the minimum dimensions that TFI buses must have for wheelchair bays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13320/24]

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

\*214. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide a breakdown of all non-voted spending, including commercial State bodies for each year since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13209/24]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline any approaches or negotiations engaged in by Ireland with other EU Member States to waive the exemption on aviation fuel tax for intra-community flights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [11532/24]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has had the need to contact An Garda Síochána due to verbal, written (including electronically) or physical threats being addressed to staff or Ministers, at any level, working within the Department during the period 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11594/24]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will introduce an annual threshold for VAT free barter similar to other EU countries (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [11608/24]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Finance to clarify the necessity for a VAT transaction (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [11610/24]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has any plans to commission an independent assessment of the extent to which tobacco excise increases in recent years are leading to increased illicit market activity, evidenced by the recent detection of a large-scale illegal cigarette factory in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [11619/24]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered changes to the recognition of mortgage applicants to meet repayment costs - at present many private tenants are paying significant monthly rental costs yet there does not appear to be clear guidance in terms of financial institutions accepting these payments as proof of tenant ability to pay a future mortgage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [11653/24]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered making changes to the required 10% deposit ask of new first-time buyers understanding that many are in rental situations requiring more onerous rent repayment than that would be required in the event of a mortgage repayment and as such, tenants are disadvantaged in their ability to save up to a 10% deposit requirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [11654/24]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps his Department is taking to ensure that community centres and halls have access to insurance for public liability. — Jim O’Callaghan. [11697/24]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is giving consideration to changing the VAT rate for the food industry back to 9% from the current 13.5% rate (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [11707/24]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Finance whether legally divorced persons who have no legal interest in any property are excluded from the help to buy scheme; and if so, the reasoning behind this policy. — Holly Cairns. [11729/24]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures being taken, and additional resources being provided to the Revenue Commissioners to detect and crack-down on the production and sale of illegal tobacco products in Ireland, following the recent detection and closure of a large-scale illegal cigarette factory in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [11770/24]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Finance if the bartering of education, that is, classes, lessons, grinds and so on, is exempt of VAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [11936/24]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 224 of 5 March 2024, if he will recontact An Post on the matter, given there has been no contact with the beneficiary since 15 December 2023 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [12026/24]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reconsider his decision to introduce an increase in fuel excise on 1 April 2024, given the fact that the UK has just announced it will not reintroduce its increase (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [12030/24]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reconsider his decision to introduce an increase in fuel excise on 1 April 2024, given the fact that the UK has just announced it will not reintroduce its increase (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [12032/24]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Finance the person or body that conducts the independent analysis of weekly prize bond draws conducted by the National Treasury Management Agency. — Thomas Gould. [12060/24]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reconsider his decision to introduce an increase in fuel excise on 1 April 2024 given the fact that the UK has just announced it will not reintroduce its increase (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [12061/24]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he will take to address the matters raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Pauline Tully. [12073/24]



\*233. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to introducing similar tax exemptions for petrol purchased by fishermen as is available when they purchase marine diesel. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [12091/24]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 161 of 5 October 2023, if he remains committed to undertaking a review of the remittance basis of tax and the domicile levy in 2024; if he is aware that this commitment is absent in his reply to Parliamentary Question No. 233 of 1 February 2024; if he will clarify his position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [12127/24]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applications to the mortgage interest tax credit which have been rejected on the grounds that an applicant does not have a sufficient income tax liability. — Pearse Doherty. [12154/24]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applications to the mortgage interest tax credit which have been rejected on the grounds that an applicant does not have a sufficient income tax liability despite their mortgage interest costs being higher in 2023 compared to 2022. — Pearse Doherty. [12155/24]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applications to the mortgage interest tax credit which have been unable to receive the full 20% relief under the credit on the grounds that an applicant does not have a sufficient income tax liability despite their mortgage interest costs being higher in 2023 compared to 2022. — Pearse Doherty. [12156/24]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of successful claims to date under the mortgage interest tax credit relief. — Pearse Doherty. [12157/24]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Finance the value of money disbursed to date under the mortgage interest tax credit. — Pearse Doherty. [12158/24]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reconsider his decision to introduce an increase in fuel excise on 1 April 2024 given the fact that the UK has just announced it will not reintroduce its increase (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [12249/24]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of exit and or severance and or redundancy packages granted by his Department, and bodies under his aegis and of bodies he funds in full or in part, of €100,000 and above but less than €200,000, by the amount and by each body in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [12349/24]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of gaming machines seized by the Revenue Commissioners under section 43 of the Finance Act 1975 in each of the years 2020 to 2023, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [12375/24]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost of storing gaming machines seized by the Revenue Commissioners under section 43 of the Finance Act 1975 in 2023. — Neasa Hourigan. [12376/24]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of licences issued for amusement machines issued in 2023; the number of licences for gaming machines issued in 2023; and the revenue collected for each. — Neasa Hourigan. [12377/24]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has estimated the revenue forgone as a result of not collecting gaming machine licence revenue in Dublin in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12378/24]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to concerns of an organisation (details supplied) regarding its clients' difficulty in qualifying for mortgages, life assurance and other financial products; if his Department is carrying out any research into this issue or engaging with any financial institutions on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [12435/24]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost of Ireland's bid to host the EU Anti-Money Laundering Agency; the breakdown of this cost including advertising and so on. — Pearse Doherty. [12495/24]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Finance if the 471 high quality apartments at a location (details supplied) which are identified as being available on the basis of first refusal to Ireland's bid for the Anti-Money Laundering Authority, will still be available to the State on that basis. — Pearse Doherty. [12496/24]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Finance if he met his Chinese counterpart during his recent visit to China for St. Patrick's Day events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [12562/24]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Finance if matters raised by a business owner (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [12610/24]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the actions being taken to implement the proposals for a modern, fit-for-purpose vehicle adaptation scheme in line with international best practice that would replace the disabled drivers and disabled passenger's scheme. — Pauline Tully. [12612/24]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised by the sugar sweetened drinks tax each year since its introduction, and to date in 2024, broken down by the yield in each band; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [12642/24]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reconsider his decision to introduce an increase in fuel excise on 1 April 2024 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [12670/24]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Finance the goods and services subject to the second reduced rate of VAT; the revenue generated through VAT for each good and service subject to the second reduced rate of VAT in 2021 and 2022; and the projected revenue generated through VAT for each good and service subject to the second reduced rate of VAT in 2023 and 2024. — Pearse Doherty. [12686/24]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioner's review of the taxes paid by Irish real estate funds has been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12700/24]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Finance whether services such as yoga, pilates, boxercise and spinning are being afforded a financial advantage over activities such as marital arts and gymnastics which are required to charge VAT. — Jim O’Callaghan. [12701/24]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will publish a list of the NGOs funded by his Department; and the level the funding each NGO received in the past three years, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [12719/24]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of engagements, including online meetings, webinars, briefings and in-person meetings that he or officials from his Department and bodies under the aegis of his Department have had with an organisation (details supplied) including its representatives from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12739/24]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Finance to give consideration to committed couples including those with children being jointly assessed for tax purposes and in addition being able to apply for home carer tax credit without being married or being in a civil partnership (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [12754/24]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has plans to extend benefit-in-kind taxation from January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [12783/24]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Finance if the National Asset Residential Property Service long term leased properties have been transferred to the LDA; and if not, when this transfer will take place. — Eoin Ó Broin. [12847/24]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of people paying the domicile levy each year since 2010; the number of non-tax-residents who paid the domicile levy since 2010; the number of both residents and non-tax residents that were able to use the levy in its entirety against Irish income tax, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [12863/24]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of annual income returns made on a non-domiciled basis each year since 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [12864/24]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be generated, assuming no change in behaviour, if Ireland was to introduce a remittance charge on a euro equivalent basis to the charge that is applied in Britain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [12865/24]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Finance to discuss any plans for the restoration of tax exemption liability that was in place before the economic crash; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [12866/24]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to allowing surplus tax credits from the year of a deceased individual to be carried over subsequent years, particularly when gross credits exceed net tax liabilities in alignment with the current practice for those under 70 years of age to ensure consistency across age groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [12867/24]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Finance if provisions are in place for an individual whose application for a primary medical certificate was refused and subsequently appealed the decision, but is unable to travel to Dun Laoghaire for the appeal appointment due to ill-health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [12911/24]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will seek EU funding to cover the costs to replace two customs cutter vessels for the Revenue Commissioners; and the current status regarding the replacement of these vessels. — Paul Donnelly. [12974/24]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the rent-a-room relief; if he will consider creating a registry to ensure legitimacy and transparency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13000/24]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of rent-a-room relief applications received by his Department each month since the beginning of the scheme to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13001/24]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a person (details supplied) is paying high levels of income tax. — Michael Creed. [13008/24]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Finance in a context where the Finance Act 2017 introduced relief on capital gains tax and capital acquisitions tax for landowners who have leased their land for the production of solar energy where the area of the land on which the solar panels are installed does not exceed half the total area of the land concerned, the reason a similar relief was not provided to landowners who have leased their land for the production of wind energy; if he will consider such a change to encourage the development of the onshore renewable energy needed to achieve the Government's climate action targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [13068/24]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to reports that applicants for the help-to-buy scheme who are still repaying Covid supports are being automatically rejected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [13080/24]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has received from his Departmental officials or the Revenue Commissioners an estimate, range of estimates or data enabling an estimate of the Exchequer impact of Pillar 1 and Pillar 2, respectively and separately; if so, when such estimates were provided; the details of those estimates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13093/24]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reconsider his decision to introduce an increase in fuel excise on 1 April 2024 in light of the potential negative impact businesses in the Border region and on the cost-of-living for many workers and families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13166/24]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding new NGCT relief provisions being prepared by the Revenue Commissioners; when are they expected to be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [13187/24]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide details on all planned PPP projects and ongoing PPP contracts; the status of each project; the anticipated or known capital cost; the anticipated or known cost to the Exchequer over the lifetime of the contracts; the annual total

payment of PPP unitary charges and the percentage share of the total capital budget for his Department and all public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13195/24]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider reviewing the rent-a-room relief scheme; if he will consider devising a tax-free amount proportional to the number of days a room owner rents the room for digs out of seven days per week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13305/24]

*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.*

\*279. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department has had the need to contact An Garda Síochána due to verbal, written (including electronically) or physical threats being addressed to staff or Ministers, at any level, working within the Department during the period 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11600/24]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if interim flood relief measures will be considered in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11639/24]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on plans to draft legislation to restore the supplementary pension to post-2012 gardaí and other uniformed members of the Fast Accrual grades of the Public Service Single Pension Scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [11640/24]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the estimated cost to the Exchequer of running the two Constitutional referendums on 8 March 2024. — Eoin Ó Broin. [11688/24]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of occasions since January 2018 that his Department has sanctioned a financial package for an individual leaving the public service on foot of the provisions of circular 9 of 2018 issued by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform; and to identify the individual departments/agencies and the costs involved in each case. — Jim O'Callaghan. [11789/24]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when the results will be available in respect of an assessment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [11795/24]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when a project (details supplied) which was granted planning permission in 2022 can proceed; if this project has been advertised in order that tenders can be submitted; when is it likely that the tender process will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11858/24]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his plans to expand on the schedule of prescribed bodies in Freedom of Information Act 2014 (details supplied); and if he has consulted with the Data Protection Commissioner in this regard and/or his Ministerial and Departmental colleagues. — Catherine Murphy. [11937/24]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department has received communication from the Minister Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth requesting additional funding for the provision of accommodation for beneficiaries of temporary protection and international protection applicants in 2023 and or in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [11943/24]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department has undertaken a review and or assessment of spending and the financial controls of same by the Minister Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in respect of the provision of accommodation for beneficiaries of temporary protection and international protection applicants in 2023 and or in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [11944/24]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the definition of what comprises general visitor traffic in the matter of the avenue at Castletown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [12001/24]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform what provisions his Department is obliged to make to ensure that Government services, such as the Revenue Commissioners are accessible to the digitally disadvantaged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [12113/24]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the details on when his Department will undertake drainage and flood relief works at Gullet Cross, Cratloe, County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [12273/24]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of exit and or severance and or redundancy packages granted by his Department, and bodies under his aegis and of bodies he funds in full or in part, of €100,000 and above but less than €200,000, by the amount and by each body in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [12355/24]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW plans to refresh and refurbish the exterior of the Rathfarnham Castle (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [12530/24]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 282 of 22 March 2022, the progress made and the steps he has taken to improve ventilation for staff who work in the basement area of the Swiss Cottage in Cahir, County Tipperary; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the basement area has no mechanical ventilation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [12643/24]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the full cost of the referendums held on 8 March 2024; and the breakdown of those costs. — Mattie McGrath. [12677/24]



\*296. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the estimated total cost of the referenda held on 8 March 2024; if he will provide an itemised breakdown of estimated costs including wage costs, printing, refreshments, rental of venues, purchase or rental of equipment, advertising, and the costs of the activities of the Electoral Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12693/24]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will publish a list of the NGOs funded by his Department; and the level the funding each NGO received in the past three years, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [12725/24]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of engagements, including online meetings, webinars, briefings and in-person meetings that he or officials from his Department and bodies under the aegis of his Department have had with an organisation (details supplied) including its representatives from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12745/24]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW chair will reconvene the meetings of the steering group on the flood mitigation at Ballycar; if the group will report to the relevant departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [12761/24]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount of his Department's capital budget allocation that has been spent in the first two months of 2024; and if he will provide the corresponding figures for 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [12800/24]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 235 of 5 March 2024, if he will accept that the response is misleading, given that that An Garda Síochána has informed this Deputy that there is no request with them for a business case in relation to the force's long-term requirements in the area; the up-to-date position in relation to acquiring a site for a Garda station in the Castletroy/Annacotty area of Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [12892/24]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total capital spend for each year since 2018, broken down by Exchequer and non-Exchequer, by core and non-core and what the Exchequer expenditure represents as a percentage share of GNI\*, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [12950/24]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total projected capital spend for 2024, 2025, and 2027 broken down by exchequer and non-Exchequer as well as by core and non-core and what the Exchequer expenditure represents as a percentage share of GNI\*, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [12951/24]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount of rent that the OPW has collected from external agencies to have a cafe/restaurant service in each heritage site under the remit of OPW in 2023; and when the contract for each of these services is due to expire, by location, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [12963/24]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of persons that will be offered a job as a chef within OPW following the recent recruitment campaign for chefs; and when each of the applicants will be notified if they have been offered a job or not. — Paul Donnelly. [12964/24]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform what steps have been taken by the Office of Public Works in identifying a suitable location for a Garda station in Castletroy, Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [12988/24]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide in tabular form, all projects with a value of over €20 million that are currently under construction and their anticipated complete data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13065/24]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13127/24]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide details on all planned PPP projects and ongoing PPP contracts; the status of each project; the anticipated or known capital cost; the anticipated or known cost to the Exchequer over the lifetime of the contracts; the annual total payment of PPP unitary charges and the percentage share of the total capital budget for his Department and all public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13201/24]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide details on all energy performance contracts implemented or in development across the public sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13207/24]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide a breakdown of all non-Exchequer funding in the Public Capital Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13208/24]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide details on the indexation of PPP contract indexation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13210/24]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update on expanding the role of the NDFA to lead procurement of energy performance contracts (EPCs) for the public sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13211/24]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if there is a cap on the aggregate level of annual expenditure on PPP unitary payments, relative to the Exchequer capital envelope; if any work has been carried out this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13212/24]



\*315. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the percentage level of PPP unitary payments as a share of each vote capital budget, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13213/24]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if all PPP unitary payments are classified as capital expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13214/24]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the average share of unitary payments that are subject to inflation increases across all sectors that use PPP contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13215/24]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the status of the Morell flood relief scheme at Killeenmore and Turnings, Sallins/Straffan, County Kildare; whether the works are almost complete; what further works are planned; what impact the works have had on local flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [13217/24]

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

\*319. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will transpose the EU Directive on adequate minimum wages into Irish law; the implications of this Directive for early years educators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [11538/24]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to the Dáil debate on the forty-first Amendment of the Constitution (Agreement on a Unified Patent Court) Bill 2024, the source of the Minister for State's statement that "for every redundancy that has been announced, there have been four jobs created" in the technology sector; the timeframe this is based over; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [11579/24]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has had the need to contact An Garda Síochána due to verbal, written (including electronically) or physical threats being addressed to staff or Ministers, at any level, working within the Department during the period 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11592/24]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a response will issue to matters raised in correspondence in relation to the new sick pay scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [11779/24]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there is an established action plan prepared or being prepared regarding the transposition of the EU Directive on an adequate minimum wage, including the facilitation to exercise collective bargaining; if so, when this plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [11935/24]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to outline the situation with respect to the transposition into Irish law of EU Directive 2019/1152 on Transparent and Predictable Working Conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [11949/24]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the take-up rate of the LEO energy efficiency grant, by the number of businesses issued with a grant, the number of businesses supported per local authority, and the funding issued per local authority, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [11951/24]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to outline the presence, if any, he or his Departmental officials will have at the Wind Europe annual event in Bilbao, Spain from 20-22 March 2024; his Department's proposed contribution to the event; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [12007/24]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason no businesses are operating in the IDA business and Technology Park, Fermoy, County Cork in 2024, 22 years after the official opening of the park; the amount that has been spent on the development and maintenance of Fermoy IDA business and technology park since it has been opened; the number of businesses that have applied to operate in the business and technology park since its official opening; the reason for rejecting applications by businesses to locate in the park; if businesses have been refused permission to locate there; the IDAs current plans for the business and technology park; if no businesses are planned to go into park in the near future, if the Government will consider restoring the park back to residential land considering the lack of housing in the Fermoy area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [12010/24]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the rates rebate for businesses that was announced as part of Budget 2024 will be rolled out; how qualifying businesses will receive these grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [12069/24]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a response will issue to queries raised by a person (details supplied) in respect of the Increased Cost of Business Grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [12258/24]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 77 of 6 March 2024, whether the beneficiary of the end of service payment has been engaged by Enterprise Ireland or any other State body on a consultancy basis. — Catherine Murphy. [12326/24]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of exit and or severance and or redundancy packages granted by his Department, and bodies under his aegis and of bodies he funds in full or in part, of €100,000 and above but less than €200,000, by the amount and by each body in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [12347/24]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the percentage breach rate of employment law uncovered from the total number of WRC investigations in 2023, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [12428/24]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a complaint can be referred to the Corporate Enforcement Authority by an Oireachtas Committee (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [12493/24]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he met the Indian Prime Minister during his recent visit to India for St. Patrick's Day events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [12572/24]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment whether he has monitored the progress made under the actions specified in the National Positive Ageing Strategy 2013 and published annual progress reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [12646/24]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if, in light of recent the Supreme Court jurisprudence, he will bring forward legislation setting out the extent of a positive right to take part in industrial action, the limitations thereto, whether industrial action actionable as a breach of contract, and the legal effect of a no-strike clause; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [12709/24]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will publish a list of the NGOs funded by his Department; and the level the funding each NGO received in the past three years, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [12717/24]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of engagements, including online meetings, webinars, briefings and in-person meetings that he or officials from his Department and bodies under the aegis of his Department have had with an organisation (details supplied) including its representatives from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12737/24]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has carried an assessment on how effective the trade sanctions are with Russia; if he is confident these sanctions are not being circumvented in any way; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [12808/24]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will address concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [12878/24]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 71 of 8 February 2024, for an update on plans to remove dental nurses from the ineligible occupation list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12926/24]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a schedule of social media influencers, and online personalities, television and or radio personalities engaged by his Department in 2023 and to-date in 2024; and if he will include the fees expanded, by the name of personality and the name of the campaign they were engaged on, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [12978/24]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide details on all planned PPP projects and ongoing PPP contracts; the status of each project; the anticipated or known capital cost; the anticipated or known cost to the Exchequer over the lifetime of the contracts; the annual total payment of PPP unitary charges and the percentage share of the total capital budget for his Department and all public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13193/24]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will detail the number of work permit applications received by country of origin over the past four years; the number of rejected applications per country; the reason for those rejections; and the number of spouses/dependents of successful applicants per country of origin also granted residence. — Michael Moynihan. [13293/24]

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

\*345. To ask the Minister for Education if she will support an application from a school (details supplied) for funding to complete the building of a general purpose/early years room, which is necessary to accommodate the pupils and staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [11519/24]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 259 of 5 December 2023, the updated position with regard to an application for an extension for a primary school which has taken on a new urgency (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [11537/24]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Education what actions she has planned to deal with calls from a number of primary school principals in Tallaght for enhanced supports for disadvantaged schools under DEIS plus classification; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [11540/24]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Education if she will expedite an application for a school in County Clare (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [11563/24]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Education if she can indicate a definite schedule for when a permanent build project (details supplied) will start construction; when it is scheduled for completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [11566/24]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Education to indicate if the construction of a school (details supplied) will be completed and the school operational for the 2025 / 2026 school term; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [11567/24]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Education if their Department has had the need to contact An Garda Síochána due to verbal, written (including electronically) or physical threats being addressed to staff or Ministers, at any level, working within their Department during the period 2020 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11591/24]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Education if there is funding available for students to attend immersive modern foreign language courses similar to the funding available for post-primary school students to attend the Gaeltacht; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11620/24]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Education if there is funding available for post-primary schools to attend immersive modern foreign language courses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11621/24]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Education the best course of action for a European language school owner to engage with the relevant parties in relation to funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11622/24]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Education if the exemption allowing teachers who qualified abroad are allowed complete their induction in Ireland be extended in view of the pressure on teacher numbers. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [11623/24]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Education to detail the best route forward for a school (details supplied) in terms of progressing their request for an identified ASD need within the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [11626/24]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the delay in the tender process and construction of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [11630/24]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Education for a timeline for the commencement and completion of works for a school (details supplied) which was granted planning permission by An Bord Pleanála in April 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [11638/24]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the ongoing school bus application for (details supplied); if her Department can seek a resolution with Bus Éireann to ensure this student is accommodated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [11650/24]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that funding sanctioned in June 2020, for four new classrooms for an ASD unit at a school (details supplied) has not yet delivered; when resources will be allocated for provision of autism classrooms at the schools; and if she will make a statement on the need for more provision for autistic and neurodiverse children in Dublin 2, 4, 6, 8 and Dublin 6W. — Ivana Bacik. [11664/24]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Education if she will expedite the tender process for construction of permanent accommodation for a school (details supplied); if construction will be completed within the previously announced timeline; and if the permanent accommodation will be completed in advance of the start of the school year commencing 2024. — Ivana Bacik. [11666/24]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Education if she will acknowledge the impact that operating out of temporary accommodation for a prolonged period of time has placed on the children/young people, families and teachers at a school (details supplied); if she will also acknowledge the demonstrated need and urgency for the commencement of a permanent ETSS in Dublin 6 and that planning permission was granted almost two years ago; if she will commit to the immediate construction of the building following the conclusion of the tender process this year and if she will take steps to ensure that there are no further project delays, while at all times keeping the school community updated of all progress and developments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [11685/24]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Education if a person (details supplied) can get a place on the school bus to Virginia college; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [11687/24]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Education how her Department plans to address significant delays in returning teachers from abroad receiving payroll as the backlog can take up to 22 weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [11706/24]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Education if she can address the issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [11708/24]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine a case (details supplied) whereby a child does not have a special education place for September 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [11713/24]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the ongoing recruitment issues in St. Michael's House; if there is a strategy in place to address these issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [11714/24]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of a situation in a school (details supplied) whereby there should be seven SET teachers, but they currently only have one due to problems with long-term and short-term cover recruitment; what actions are being taken to address these recruitment issues which are widespread; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [11719/24]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a new school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [11749/24]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Education if she will support an application for an ASD unit for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [11753/24]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 169 of 7 February 2024, to provide an update on when a person (details supplied) will receive a personal transport service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [11758/24]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Education her Department's stance on the awarding of exemptions from the study of the Irish language for students diagnosed with dyslexia (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [11771/24]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Education her Department's stance on the awarding of exemptions from the study of the Irish language for students diagnosed with dyslexia (details supplied); who interprets the criteria to satisfy their own findings; if her Department is distancing itself from these decisions; the reason is it investigating the schools for making these decisions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [11772/24]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to delays in allocating emergency funding for a school (details supplied); if a timeline for drawdown can be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [11776/24]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Education when the second modular classroom in a school (details supplied) will be delivered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [11777/24]



\*376. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide further clarity on the proposed changes to the current integration model for children with autism accessing special educational settings and mainstream classes/time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [11781/24]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Education if the proposed changes are made to the current integration model for children with autism accessing special educational settings and mainstream classes/time, how will it affect the long-term integration for children with autism; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [11782/24]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Education the reason there is a proposed cut to hours available to children with additional needs in the settings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [11783/24]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Education are other professionals aware of the proposed changes to the current integration model for children with autism accessing special educational settings and mainstream classes/time, how they will impact children, the impact on their education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [11784/24]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the building project for an ASD unit for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11785/24]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Education the breakdown, by county of the 212,000 students enrolled in approximately 670 post-primary schools who will benefit from the new scheme to provide free schoolbooks, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [11794/24]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Education the action in hand to address the ongoing safety concerns of parents regarding their children's safety travelling to a school (details supplied), including the safety and limitations of the structure they are schooled in; the proposed timeline for providing a new school building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11807/24]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Education the reason all schools were not accepted to the recent STEM grant competition which was held for funding for a core curricular area and a key priority of the Government; if he accepts that schools such as a school (details supplied) were unfairly penalised due to the lottery system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [11824/24]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Education to direct management of a school (details supplied) to the legislation that governed how the recent STEM funding competition was run and managed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [11825/24]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Education what oversight measures were in place for the recent STEM grant competition; if the records of how this competition was conducted are available to school management to review and if so, how does one access the same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [11826/24]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Education her views that the lottery system used in the recent STEM grants were the fairest way to divide the available resources; if it is his intention to

continue to fund essential educational services in this manner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [11827/24]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Education who is responsible and liable when a student, diagnosed with dyslexia by a professional educational psychologist, is refused an exemption by school management; if he is aware of the impact that this can have on a student who may receive points to access their third-level course but cannot attend the NUI colleges of their choice because they failed Irish in the Leaving Certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [11835/24]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to regularise or provide guidelines for the assessment of needs process vis a vis regulation of interpretation of diagnoses; if there are guidelines for SENOs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11843/24]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Education the number of special education teacher posts per annum for 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11844/24]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Education the number of special needs classes per annum in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11845/24]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Education the number of SENOs per annum in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11847/24]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Education the number of SENO vacancies in Cork city and Cork county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11848/24]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children with special education needs that were not offered a school place in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11849/24]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Education the number of NEPS psychologists per annum in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11850/24]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a child (details supplied) has not been sanctioned for home tuition hours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11851/24]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Education if she will engage with the NCSE regarding the urgent need for a school place for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11852/24]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the review of the second tender report for a school (details supplied); when the school can expect to be contacted on this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [11856/24]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a lottery was held when the number of applications for the STEM grant exceeded expectations; if she will point to the relevant area



in the documentation issued to schools prior to the competition, where it states that a lottery would take place if the number of applications passed a certain threshold; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [11861/24]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Education what criteria, if any, applied to the reading of the application by a school (details supplied) for the STEM grant; if she will provide feedback to school management on the application and where it did not meet the criteria outlined to the school in documentation received from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [11862/24]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Education how the staff and students at a school (details supplied) in County Tipperary will engage in STEM activities in the school to the same standard as their neighbouring school that received €10,000 in funding; if the inspectorate will be cognisant of the disparity in funding when assessing schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [11863/24]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Education if the additional STEM grants that will be made available in 2024, will be of lower or higher value than those awarded in December 2023; if so, the level of funding that can be expected; if it will be made available exclusively for the remaining approximately 2,000 unsuccessful schools; if so, when; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [11864/24]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Education if a child (details supplied) can get accepted into a school in Letterkenny, County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [11866/24]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Education for a full update on the school site at Hollywoodrath, including the appointment of contractors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [11877/24]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Education when permanent works for a school (details supplied) in County Kildare will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [11886/24]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Education the number of SENO vacancies nationwide; the number per county; the average waiting time for the appointment of a new SENO, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [11887/24]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the schools summer works scheme; if the scheme will open for summer 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [11897/24]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Education when an application (details supplied) made under the school summer works scheme will be considered and a decision made on it and communicated to the school. — Claire Kerrane. [11898/24]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Education her Department's position on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [11900/24]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Education whether the Covid Amendment Regulation 2023 will be extended in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [11902/24]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Education when the board of management of a school (details supplied) in Donegal can expect a response to its letter of 21 February 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [11904/24]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Education when a substantive reply will issue to email correspondence (details supplied) from this Deputy with his Office of 16 January 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [11907/24]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of the process whereby a parent can appeal a decision taken by a primary school and its board of management in relation to the welfare of a student; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [11923/24]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Education if she will advise on a specific case (details supplied) regarding a student who is due to graduate and wishes to return to Ireland to complete their induction rather than in the UK; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [11925/24]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on progress under the additional accommodation scheme for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11938/24]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the building works programme for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11939/24]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department and Bus Éireann will consider establishing a special communications unit to deal with specific queries around school transport (details supplied) that liaises with the local inspectors and management to provide clear and expedient replies to parents and school management. — Frankie Feighan. [11948/24]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a response to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [11950/24]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Education the total number of places in each master's degree in primary teaching per public university in Ireland. — Sorca Clarke. [11956/24]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Education the total number of places in each master's degree in post primary teaching per public university in Ireland. — Sorca Clarke. [11957/24]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Education if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [11960/24]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Education the total number of places offered and the total number of persons enrolled in primary and post-primary masters in a college (details supplied) in the past five years. — Sorca Clarke. [11966/24]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Education the status of plans for a new classroom and wheelchair accessible WC at a school (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [11977/24]

\*423. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais anan bhfuil sé ag teacht salach ar chearta páistí go mbeadh an Stát ag brú orthu aistriú ó oideachas trí Ghaeilge go hoideachas trí Bhéarla agus iad ag tosú a saol scoile meánscolaíochta, le heaspa soláthar Gaelcholáistí; an beartas córais iompair scoile ag cur bac orthu in amanna freastal ar an nGaelcholáiste is giorra dóibh; easpa soláthar múinteoirí ar féidir leo ábhair an churaclaim a mhúineadh trí Ghaeilge líofa chuig leibhéal na hArdteistiméireachta; easpa áiseanna múinte agus téascleabhar trí Ghaeilge cothrom le dáta, ag an am céanna agus ar an gcaighdeán céanna is atá a macasamhail i mBéarla; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [12005/24]

\*424. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén fáth nach dtugtar aitheantas do leanúnachas oidis trí Ghaeilge maidir le hiarratais ó dhaltai a bhfuil an Ghaelscolaíocht críochnaithe acu agus atá ag lorg córas iompair scoile chuig an nGaelcholáiste is gaire, seachas chuig an meánscoil is gaire, dá dtithe. — Pearse Doherty. [12012/24]

\*425. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cad é an fáth nach bhfuil córas iompar scoile ar fáil do dhaltai atá ag iarraidh freastail ar an Gaelcholáiste is giorradh dófa seachas an meánscoil is giorra, ach go h-áirithe i gcás ceantracha Gaeltachta, súid atá tar éis oideachas tré Ghaeilge a bheith aca san mbunscoil. — Pearse Doherty. [12013/24]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Education if she has received an appeal from a school (details supplied); if favourable consideration will be given to this appeal; and when a decision is expected. — Willie O'Dea. [12016/24]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a school bus route (details supplied) has not resumed since it was stopped during Covid restrictions. — Pa Daly. [12018/24]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the new school building for a school (details supplied); the reason for the significant delays on this project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [12019/24]

\*429. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais ccén fáth nach dtugtar aitheantas leanúnach d'oideachas trí Ghaeilge nuair a dhéanann iardhaltaí Gaelscoile iarratais agus iad ag lorg córas iompair scoile chuig an nGaelcholáiste is gaire dá dteach seachas chuig an meánscoil is gaire dá dteach. — Pearse Doherty. [12022/24]

\*430. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén fáth nach bhfuil córas iompair scoile ar fáil do dhaltai atá ag iarraidh freastail ar an nGaelcholáiste is gaire dóibh, seachas ar an meánscoil is gaire, go háirithe i gcás limistéir Ghaeltachta, agus ina gcás siúd a fuair oideachas trí Ghaeilge sa bhunscoil. — Pearse Doherty. [12023/24]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Education when a school place for September 2024 will be offered to a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12045/24]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Education the up-to-date position regarding an application for funding for a school (details supplied) to meet an overrun on the cost of recent necessary renovations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [12051/24]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Education if a reply will issue to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [12056/24]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Education the reason an individual (details supplied) was denied a place in a special school despite an assessment stating they should have such a place until the age of 18 years. — Seán Crowe. [12058/24]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children assessed as needing placement in a special school, but not provided with a place in 2023. — Seán Crowe. [12059/24]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Education if a bus service will be provided for a school (details supplied) in County Westmeath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [12063/24]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she will take to ensure that a school secretary (details supplied) will be transferred to DES payroll; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [12072/24]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the tender process for the construction of a permanent building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [12090/24]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school building project (details supplied); the stage the project is at; the timeframe involved for a decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [12112/24]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Education the proposed date for the final Stage 2 meeting for the major school building project that incorporates school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [12133/24]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Education the role her Department has in the operation of the per cent for art scheme as it applies to new school buildings and school extensions funded by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [12141/24]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on a school project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [12200/24]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on a school appeal (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [12207/24]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on a proposal (details supplied); if he will consider funding this and rolling it out Statewide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12220/24]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a student (details supplied) will have a school place for the academic year beginning September 2024. — Denise Mitchell. [12226/24]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to extend the package of supports for survivors of abuse in industrial schools, reformatories and related institutions to include a pension

in recognition of the unpaid labour many did while in institutions or boarded out as children, access to the Health Amendment Act (HAA) medical card and housing supports as requested by an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12241/24]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Education the amount allocated for service provisions in St. Christophers, Longford, per heading for 2023, 2022, and 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [12242/24]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Education the current vacancies per role for St. Christophers in Longford, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [12247/24]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the delay to the start date of construction for a school (details supplied) from December 2024 to September 2025; when that decision was taken; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [12250/24]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Education the supports in place to help accommodate the growing school community (details supplied), in light of the delayed construction start date for the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [12251/24]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Education if existing primary teachers will be required to teach modern foreign languages as part of the new primary language curriculum. — Catherine Murphy. [12253/24]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which the selection process for these teachers will work; the professional development they will receive; the allowances they will receive, given the extra workload (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [12254/24]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a new sports hall for a school (details supplied); if she is concerned about the impact of having no indoor sports facilities is having on students in this school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [12296/24]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter in relation to school transport (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [12303/24]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Education if a reply will issue to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [12309/24]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Education if she can urgently reconsider a decision not to grant emergency works approval to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [12318/24]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Education when the application period for the summer works scheme 2024 will open. — Cathal Crowe. [12319/24]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Education for an update and timeline for a decision on an application for additional accommodation for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [12332/24]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Education the current locations of special schools and the number of students at each centre; the locations in which new special schools are due to open in 2024, 2025; and the locations in which it is further planned to establish a special school, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12340/24]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Education the number of exit and or severance and or redundancy packages granted by her Department, and bodies under her aegis and of bodies she funds in full or in part, of €100,000 and above but less than €200,000, by the amount and by each body in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [12346/24]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Education if a response will issue to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [12366/24]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Education when an extension application for a school in County Mayo (details supplied) will progress from pre-stage 1 to planning stage, in view of the urgent need for this additional accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [12374/24]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Education the position in relation to the minor works scheme for primary schools, which for some if not many schools have not been paid for 2022 and 2023; if such works will be funded in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [12429/24]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Education when a review being undertaken by her Department in respect of a Stage 2B submission will be finalised and the school (details supplied) contacted about the outcome of this review as it has been confirmed that it has been near completion for some time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12436/24]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Education the engagement to date with schools in general regarding amalgamation and the provision of a co-educational offering; if she will review the options for 2nd level facilities in the catchment, in the interest of pupils, their subject choices, and the maximisation in the use of educational facilities funded by the local community and the Exchequer; if consideration has been given to options for coordination in advance of approving any request from individual schools boards of management; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [12444/24]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Education if a central portal will be established for parents to enrol their children at both primary and second level schools in large towns (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [12445/24]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Education the number of special educational needs organisers (SENOs) that are currently assigned to County Monaghan; if Monaghan has been served by SENOs throughout the period since the beginning of the school year, August 2023-March 2024; the proposals to increase the SENOs support for County Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12449/24]



\*468. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the significant delay with the special four classroom extension progressing to tender for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [12460/24]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Education to detail the process for enrolments to schools under the Limerick area post primary programme; how this programme was initiated; whether a similar programme could be applied to schools in particular areas in Wicklow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [12461/24]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the Government's Divestment Programme; how many schools have been successfully reconfigured; how many schools are in the process of reconfiguration; how many schools are expected to enter this process in 2024; how her Department assesses the demand for Educate Together/multi-denominational schools in any given area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12468/24]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Education if boards of management are required to use catchment area as a selective criteria in their admission policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12469/24]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Education whether she is considering including Ukrainian as an exam subject on the second level curriculum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [12479/24]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Education if she will act immediately when the scoping inquiry into abuse in schools run by religious orders is provided to her in June 2024, given this timeline is already delayed and given survivors involved in the process need to see immediate action; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12482/24]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that survivors who were involved in the scoping inquiry into abuse in schools run by religious orders will receive a copy of the report in June 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12483/24]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Education to review a case (details supplied) regarding the allocation of a permanent EAL post at a school; to provide an update on this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [12515/24]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Education when her Department will seek to establish a gaelcholáiste in Dublin 8, given the number of feeder primary schools which have no geographically near Irish medium secondary school to attend; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [12522/24]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); when the building works on this project will commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12536/24]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the additional school accommodation scheme in respect of a school (details supplied); if her Department has considered the school's request for traditional build as opposed to modular and that the school's projected enrolment will reach the threshold for an additional class in September 2024, underlying its need for additional accommodation; if her Department will review the school's

application in the context of the key points raised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [12537/24]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware that despite reduced pupil teacher ratios and increased capitation grants, many schools are finding it difficult to manage given the level of cost inflation that they have to deal with; if she is further aware that schools are looking at dramatically reducing their expenditure, impacting essential school services and extra-curricular activities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [12539/24]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Education if a school place will be provided as a matter of urgency for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [12541/24]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will fund the construction of a general purpose/physical education hall in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [12551/24]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Education if she can advise on a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [12577/24]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the development project for a school (details supplied); the expected date for the completion of this project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [12583/24]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Education if she can ensure a place is made available for a child in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [12594/24]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Education the amount of capital works funding her Department has provided to a school (details supplied) in 2023 and to-date in 2024; and the capital works projects that were carried out with this funding during this period. — Sorca Clarke. [12595/24]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Education when she expects construction works at a school (details supplied) to be completed; and the estimated cost for these works. — Sorca Clarke. [12596/24]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Education when she expects construction works at a school (details supplied) to commence; and the estimated costs for these works. — Sorca Clarke. [12597/24]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of each school in the Donaghmede, Howth D13 school planning area, primary and post primary; the capacity of each school; and the current enrolment figures for each school, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [12598/24]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a list of schools in County Clare that applied for STEM Grants in 2023. — Sorca Clarke. [12599/24]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware that the failure to pay IT grants to primary schools in 2023 has caused serious pressure on some school budgets; if the matter will

be rectified in 2024; if IT grants will be made available to all schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [12609/24]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Education to detail what future planning is undertaken to ensure that the necessary number of places required in both mainstream of special schools by children with additional educational needs are delivered prior to the start of the school year in both primary and secondary school. — Pauline Tully. [12613/24]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the provision of a new 1,000 pupil school at Magee Barracks in the Curragh; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [12619/24]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated completion date for a school building projects at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [12620/24]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Education the individual total capital expenditure on new primary and post primary school accommodation projects in County Meath from 2019 to 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [12632/24]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the progress of an ASD unit for a school (details supplied); and if the classroom will be operational for the 2024-2025 academic year. — Alan Dillon. [12654/24]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the case of a person (details supplied) concerning the allocation of home tuition hours; the status of this case; the timeframe for when a decision will be issued on same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [12658/24]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Education when it will be possible for a school (details supplied) to make a decision to go ahead with a tender for a school extension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12662/24]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Education if an emergency works application can be made retrospectively in the case of necessary works to ensure the functioning of the fire alarm system; if she is aware of an application of a school (details supplied) in Mayo that was refused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [12666/24]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Education what progress has been made in addressing the contract of employment of school caretakers; her plans to include them under her Department; her timeframe for negotiations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [12681/24]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Education if she will publish a list of the NGOs funded by her Department; and the level the funding each NGO received in the past three years, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [12716/24]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Education the number of engagements, including online meetings, webinars, briefings and in-person meetings that she or officials from her Department, and bodies under the aegis of her Department, have had with an organisation (details supplied)

including its representatives from 1 January 2019 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12736/24]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Education if she intends to review the apparent anomaly that sees first and second-year teaching students carry out unpaid work within schools during breaks in their studies, while their third-year colleagues are paid by her Department for similar work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [12760/24]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Education regarding the issue of an added stream for junior infants in a school (details supplied), with whom the final decision in granting additional places lies. — Sorca Clarke. [12772/24]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the case of a child (details supplied) who is living in the village of Dunmore who did not get a school place for next year in a school; if she will provide a solution to this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [12773/24]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Education if she will increase funding and resources for a school (details supplied) to ensure that no child is left without an appropriate school place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [12774/24]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Education the ongoing supports available for survivors of abuse in industrial schools, reformatories and related institutions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [12775/24]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Education if she can expedite a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [12777/24]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Education if she can provide assistance and advice on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [12780/24]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide funding to a school (details supplied) to provide a SEN class to six pupils enrolled for the class to start next September; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [12810/24]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will retain the same number of teachers in the coming academic year; and if she will ensure the school can cater for the demand of the growing local population. — Eoin Ó Broin. [12831/24]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Education if all steps possible can be taken to ensure that the son of a person (details supplied) secures a school place in the same school as their sibling; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12838/24]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Education if she will publish the bank accounts of Bus Éireann that show the monies held in reserve by Bus Éireann for school transport and on behalf of the Minister for Education for each year end between 2012 and 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12851/24]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 249 of 24 March 2024, the status of the development of the next policy on Gaeltacht education, to replace

the 2017-2022 policy that was extended to the end of the 2023-2024 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12857/24]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 248 of 24 March 2024, the status of the Gaeltacht education policy advisory committee; for an update on the work of the committee; the role being played by the committee in the development of the next policy on Gaeltacht education; the terms of reference of the committee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12858/24]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review correspondence from a school (details supplied); what financial assistance can be offered to this school to assist it with the critical financial situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [12868/24]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on an application for a school extension (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12872/24]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Education if a second ASD class will be sanctioned in a school (details supplied) to accommodate applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [12875/24]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the capital funding being provided to a school (details supplied); when will the school be able to drawdown the funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [12877/24]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Education if he will address a matter in relation to Teaching Council registration (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [12879/24]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Education if all efforts can be made to ensure a school place can be found for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12881/24]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of Cineáltas as an effort to address bullying in schools; if the initiative will address any shortcomings with regard to school disciplinary processes where the Garda juvenile justice system is also involved in investigating such incidences; if she is aware that for alleged GDPR reasons the outcome of such juvenile justice enquiries cannot be shared with schools boards of management who are subsequently left in the invidious position of not being able to act on proven assaults as per Garda enquiries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [12917/24]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Education if potential sites or locations in County Monaghan have been yet considered for a new special school; the timeframe envisaged to deliver a new special school in County Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12941/24]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Education the criteria used to determine the location for new special schools; whether there is a standardised formula to adjudicate upon different potential locations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12942/24]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a maximum timeframe that it is considered appropriate for any child to spend on a school bus to travel to and from a special school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12943/24]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Education to provide in tabular form, the annual expenditure on design teams for capital projects each year since 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [12944/24]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration has been given to her Department recruiting on a permanent basis architects, engineers, and quantity surveyors in order to provide in-house design team support for school capital projects; if any analysis has been carried out on the potential savings of such an approach; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [12945/24]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 195 of 7 February 2024, what criteria is actually examined and referenced with respect to this individual case; the depth of analysis that was entered into in terms of examining this claim; if previous employers and employment situations were examined to see how they correspond with known criteria referenced; if the public school system in the UAE is recognised as a corresponding platform to the Irish school system; if it not, when and how was such analysis made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12946/24]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 195 of 7 February 2024, given the apparent lack of recognition to experience increments raised in in relation to teaching work undertaken in private school settings in the UAE, if and how this policy is communicated to Irish persons who may take up temporary residence and work in this country in the private school sector and may be at economic disadvantage if returning to an educational teaching post in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12947/24]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline recent allocations to a school (details supplied) for improvements to the buildings; and if she will outline any planned works that she is considering for the school. — Richard Bruton. [12949/24]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the temporary accommodation committed to a school (details supplied); the timeline for its handover to school management; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [12954/24]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the permanent school building for a school (details supplied); the timeline for the start date for construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [12955/24]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Education when refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) will be completed; and the estimated cost for these works. — Paul Donnelly. [12961/24]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Education if she will arrange for a further review of a case (details supplied) in respect of their need for a special education placement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [12983/24]



\*534. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the new building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [13005/24]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the prefabricated classroom which was applied for in March 2023 for a school in Donegal town (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [13037/24]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on two new classes in a special school (details supplied); if a timeframe is available for their opening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13051/24]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Education if she will progress an application for additional modular classrooms for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [13052/24]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update and timeframe for the delivery of the development works at a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [13057/24]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Education the capacity of the school bus that services a school (details supplied) from the Wood Lane Pollagh Callan County Kilkenny area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [13058/24]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Education if she will be adding additional places in existing reading schools for the children of Dublin mid-west; in the meantime, what additional supports are available to children who are on the second percentile and currently on the waiting list for a place in a school dedicated to children with reading difficulties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [13071/24]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm if a child (details supplied) will secure a place in an ASD unit near their home for this coming school year; and what assistance she can provide to their parents. — Kathleen Funchion. [13116/24]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for the provision of a new special school in Monasterevin, County Kildare; the type of special school it is or will be; which locations are being considered for the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [13162/24]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Education if, with regard to the placement of people seeking temporary international protection in locations in south Kildare, she will outline the provisions she is considering putting in place to cater for primary and secondary school places for those children, in circumstances where south Kildare schools at both primary and secondary level are already oversubscribed and are already operating waiting lists for the 2024-2025 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [13163/24]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the school building project for school (details supplied); and the timeline for completion of the project. — Richard Bruton. [13170/24]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Education to provide details on all planned PPP projects and ongoing PPP contracts; the status of each project; the anticipated or known capital cost; the anticipated or known cost to the Exchequer over the lifetime of the contracts; the annual total payment of PPP unitary charges and the percentage share of the total capital budget for her

Department and all public bodies under the aegis of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13192/24]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update in respect of the schedule of school projects in Kildare (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [13243/24]

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

\*547. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has had the need to contact An Garda Síochána due to verbal, written (including electronically) or physical threats being addressed to staff or Ministers, at any level, working within the Department during the period 2020 to date. — Carol Nolan. [11604/24]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the conditions that are imposed on arts companies that received funding grants from the Arts Council in relation to adherence to employment law; if sanctions are imposed on a such a company if they are found to be in breach of employment law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11614/24]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when a decision will be made on an application for a sports club (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [11757/24]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of TV licences purchased, by month in each of the months January 2022 to February 2024, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [11759/24]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of cancelled direct debits for the TV licence in each of the months January 2022 to February 2024, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [11760/24]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide an update on progress made to date in respect of legislation regarding a company (details supplied) and short-term lettings, which is to include the provision of a short-term tourist letting register through Fáilte Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11857/24]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media how Fáilte Ireland can award the Employer Excellence Programme award to establishments (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [11924/24]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide information on the upcoming elections for a representative from Mayo on Údarás na Gaeltachta; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12115/24]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the estimated cost to introduce a pilot culture and media card scheme to the value of €200, for 18-to-24-year olds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12205/24]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a response will issue to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [12268/24]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of a submission and if he supports a proposed initiative by an organisation (details supplied); if so, when an official statement will be made confirming €15 million support funding as requested; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12300/24]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her Department's working definition of public service broadcasting; if the term should be taken to imply all activity by State-owned broadcasters, or only activity taken by such broadcasters in service of a defined public service mission; if there is a definition; whether there are plans to ring-fence funding for particular activity that meets this definition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12335/24]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views of the self-description by a company (details supplied) that it is a commercial public service broadcaster; whether her Department will take any action to publicly clarify whether the term public service broadcasting is applicable to commercial providers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12336/24]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of exit and or severance and or redundancy packages granted by her Department, and bodies under her aegis and of bodies she funds in full or in part, of €100,000 and above but less than €200,000, by the amount and by each body in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [12359/24]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the WTE staff vacancies by job title currently at Coimisiún Na Meán; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [12563/24]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will support a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12618/24]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will publish a list of the NGOs funded by her Department; and the level the funding each NGO received in the past three years, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [12729/24]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of engagements, including online meetings, webinars, briefings and in-person meetings that she or officials from her Department and bodies under the aegis of her Department have had with an organisation (details supplied) including its representatives from 1 January 2019 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12749/24]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there is a delay in issuing Sports Capital Grants, applied for in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [12753/24]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the up-to-date position on a sports capital grant application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [12781/24]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the percentage of her Department's capital budget allocation that has been spent in the first two months of 2024; and if she will provide the same figures for the corresponding period in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [12792/24]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when a grant will issue to a club (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [12827/24]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 173 and 174 of 6 March 2024, the amount of funding provided by either Horse Sport Ireland and Sport Ireland to equestrian related bodies in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; under what programmes and for what purposes, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [12907/24]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 252, 253 and 254 of 27 February 2024, if the Irish taxpayers commitment to the Ryder Cup is open ended (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [12931/24]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 252, 253 and 254 of 27 February 2024, her views on whether the cost analysis review should be made available to the public; if she will ensure this report is published (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [12932/24]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 252, 253 and 254 of 27 February 2024, her views on whether it is right for the public to pay more than €60 million to host the Ryder Cup in Adare, given that this is four times the total core funding given to sports organisations in this country (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [12933/24]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she met the Mayor of Austin, Texas during her recent visit there. — Paul Donnelly. [12976/24]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a schedule of social media influencers, and online personalities, television and or radio personalities engaged by her Department in 2023 and to-date in 2024; and if she will include the fees expanded, by the name of personality and the name of the campaign they were engaged on, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [12977/24]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the costs incurred to date in respect of two external reviews into HR and governance/culture at RTÉ. — Catherine Murphy. [13130/24]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the date for publication of the final report by the working group to develop a National Disinformation Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [13131/24]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide details on all planned PPP projects and ongoing PPP contracts; the status of each project; the anticipated or known capital cost; the anticipated or known cost to the Exchequer over the lifetime of the contracts; the annual total payment of PPP unitary charges and the percentage share of the total capital budget for her Department and all public bodies under the aegis of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13205/24]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she can identify funding lines to cost a project (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [13219/24]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will pause the introduction of a register (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13323/24]

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

\*580. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a proposal for additional funding for the Cork Event Centre will be brought to Cabinet. — Sean Sherlock. [11521/24]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to publish all documents relating to the Cork Event Centre. — Sean Sherlock. [11522/24]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department can extend the deadline for the voluntary redundancy scheme for local authorities water staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [11534/24]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if their Department has had the need to contact An Garda Síochána due to verbal, written (including electronically) or physical threats being addressed to staff or Ministers, at any level, working within their Department during the period 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11598/24]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage within the pending review of national planning framework, if he has considered the impact of present required density guidelines and how, in a city such as Waterford, they are proving to be a disincentive to the provision of public and private housing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [11651/24]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered what new statutory guidelines will be enforced with respect to planning appeals to present An Bord Pleanála; if he is aware that some private planning appeals are taking over two years to receive an appeal decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [11652/24]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered making changes to the criteria which allows for observations and planning objections to be made to local authorities, often from people who have questionable impact personally from developments proposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [11655/24]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what review has taken place in terms of the bureaucracy that surrounds access to utilities such as water and wastewater connections, is the minister concerned at the difficulty developers experience in terms of trying to communicate and negotiate with these state utilities, has he considered any new initiatives to provide transparency to such delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [11656/24]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage where the development of new housing schemes using modular building methods have already taken place in Munster; the scale and costs associated with homes supplied by this method; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [11657/24]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of additional households that became eligible for septic tank grants since his announcement in November 2023 of changes to the grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [11658/24]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage who can apply for the septic tank grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [11659/24]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of households in the State that are in the eligible areas for septic tank grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [11660/24]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of households in County Roscommon and County Galway that are in the eligible areas for septic tank grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [11661/24]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to advise if he will review the eligible areas for the septic tank grant given the majority of areas cannot access it as they are outside the eligible area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [11662/24]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total funding that has been spent to date in implementing the Youth Homelessness Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [11675/24]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost to implement the remainder of the Youth Homelessness Strategy by the end of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [11676/24]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there will be a mid-term report published on the Youth Homelessness strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [11677/24]



\*597. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide in tabular form a progress report on the implementation of each of the 27 targets within the youth homelessness strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [11678/24]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of 18–24-year-olds that are registered for social housing on local authority waiting lists, provided by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [11679/24]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of 18–30-year-olds that are registered for social housing on local authority waiting lists, provided by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [11680/24]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of units provided under the CAS for care leavers scheme per year from 2018 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [11681/24]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding provided per year for the CAS for care leavers scheme per year from 2018 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [11682/24]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide in tabular form the average cost per unit of new build social housing delivered in 2023 broken down by SHIP construction, SHIP turnkey, CALF construction, CALF turnkey, CAS construction, CAS turnkey, Local Authority Part V and AHB Part V and PPP. — Eoin Ó Broin. [11684/24]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an applicant for the local authority home loan will be considered as a second chance applicant if they are divorced but still retain a legal interest in the family home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [11689/24]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration has been given to extend the period for hedge cutting beyond 1 March 2024 and commencing earlier than 1 September 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [11709/24]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he has considered any options regarding representations to the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for an extension to the period for hedge cutting, to extend beyond 1 March 2024 and start earlier than 1 September 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [11710/24]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on his Department’s examination of the creation of a system of holding rental deposits as set out in housing policy objective 2.12 of Housing for All; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [11720/24]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost to the Exchequer in 2023 per unit of accommodation for each of the housing funding streams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [11721/24]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable purchase and cost-rental homes, respectively, that will be delivered through LDA investment in 2024; the estimated amount of expenditure it has allocated to deliver same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [11722/24]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current status of the revolving Housing Agency Acquisitions Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [11723/24]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total spend via the social housing current expenditure programme in 2023, broken down by lease types (details supplied); the total number of leases funded in each category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [11724/24]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if allowing for publication of election candidates’ home addresses is mandated in statute; and, if not, if he has given consideration to issuing a memorandum or statutory instrument, ending the practice of publication of home addresses of election candidates. — Ivana Bacik. [11747/24]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the date on which the 2023 Q4 social and affordable housing statistics will be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [11752/24]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects the tripartite agreement on the delivery of social and affordable housing in the Poolbeg SDZ will be finalised and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [11766/24]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown, by county of the 39,900 homes, in the context of planning measures introduced in 2021, with some 39,900 homes granted planning permission with conditions prohibiting the bulk purchase by, or multiple sale to a single purchaser between May 2021 and December 2023. — Jim O’Callaghan. [11767/24]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a tenant’s top-up led them to accumulating arrears would he consider HAP rates for this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11788/24]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason local authority tenants are allowed to rent a room in their home, but those in accommodation owned by the approved housing bodies are not allowed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [11791/24]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether any analysis has taken place as to what would be required to replace schools as polling stations with community centres or other available buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [11800/24]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will respond to concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) in respect of access to the housing market for single persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [11802/24]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [11808/24]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of current vacant and void properties identified in County Laois, in tabular form; to list the towns and villages where these properties are located and to provide, in detail, the efforts that are being made to make these properties habitable, particularly those owned by Laois County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [11822/24]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the up-to-date position with a housing development in County Kildare (details supplied); if the local authority have advanced in its attempts to upgrade the development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [11881/24]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the up-to-date position with the provision of social housing at a location (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [11882/24]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the HAP limits for counties Louth and Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [11889/24]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans to extend the current timeline restrictions on the temporary development contribution waiver scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [11893/24]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 411 of 5 March 2024, if the technical working group deemed suitable for progression under the Emergency Refurbishment (Ukraine) Programme any the properties that are currently subject to an open enforcement case by a local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [11910/24]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the review of Part B of the Building Regulations and the associated technical guidance documents, the reason the deadline of Q4 2023 was not met for the publication of the new regulations; the date they will be published; and if he will provide a list of all those individuals and organisations who made submissions to the public consultation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [11911/24]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total capital investment in the construction of social housing units in 2023; the average spend per unit under the deep retrofit scheme for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [11913/24]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the monies allocated to the Local Authority Retrofit Programme in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [11914/24]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the official date of the forthcoming local elections; to confirm his intention to sign the statutory order for that date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [11917/24]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can provide an update on an application (details supplied) in relation to an extension for a house under disability grounds. — Sorca Clarke. [11918/24]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the process for transferring homeless HAP from one local authority in Dublin to another, that is, from Dublin City Council to Fingal County Council; if there will be no requirement to be reassessed; the length of time this takes; the process by which time spent on one housing list in the Dublin area can be transferred to another; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [11940/24]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason engineers from the housing agency are overruling the professional recommendations of engineers acting on behalf of defective concrete block homeowners in Donegal, for applications to the enhanced defective block grant scheme, at a time when the NSAI is still reviewing IS 465, amidst growing internationally peer reviewed scientific evidence, that IS 465 is not fit for purpose. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [11958/24]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider scheduling polling day for the local elections, to avoid widespread school closures and disruption to parents and children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [11961/24]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the rights that affected adjacent property holders have in situations in which the National Parks and Wildlife Service carry out land rewetting on property that it has acquired or is owned by a State agency, given how this can affect neighbouring properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [12014/24]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the LDA intends to use the Davitt Road site in Drimnagh for housing which was previously earmarked for a primary health care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [12025/24]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the regulations restricting short-term lets in rent pressure zones. — Jim O'Callaghan. [12097/24]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of certain private student accommodation providers (details supplied) increasing rents by more than the 2% limit by renovating rooms; if he will provide details on whether the RTB will perform a proper investigation; if this accommodation provider can increase rents by more than the 2% maximum increase that is allowed in the RPZ; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12122/24]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide information on what measures are being taken to prevent private accommodation providers from being allowed to increase rents by significant amounts by refurbishing their apartments, particularly given the recent rent increases announced by a company (details supplied) for the 2024-2025 academic year. — Alan Dillon. [12123/24]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if accommodation undergoing refurbishment at a location (details supplied) is eligible for exemptions from the 2%

maximum increase that is allowed in rent pressure zones; and if so, what measures are in place to ensure that these exemptions are not exploited. — Alan Dillon. [12125/24]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of first home scheme approvals since it was introduced; and if he can provide a breakdown by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [12131/24]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant property refurbishment grants which have been paid in each county. — Paul McAuliffe. [12135/24]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the length of time taken to process the vacant property refurbishment grant by each local authority. — Paul McAuliffe. [12136/24]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans to extend the development contribution waiver scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12228/24]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the development contribution waiver scheme arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12229/24]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to the review of the 2006 Wind Energy Development Guidelines and the targeted publication of the final updated guidelines, if a windfarm planning application is before the local planning authority or An Bord Pleanála, if the new guidelines supersede the old 2006 guidelines and the planning application would then be determined/reassessed on the new guidelines in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [12272/24]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if individuals who have fully or partially demolished an old derelict property are also eligible to apply for funding under the croí cónaithe scheme; if so, what percentage of demolition is allowable under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [12281/24]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff employed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service; the number of staff employed at each grade; and to outline the average wage and entry wage for each grade, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [12301/24]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the review of the qualifying criteria for well-water grants administered through local authorities; if an instruction can be issued to allow for the inclusion of applications for premises that are soon to be lived in following renovation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [12308/24]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason postal votes cannot be arranged in advance of election day to accommodate people who are abroad/ cannot make it to their local polling station on election day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [12320/24]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on his Department's policy regarding the registration through the planning process of short-term letting properties often used as short-term summer accommodation (details supplied); his Department's position with respect to validating registrations of short-term accommodation through the planning process; if such a requirement is beyond what the compilation of a register requires; the cognisance his Department is taking with respect to its advocating rent pressure zone status to counties Waterford, Kilkenny and Limerick with the obvious impacts to future reduction of short-term letting accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12337/24]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of exit and or severance and or redundancy packages granted by his Department, and bodies under his aegis and of bodies he funds in full or in part, of €100,000 and above but less than €200,000, by the amount and by each body in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [12353/24]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a local authority has the authority to make a decision to approve a local authority home loan application even after rejection by the Housing Agency for not meeting non-EU/EEA applicant residency criteria of the credit policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12382/24]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department or the Housing Agency ever reviewed any actuarial and statistical data in regard to the residence criteria for difference in treatment for non-EU/EEA applicants; if so, if he can provide a copy of the data along with the source of the data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [12383/24]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 246 of the 7 March 2024, if there is an appeals process for the vacant home refurbishment grant when the local authority has refused the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [12433/24]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of the composition of housing units (details supplied) that is, one bed, two bed and so on; the overall monthly cost to the State; and the average rental cost per unit. — Peadar Tóibín. [12438/24]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many of the allocations from the social housing list in Ireland are currently leased units; the average rent per unit, per month, per composition; and the amount this costs the State on a monthly basis. — Peadar Tóibín. [12439/24]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider commissioning the National Oversight and Audit Commission to carry out a piece of work, as per section 126D of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, in respect of a matter (details supplied). — Imelda Munster. [12456/24]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on a circular issued to staff at polling centres which would, in certain circumstances, prevent some disabled people from accessing assistance in casting their ballot in the final two hours of voting; if he will end the practice of such advice issuing; his plans to ensure that voting in referendums or elections is accessible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [12457/24]



\*659. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many people in County Mayo, have been successful in their local authority home loan and fresh start scheme applications, respectively; the number of applications made through Mayo County Council; the number if unsuccessful applications in County Mayo for 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12476/24]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of developments that have requested to be taken in charge by local authorities but have not yet been taken in charge; if additional funding will be made available to enable local authorities to continue taking estates in charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [12525/24]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether any consideration has been given to extending the period for hedge cutting beyond 1 March and commencing earlier than 1 September; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [12529/24]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will extend the development contribution waiver scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [12534/24]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of cost rental backstop tenancy purchases completed; the number in progress and the number refused, by county, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [12574/24]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the establishment of the interim remediation scheme to tackle some of the most serious fire safety issues in apartment blocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [12584/24]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the number of applications received for the vacant property refurbishment grant by a county council (details supplied) since its inception; the number approved, rejected and pending a decision; and the total amount of grants that have been paid out to date under this scheme in Mayo. — Alan Dillon. [12650/24]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if retained firefighters will be included in pension age increase for uniformed workers. — Dara Calleary. [12659/24]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will permit applicants for the vacant property grant reside in the house prior to applying for the grant where they are facing homelessness. — Pauline Tully. [12660/24]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide outline details of the results of the 2023 Interim Review of the State's current Nitrates Action Programme (NAP); the details of where the 2023 Review is published and available to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12664/24]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social housing units provided through long-term leasing in 2023; if he will provide a list of these

developments and the number of units provided in each, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [12665/24]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a possible increased danger to the public was taken when extending the deer hunting season period to include August which is still the most outdoor popular holiday season (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [12673/24]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of polling stations used in each county for the recent referenda held on 8 March 2024; the number of stations in each county which are schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12694/24]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the last occasion on which the location of polling stations was reviewed; whether efforts are made to find alternatives to schools as venue for polling stations in view of the disruption and cancellation of school days which this causes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12695/24]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of the locations where social housing has been provided for through long term leasing since 2017, broken down by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [12697/24]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of the locations where affordable housing has been provided for through long term arrangements, broken down by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [12698/24]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has plans for when long term leasing arrangements are concluded; if social housing tenants will need to be rehoused elsewhere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [12699/24]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a private developer is to go through the normal planning process on private lands for building Ukrainian modular accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [12705/24]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will publish a list of the NGOs funded by his Department; and the level the funding each NGO received in the past three years, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [12723/24]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of engagements, including online meetings, webinars, briefings and in-person meetings that he or officials from his Department, and bodies under the aegis of his Department, have had with an organisation (details supplied) including its representatives from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12743/24]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans to extend the temporary time-limited waiver in respect of development contributions beyond 24 April 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O’Donovan. [12756/24]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to extend the temporary waiver scheme in respect of development contributions beyond April 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12764/24]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of cost rental scheme houses in Mayo at present; the plan for this scheme over the next five years for Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [12782/24]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will detail the reason for the delay in adopting the third-cycle 2022-2027 River Basin Management Plan for Ireland; the date he expects the final plan to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12841/24]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason none of the housing agency tenant in-situ purchases have been converted into cost rental tenancies to date; and the steps his Department is taking to address this delay. — Eoin Ó Broin. [12848/24]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason part V council tenancies are excluded from the tenant purchase scheme when other tenants of council owned houses are included in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12873/24]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the concerns of middle earners and families in the north west region, that the ceiling price for the first home scheme (FHS) is insufficient and that there are no new homes currently in Sligo town eligible for this scheme; if the ceiling price will be reviewed at the next scheduled review of the FHS (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [12880/24]

\*686. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of single rural houses provided, by each local authority in the past ten years, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [12924/24]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of supported housing units funded by his Department to date; the number funded through funding streams (details supplied); and if the information on the total number of such units is not available, the units funded for each year from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [12928/24]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the expected date of publication of the summary of social housing assessment 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [12990/24]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the fact that an increase in those accessing emergency accommodation has been seen, yet a 2.4% reduction has been seen in those qualifying for social housing as reported in the summary of social housing assessment reports in the same timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [12991/24]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason his Department does not include those households currently living in local authority-rented or

approved housing body accommodation, or accommodation provided under the housing assistance payment, the rental accommodation scheme or the Social Housing Capital Expenditure Programme or any household on a transfer list, in the total number of the summary of social housing assessment reports as their housing need is not permanently met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [12992/24]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will look favourably upon an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [12993/24]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of a strategic development (details supplied); if he intends to use a statutory instrument to fast-track planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [12994/24]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider supporting the Residential Tenancies (Deferment of Termination Dates of Certain Tenancies) (No. 2) Bill 2023 to ensure protection of tenure and rights for students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [12997/24]

\*694. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider extending the remit of the RTB to cover those living in digs, with particular reference to the dispute resolution process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [12998/24]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider extending the application of the rent pressure zones legislation to include digs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [12999/24]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify in the situation whereby a social housing tenant in local authority housing is providing a couch for a homeless individual to sleep on if they will face sanction by the local authority for breaching tenancy agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13004/24]

\*697. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will increase the size of an extension from 40 to 60 square metres as exempted development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [13070/24]

\*698. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider an increase in the threshold to the income limits for the mobility aids grant taking into account current inflation and cost of living; if he will consider allowing the same sliding scale of income limits as is currently being used for the Housing Aid for Older People to allow for a percentage grant to be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [13073/24]

\*699. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has carried out a review of his Department's voids programme to take account of construction inflation; if not, his plans to do so; the average cost of a void turnaround in each local authority area; and the average time taken to convert a void in each local authority area, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [13082/24]

\*700. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider extending the temporary development contribution waiver scheme (details supplied); if he will seek to have all dates extended by a minimum 18 months to allow large housing developments which commence just before the current 24 April 2024 deadline adequate time to complete the works satisfactorily; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13099/24]

\*701. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps being taken to fix all discrepancies and inaccuracies on the electoral register and bring it up to date in advance of the local and European elections in June; if he will provide further funding for local authorities to facilitate this major update of the register; and to detail the plan of action for continually keeping on top of changes. — Holly Cairns. [13102/24]

\*702. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if charity shops are exempt from payment of rates to local authorities (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [13106/24]

\*703. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the facility to fast track the provision of temporary accommodation without the need for planning permission for Ukrainian families is still in place; when this order will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [13124/24]

\*704. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the time spent to carry out the four-stage approval process for publicly funded capital projects for each social housing, cost rental, affordable purchase, and mixed tenure development completed in 2022, broken down by tenure type and county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [13125/24]

\*705. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update in relation to the negotiations between him and the Minister for Rural and Community Development about hiring more dog wardens; how many additional dog warden positions will be created; where these positions will be assigned; how much additional funding will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13152/24]

\*706. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications for additional staff and the Department those applications were related to, by all local authorities for 2022, 2023, and to date in 2024, tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [13177/24]

\*707. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of an issue (details supplied); the changes he will implement to ensure that this does not happen in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [13186/24]

\*708. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details on all planned PPP projects and ongoing PPP contracts; the status of each project; the anticipated or known capital cost; the anticipated or known cost to the Exchequer over the lifetime of the contracts; the annual total payment of PPP unitary charges and the percentage share of the total capital budget for his Department and all public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13199/24]

\*709. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the PPP social housing bundle 1 and 2; the total capital cost; the total projected Exchequer cost spread over the lifetime of the contract; the hand back date; the cost per unit on the capital cost; the cost per unit on the

projected Exchequer cost, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13216/24]

\*710. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what proposals he has received for additional emergency accommodation by a Local Authority (details supplied) in the past 12 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13319/24]

\*711. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will establish a new category of planning permission (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13324/24]

\*712. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the national policy with respect to planning permission for log cabins; if he will establish a new category of planning permission to provide for a national planning policy with respect to log cabins; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13325/24]

\*713. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the national policy with respect to planning permission for modular homes; if he will establish a new category of planning permission to provide for a national planning policy with respect to modular homes if needed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13326/24]

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

\*714. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [13117/24]

\*715. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an application for partial capacity benefit will be processed in respect of a person in County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [11520/24]

\*716. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an application for illness benefit will be processed in respect of a person from County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [11524/24]

\*717. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an unmarried person can now claim the widow's pension entitlement following the recent judgement by the Supreme Court in relation to widow's pension eligibility (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [11528/24]

\*718. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if those children who turned 18 between January and now and had child benefit halted, but remain in full time education, will be reinstated when the child benefit changes for 18-year-olds come into effect in May. — Sean Sherlock. [11529/24]

\*719. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the decision of an appeal's officer in the recent appeal case for carer's allowance (details supplied) can reissue to the appellant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11581/24]



\*720. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if their Department has had the need to contact An Garda Síochána due to verbal, written (including electronically) or physical threats being addressed to staff or Ministers, at any level, working within their Department during the period 2020 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11602/24]

\*721. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person in County Kerry will be considered for a State pension (contributory) (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [11683/24]

\*722. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will roll out WALK employment across the State to ensure that young people with intellectual disabilities finishing post-primary school have opportunities for training and employment after school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [11726/24]

\*723. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for an appeal decision for a domiciliary allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [11780/24]

\*724. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what supports are in place for those suffering from long-Covid who are no longer able to continue in employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11831/24]

\*725. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is in receipt of maximum benefit. — John McGuinness. [11896/24]

\*726. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal (details supplied) by a person; when a decision is likely to be received, as this has been pending for some time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11922/24]

\*727. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether the Government has a duty to ensure that all children are treated equally and fairly in relation to the school meals programme and the need for gluten free meals for coeliac children, and that no child is left behind or excluded from the benefits of the programme; if she will make it compulsory for schools participating in the programme to cater to the needs of coeliac children if there is a demand for it (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [11945/24]

\*728. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 455 of 5 March 2024, the reason her Department requires the destination of a person's travel as evidence of travel in order to access the two week holiday entitlement under the disability allowance scheme; and in what case or circumstance would a signed letter from the recipient not be sufficient evidence. — Mairéad Farrell. [11952/24]

\*729. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider backdating child benefit payments for the intervening period from May 2023 to May 2024 for the small cohort of 18 year-olds that lost out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [11965/24]

\*730. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans, if any, to update the Code of Practice on Determining Employment Status which was published in July 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [11990/24]

\*731. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in determining an appeal (details supplied); when a final determination is likely to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12028/24]

\*732. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in determination of review in the case of a person (details supplied) who has applied for an invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12029/24]

\*733. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision be made in relation to a disability allowance review (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [12046/24]

\*734. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the independent external evaluation of the proposal that claims that higher financial returns can be achieved for automatic enrolment pension participants at lower costs; her plans to publish the report by the independent external evaluator; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12066/24]

\*735. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason self-employed people are not entitled to claim carer's benefit; if she will consider changing the eligibility criteria whereby self-employed people can claim carer's benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [12074/24]

\*736. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will adjust the new flexible pension arrangements to allow people under the age of 70 years to work if they so choose and claim contributions towards a State pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [12075/24]

\*737. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the challenges facing some schools (details supplied) in sourcing vendors to provide a hot school meals programme; if any measures are in place to address such cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [12077/24]

\*738. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will publish the Pensions Council commissioned independent evaluation report by (details supplied) into the alternative auto-enrolled pensions proposal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [12104/24]

\*739. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will publish the Pensions Council own evaluation report into the alternative auto-enrolled pensions proposal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [12106/24]

\*740. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the Pensions Council has presented her with both the Pensions Council commissioned independent evaluation report by a person (details supplied) and its own evaluation report into the alternative auto-enrolled pensions proposal by another person; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [12108/24]

\*741. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a history of contributions made by a person (details supplied) to determine if they have sufficient contributions to qualify for a State pension (contributory). — John McGuinness. [12114/24]

\*742. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason her Department has declined to issue a PPSN to a person (details supplied) given they are an Irish citizen and have been living in Ireland since December 2022, who requires same to access a number of services; if their application will be reviewed with a view to issuing the number as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12161/24]

\*743. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if additional resources will be provided to the social welfare appeals office to address the three-month delay in registering appeals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [12259/24]

\*744. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of staff in the independent social welfare appeals office for the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [12264/24]

\*745. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of appeals registered by the independent social welfare appeals office for the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [12265/24]

\*746. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average time it takes to complete appeals submitted to the independent social welfare appeals office for the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [12266/24]

\*747. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for an invalidity pension in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12292/24]

\*748. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for a carer's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12317/24]

\*749. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a public services card is required for a person to collect their pension from their local post office or if it is acceptable to use another form of identification, a passport for example to do this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [12325/24]

\*750. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of exit and or severance and or redundancy packages granted by her Department, and bodies under her aegis and of bodies she funds in full or in part, of €100,000 and above but less than €200,000, by the amount and by each body in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [12357/24]

\*751. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the financial supports available for people to assist in furnishing their unfurnished social home; the eligibility for these supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12467/24]

\*752. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has conducted a review of the optical benefit scheme; and if so, to outline in detail the outcome of this review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12510/24]

\*753. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a change to the optical benefit scheme eye examination fee for contractors is under consideration; if this matter will be raised at her

Department's next meeting with stakeholders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12511/24]

\*754. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what supports her Department will put in place for those who have been on special leave with pay and whose payments are due to cease, but who cannot return to work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [12512/24]

\*755. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in undertaking review of case of a person (details supplied) who requested same on 19 February 2024 by email; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12532/24]

\*756. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the designation of long-Covid as an occupational illness. — Michael Creed. [12533/24]

\*757. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what supports are in place for small schools that are unable to source a supplier for the hot school meals programme due to suppliers deeming it as an uneconomical move for their business; her plans to ensure that each school approved for the hot school meals programme receives these meals in due course; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [12554/24]

\*758. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has concerns regarding the equitability of the fact that disabled people over the age of 65 years were not entitled to the cost-of-living disability lump sum payments contained within either Budget 2023 or Budget 2024. — Pauline Tully. [12611/24]

\*759. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a contributory pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12637/24]

\*760. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; if they can pay contributions to augment their contributory pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12676/24]

\*761. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to comments made by him on Budget Day (details supplied), what support are available to households that do not qualify for the mortgage interest tax credit on the grounds of insufficient income or income tax liability; if a scheme has been developed in concert with the Department of Employment and Social Protection in line with the aforementioned comments and; if not, the status of this commitment. — Pearse Doherty. [12691/24]

\*762. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether any social welfare payment administered by her Department would be lost by a claimant in the event of them changing their gender, from male to female or from female to male, under the provisions of the Gender Recognition Act 2015; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12696/24]

\*763. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 246 of 7 December 2023, the number of appeals that were decided on by the original decision-making official in the year preceding the July 2023 changes (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [12706/24]

\*764. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will publish a list of the NGOs funded by her Department; and the level the funding each NGO received in the past three years, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [12727/24]

\*765. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of engagements, including online meetings, webinars, briefings and in-person meetings that she or officials from her Department and bodies under the aegis of her Department have had with an organisation (details supplied) including its representatives from 1 January 2019 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12747/24]

\*766. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update from her Department in response to the recent decision of the Supreme Court to rule in favour of a person (details supplied) in relation to their exclusion from the widower's contributory pension scheme; the current position of her Department in relation to this matter; when this ruling will be reflected in legislation and schemes within her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [12811/24]

\*767. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) was not paid the double week in January when they were in receipt of a carers allowance; if the matter will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12815/24]

\*768. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to change the treatment of persons who are in receipt of supplementary pension payment in the context of customer service and general treatment by her Department (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [12839/24]

\*769. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider allowing parents with children the right to claim domiciliary care allowance while living outside the State for the purpose of availing of specialist care for their children in that particular country, that is not currently available in Ireland; and if she will consider a mechanism where a special application could be made whereby the designated care and treatment programme for the child in the other state was sanctioned by an approved Government agency in Ireland before the parents could then apply for the domiciliary care allowance while living and caring for them abroad. — Frankie Feighan. [12861/24]

\*770. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the level of means testing her Department is caring out on a family carer (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12889/24]

\*771. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine the income thresholds for the fuel allowance in the case of under 70s in light of recent increases for those aged over 70 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12957/24]

\*772. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider those aged under 70 years with modest occupational pensions which they worked for, who are unable to access the fuel allowance; if she will examine this cohort in the context of the next Budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12958/24]

\*773. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to continue increasing the weekly income threshold for the over 70s when accessing the fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12959/24]

\*774. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12960/24]

\*775. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a schedule of social media influencers and online personalities, television and or radio personalities engaged by her Department in 2023 and to-date in 2024; and if she will include the fees expanded, by the name of personality and the name of the campaign they were engaged on, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [12979/24]

\*776. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure disability access is installed at the Intreo office, Athlone. — Robert Troy. [13006/24]

\*777. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current situation regarding an invalidity pension payment to a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Michael Creed. [13009/24]

\*778. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reverse her decision to only pay child benefit for students over 18 years from May 2024 who are still in school but not currently in receipt of child benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [13018/24]

\*779. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for the State pension (non-contributory) in the case of a person (detail supplied) has been refused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13039/24]

\*780. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a pay claim for citizens information staff was received by her Department from the Citizens Information Board in its budget proposals for 2024; if she will support the pay claim for current staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [13066/24]

\*781. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if changes are going to be made to jobseekers allowance and X and O system to allow people working as care assistants/home help assistants to claim assistance (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [13081/24]

\*782. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if children's allowance payments could be made retrospective to the date on which a student turns 18 years (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [13084/24]

\*783. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, as part of her plans to extend the payment of child benefit to 18-year-olds who are in full-time education, she will allow those with children turning 18 before 1 May 2024 to retrospectively avail of child benefit for the months between their 18th birthday and 1 May 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [13085/24]

\*784. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) whose sole means is their State pension (contributory) is entitled to an increase in same due to the reduced level of payment. — Michael Creed. [13104/24]

\*785. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress of the review for domiciliary care allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13109/24]



\*786. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to examine a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [13113/24]

\*787. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a working family payment will issue/be reinstated to a person (details supplied), with particular reference to their special family requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13150/24]

\*788. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the length of time it is taking her Department to process and complete applications for each payment (details supplied), in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [13160/24]

\*789. To ask the Minister for Social Protection where the payment of a qualified adult allowance is under review, if half of the savings of a couple are automatically attributed to the qualified adult, regardless of whose name is on the bank account; and whether in the same way if the savings are in an account in the name of the qualified adult, that person will still only be assessed with half of the savings. — Richard Bruton. [13176/24]

\*790. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide details on all planned PPP projects and ongoing PPP contracts; the status of each project; the anticipated or known capital cost; the anticipated or known cost to the Exchequer over the lifetime of the contracts; the annual total payment of PPP unitary charges and the percentage share of the total capital budget for her Department and all public bodies under the aegis of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13203/24]

\*791. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the circumstances under which a pension payment may continue posthumously to next of kin; the family members entitled to such continued payments and the duration of these payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [13222/24]

\*792. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an invalidity pension award in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be backdated to the date they were found medically suitable for a disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13237/24]

\*793. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the legal status of the Public Services Card to be used as a form of identification of an individual; her plans in this respect; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13327/24]

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\*794. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons injured each year as a result of discharges from licenced firearms by deer hunters; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [12674/24]

\*795. To ask the Minister for Justice what provision her Department has made for Palestinians who have fled the war in Gaza to seek asylum in Ireland in circumstances (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [13364/24]

\*796. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of family reunification applications received in 2023; the number of family reunification applications pending before FRU at the end of the

year; the average time taken to decide an application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [11565/24]

\*797. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has provided assistance, financial or otherwise to BOPT applicants to transport their personal vehicles to Ireland since the outbreak of hostilities with Russia in 2022; if so, to provide details of costs incurred and the number of vehicles involved; if such assistance is still available and when it will end; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11577/24]

\*798. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide details in relation to the International Protection Office for each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [11582/24]

\*799. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the Sale of Alcohol Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [11587/24]

\*800. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has had the need to contact An Garda Síochána due to verbal, written (including electronically) or physical threats being addressed to staff or Ministers, at any level, working within the Department during the period 2020 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11599/24]

\*801. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on a citizenship application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11606/24]

\*802. To ask the Minister for Justice what steps are being taken so that local authority provided closed circuit television can be used for the dual uses of crime detection and to combat illegal dumping; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [11629/24]

\*803. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of instances where a fee of €300 was paid for the issuing of an IRP (formerly GNIB) card (including both registration and renewal) in the whole of 2023 and the total income from this activity. — Patrick Costello. [11636/24]

\*804. To ask the Minister for Justice how many prosecutions for dangerous cycling were taken in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [11637/24]

\*805. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is aware of the increase in motorbike theft, specifically expensive types of motorbikes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [11673/24]

\*806. To ask the Minister for Justice the measures in place to alleviate the backlog and streamlines the visa application process for family reunification. — Holly Cairns. [11728/24]

\*807. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason she is not removing or amending Article 19A of the Criminal Evidence Act 1992 whereby in certain criminal cases the private counselling/therapy records of the victim of sexual abuse can have their records made available to the accused abuser (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [11756/24]

\*808. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of convictions for non-payment of the TV licence in each of the months January 2022 to February 2024, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [11761/24]

\*809. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of custodial sentences imposed for non-payment of the TV licence in each of the months January 2022 to February 2024, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [11763/24]

\*810. To ask the Minister for Justice the overall amount received by the courts, either through statutory fine or ‘charity box’ payments, for non-payments of the TV licence in each of the months January 2022 to February 2024, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [11764/24]

\*811. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of referrals for conviction for non-payment of the TV licence in each of the months January 2022 to February 2024, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [11765/24]

\*812. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason the Minister for State in her Department stated on 1 December 2023 that the State should be in a position to ratify Second Optional Protocol to the Convention in the Rights of a Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography; if the State will be in the position to ratify the second optional protocol once the new Criminal legislation (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Bill 2023 once enacted is enacted. — Joan Collins. [11774/24]

\*813. To ask the Minister for Justice how many individuals released on licence in the UK have returned to Ireland during their licence period in the past five years; whether these individuals have been provided with any supervision, support or any other form of engagement by the Probation Service; whether any consideration has been given to entering into a formal agreement with the probation services of England and Wales to facilitate the transfer of post release supervision between the two jurisdictions, similar that with Northern Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [11797/24]

\*814. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11801/24]

\*815. To ask the Minister for Justice what options are available to an individual who has been unsuccessful in their application for naturalisation due to an error in the calculation of their reckonable residence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [11804/24]

\*816. To ask the Minister for Justice if guidelines for carriers under section 2, subsection (8) of the Immigration Act 2003 have been published, and if so, if she will provide a copy of same. — Pa Daly. [11810/24]

\*817. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the progress of the establishment of Cuan, the new statutory domestic, sexual and gender based violence (DSGBV) agency; to provide, in detail, the efforts that are being made under the zero tolerance strategy to develop new refuge units in County Laois and to include if providers and sites have been identified; to list the towns where these sites are located and the number of family places being allocated to each. — Brian Stanley. [11823/24]

\*818. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of independent appeals officers appointed by her Department as part of the Garda National Vetting Bureau process in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [11854/24]

\*819. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022; and when it will proceed to the remaining stages. — Pa Daly. [11865/24]

\*820. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will consider increasing the disposal income of €18,000 to qualify for free legal aid; the last time the limit was increased; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [11883/24]

\*821. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an Irish citizen currently incarcerated in a French prison (details supplied); and the status of transferring the prisoner to serve out their time in an Irish prison. — Sean Sherlock. [11894/24]

\*822. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the resources available to the State and to the relevant authorities to pursue a person who is avoiding the order of a court to comply with a child maintenance order for over nine years; if agencies and Government departments can cooperate and share information on the person in question, in order that they can be brought to justice, as would be the case in other circumstances. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [12027/24]

\*823. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applicants for protection under the International Protection Act 2015 that had access to the labour market in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12055/24]

\*824. To ask the Minister for Justice when she plans to publish the regulations under section 18(7) and 19(9) of the Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011, which were proposed for publication in Q4 of 2022 in Housing for All (actions 25.10 and 25.11). — Francis Noel Duffy. [12064/24]

\*825. To ask the Minister for Justice when she plans to bring forward the Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) (Amendment) Bill 2023 following the publication of the pre-legislative scrutiny report. — Pa Daly. [12067/24]

\*826. To ask the Minister for Justice to publish the waiting times for the renewal of IRP cards at the immigration office in Anglesea Street Garda station, Cork; if she will consider measures to speed up renewal applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [12068/24]

\*827. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the deployment of body cameras for Gardaí in the DMR north central. — Jim O'Callaghan. [12098/24]

\*828. To ask the Minister for Justice when it is intended to bring forward the Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) (Amendment) Bill 2023 for second stage debate. — Holly Cairns. [12116/24]

\*829. To ask the Minister for Justice when joint policing committees should cease meetings, given the transition to community safety partnerships; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12120/24]

\*830. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the progress of defamation law reforms, specifically addressing the concerns raised by publishers, journalists and an organisation (details supplied); the measures being considered to protect journalists from inhibiting legal threats; the plans to introduce a 'serious harm test'; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12128/24]

\*831. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the Responsibility of Social Media Platforms (Defamation Amendment) Bill 2022; how it addresses the concerns of publishers, journalists and an organisation (details supplied); the provisions under consideration to limit journalists' personal liability in defamation cases; the response to calls for obliging legal professionals to inform their clients about the organisation as an alternative; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12129/24]

\*832. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the Government's stance on Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP) that are reportedly being used to intimidate journalists; what measures are being considered to prevent such lawsuits and protect the freedom of the press; if there are plans to introduce legislation specifically addressing SLAPP cases in the near future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12130/24]

\*833. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No 112 of 22 November 2023, what measures have been taken with regard to named recommendations of the Irish Travellers' Access to Justice Report, which her Department advised on (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [12159/24]

\*834. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and/or expected position in regard to naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied) in respect of citizenship; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12160/24]

\*835. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of unsuccessful applicants for protection under the International Protection Act 2015 who were deported/removed from the State in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12168/24]

\*836. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount the State spent on the removal of unsuccessful applicants for protection under the International Protection Act 2015 in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12169/24]

\*837. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount the State spent on commercial airline travel for the removal of unsuccessful applicants for protection under the International Protection Act 2015 in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12170/24]

\*838. To ask the Minister for Justice how many unsuccessful applicants for protection under the International Protection Act 2015 were given leave to remain or had their presence in the State otherwise regularised in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12171/24]

\*839. To ask the Minister for Justice how many unsuccessful applicants for protection under the International Protection Act 2015 were evicted from direct provision in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12172/24]

\*840. To ask the Minister for Justice how many unsuccessful applicants for protection under the 2015 were provided with accommodation by the State outside of the IPAS structure in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12173/24]

\*841. To ask the Minister for Justice how many unsuccessful applicants, after the ultimate conclusion of their protection applications, continued to enjoy access to the labour market in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12174/24]

\*842. To ask the Minister for Justice how many decisions of the IPO on international protection were appealed to the International Protection Appeals Tribunal in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12176/24]

\*843. To ask the Minister for Justice how many decisions of the IPO on subsidiary protection were appealed to the International Protection Appeals Tribunal in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12177/24]

\*844. To ask the Minister for Justice how many decisions of the IPO under Dublin III were appealed to the International Protection Appeals Tribunal in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12178/24]

\*845. To ask the Minister for Justice how many decisions of the IPO on the grounds of inadmissibility were appealed to the International Protection Appeals Tribunal in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12179/24]

\*846. To ask the Minister for Justice how many full-time decision makers were employed by the International Protection Appeals Tribunal in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12180/24]

\*847. To ask the Minister for Justice how many external service providers, not employees of her Department and the International Protection Appeals Tribunal, have registered with the International Protection Appeals Tribunal in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12181/24]

\*848. To ask the Minister for Justice how many external service providers, not employees of her Department and the International Protection Appeals Tribunal were asked to make decisions by the International Protection Appeals Tribunal in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12182/24]

\*849. To ask the Minister for Justice how many external service providers trained by the International Protection Appeals Tribunal, not employees of her Department and the Tribunal received fewer than five appeals from the Tribunal for its consideration in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12183/24]

\*850. To ask the Minister for Justice how many external service providers trained by the International Protection Appeals Tribunal not employees of her Department and the Tribunal received between five and ten appeals from IPAT for their consideration in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12184/24]

\*851. To ask the Minister for Justice how many external service providers trained by the International Protection Appeals Tribunal not employees of her Department and the Tribunal received between 11 and 15 appeals from IPAT for their consideration in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12185/24]

\*852. To ask the Minister for Justice how many external service providers trained by the International Protection Appeals Tribunal not employees of her Department and the Tribunal received between 15 and 25 appeals from IPAT for their consideration in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12186/24]



\*853. To ask the Minister for Justice how many external service providers trained by the International Protection Appeals Tribunal not employees of her Department and the Tribunal received between 25 and or more appeals from IPAT for their consideration in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12187/24]

\*854. To ask the Minister for Justice how much her Department and the International Protection Appeals Tribunal spent on external decision-making services in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12188/24]

\*855. To ask the Minister for Justice how many appeals were lodged by email and hard copy, respectively, to the International Protection Appeals Tribunal in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12189/24]

\*856. To ask the Minister for Justice when retaining external decision-making service providers, how much her Department and the International Protection Appeals Tribunal spent on couriers and An Post in transmitting papers to the service providers in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12190/24]

\*857. To ask the Minister for Justice the person or body that the agreement is made with by external services providers for the provision of decision-making services in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12191/24]

\*858. To ask the Minister for Justice how much external service providers were paid per decision in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023 and if the payment is subject to withholding tax. — Alan Kelly. [12192/24]

\*859. To ask the Minister for Justice if there has been a request for additional or increased payment by service providers to her Department in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12193/24]

\*860. To ask the Minister for Justice how much her Department and the International Appeals Tribunal spent on translation services in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12194/24]

\*861. To ask the Minister for Justice how many appeals were scheduled to be heard online and how many appeals were heard online, in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12195/24]

\*862. To ask the Minister for Justice how many appeals were scheduled for in-person hearings and how many in-person hearings were held in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12196/24]

\*863. To ask the Minister for Justice how much her Department and the International Protection Appeals Tribunal spent on facilities; and how much they spent on on-line hearing facilities, respectively, in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12197/24]

\*864. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Sale of Alcohol Bill 2022 which was to change the law and remove the extinguishment rule when trying to obtain a licence has been approved; and when this change will take effect; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [12201/24]

\*865. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide details of the number of gardaí who were committed to community policing in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12213/24]

\*866. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are plans to address the issue of the high prevalence of complaints received by GSOC against gardaí; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12215/24]

\*867. To ask the Minister for Justice to detail what is understood by her Department and the gardaí as constituting community policing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12216/24]

\*868. To ask the Minister for Justice the strength levels of the Garda drug squad over the past five years, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12217/24]

\*869. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of a visa application by a person (details supplied) which was submitted some months ago leaving the applicant unable to travel for work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12223/24]

\*870. 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. [12224/24]

\*871. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has received the final report of the Law Reform Commission's project on compensating the victims of crime, which was due to be delivered in 2023; her plans to publish the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12234/24]

\*872. To ask the Minister for Justice the actions undertaken by her Department to ensure that all new staff in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal receive training in dealing with victims; if all new staff receive this training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12235/24]

\*873. To ask the Minister for Justice the actions undertaken by her Department to ensure that all staff in her Department and in organisations under the aegis of her Department, working with victims of crime, receive training in providing trauma informed care and support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12236/24]

\*874. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of cases currently waiting to be heard by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal; the average length of waiting times; the measures taken and planned by her Department to clear any backlogs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12237/24]

\*875. To ask the Minister for Justice the total funding provided to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal in each of the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12238/24]

\*876. To ask the Minister for Justice the interim financial assistance that is available to victims of crime awaiting the outcome of their applications to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12239/24]

\*877. To ask the Minister for Justice the measures that are in place to ensure that applicants to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal are made aware in advance of costs arising from the tribunal process, particularly in regard to the furnishing of physical and psychiatric reports; the details of any financial assistance provided to applicants to ease the financial burden of providing such reports during the process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12240/24]

\*878. To ask the Minister for Justice for a breakdown of the funding provided to youth services in the Finglas and Ballymun areas; the number of posts funded; and the total number of posts created since 2020. — Paul McAuliffe. [12269/24]

\*879. To ask the Minister for Justice the funding provided by her Department to youth services in the Finglas and Ballymun areas since 2006, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [12270/24]

\*880. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to Ballymun Garda station, by grade, at the end of February 2024, or the latest date available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12282/24]

\*881. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to Santry Garda station, by grade, at the end of February 2024, or the latest date available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12283/24]

\*882. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to Dublin Airport Garda station, by grade, at the end of February 2024, or the latest date available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12284/24]

\*883. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to Ballymun Garda station, by grade, at the end of each year since December 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12285/24]

\*884. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to Santry Garda station, by grade, at the end of each year since December 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12286/24]

\*885. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to Dublin Airport Garda station, by grade, at the end of each year since December 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12287/24]

\*886. To ask the Minister for Justice when the new statutory instrument extending Garda retirement age from 60 to 62 years will be signed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [12291/24]

\*887. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will commission an independent review of the treatment of whistleblowers within the Irish Prison Service and An Garda Síochána; and if she will engage with persons that have gone through the process in the context of setting a terms of reference for the review. — Catherine Murphy. [12323/24]

\*888. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider amending the relevant legislation to allow for claims to the value of up to €5,000 to be handled by the Small Claims Courts; if she is aware that the €2,000 ceiling currently in place is €3,000 lower than the European Small Claims Procedure allows; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [12324/24]

\*889. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of exit and or severance and or redundancy packages granted by her Department, and bodies under her aegis and of bodies she funds in full or in part, of €100,000 and above but less than €200,000, by the amount and by each body in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [12354/24]

\*890. To ask the Minister for Justice how many unsuccessful applicants for protection under the 2015 Act left Ireland in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12379/24]

\*891. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has any update regarding owners' management companies (OMCs) legislation, including the publication of new regulations and the appointment of a regulator for OMCs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [12381/24]

\*892. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications for international protection within the meaning of the International Protection Act 2015 that were lodged at the IPO in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12397/24]

\*893. To ask the Minister for Justice how many decisions were made granting/refusing international protection by the IPO in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12398/24]

\*894. To ask the Minister for Justice how many applications for subsidiary protection were lodged at the IPO for each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12399/24]

\*895. To ask the Minister for Justice how many decisions were made granting/refusing subsidiary protection by the IPO for each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12400/24]

\*896. To ask the Minister for Justice how many cases were progressed through Dublin III for each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12401/24]

\*897. To ask the Minister for Justice how many applicants were directed to return to the first country under Dublin III for each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12402/24]

\*898. To ask the Minister for Justice how many applicants returned to first countries/ left Ireland after a decision under Dublin III for each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12403/24]

\*899. To ask the Minister for Justice how many cases were considered as inadmissible for each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12404/24]

\*900. To ask the Minister for Justice how many applicants were returned to third countries where their claims had been previously considered and determined for each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12405/24]

\*901. To ask the Minister for Justice how many applications were not progressed/ deemed withdrawn for non-engagement or attendance for each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12406/24]

\*902. To ask the Minister for Justice how many Department staff were engaged exclusively at the IPO in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12407/24]

\*903. To ask the Minister for Justice how many of the interviews with applicants under section 35(12) of the International Protection Act 2015 were conducted by employees of the Department in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12408/24]

\*904. To ask the Minister for Justice how many of the interviews with applicants under section 35(12) of the International Protection Act 2015 were conducted by external service providers to the Department in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12409/24]

\*905. To ask the Minister for Justice how many of all of the interviews carried out at the IPO, under section 35(12) of the International Protection Act 2015 were conducted using or requiring the services of a translator in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12410/24]

\*906. To ask the Minister for Justice how many employees of the Department/IPO were engaged exclusively in determining applications under the International Protection Act 2015 in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12411/24]

\*907. To ask the Minister for Justice how many external service providers, engaged in section 35(12) interviews, the IPO had available to it in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12412/24]

\*908. To ask the Minister for Justice how many external service providers, were engaged in fewer than five section 35(12) interviews in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12413/24]

\*909. To ask the Minister for Justice how many external service providers, were engaged in between five and ten section 35(12) interviews in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12414/24]

\*910. To ask the Minister for Justice how many external service providers, were engaged in between 10 and 15 section 35(12) interviews in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12415/24]

\*911. To ask the Minister for Justice how many external service providers, were engaged in 15 or more section 35(12) interviews in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12416/24]

\*912. To ask the Minister for Justice in arriving at their conclusions in the report prepared pursuant to section 39 of the International Protection Act 2015, how many applications for international protection are rejected on credibility grounds, by employees of the IPO in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12417/24]

\*913. To ask the Minister for Justice in arriving at their conclusions in the report prepared pursuant to section 39 of the International Protection Act 2015, how many applications for

international protection are rejected on credibility grounds by external service providers in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12418/24]

\*914. To ask the Minister for Justice how many of the reports of the IPO, prepared pursuant to section 39 of the International Protection Act 2015 have as primary author, an employee of the Department in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12419/24]

\*915. To ask the Minister for Justice how many of the reports prepared by the IPO, pursuant to section 39 of the International Protection Act 2015, have been authored by external service providers, and subject to supervision/signing by the IPO in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12420/24]

\*916. To ask the Minister for Justice how many reports, prepared pursuant section 39 of the International Protection Act 2015, were prepared in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12421/24]

\*917. To ask the Minister for Justice how many of the recommendations provided in the reports were not followed by the Minister in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12422/24]

\*918. To ask the Minister for Justice how many of the recommendations provided in the reports were followed by the Minister in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12423/24]

\*919. To ask the Minister for Justice how many letter notices pursuant to section 40 of the International Protection Act 2015 were issued in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12424/24]

\*920. To ask the Minister for Justice how many letters, enclosing notices pursuant to section 40 of the International Protection Act 2015 were sent by way of registered post in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12425/24]

\*921. To ask the Minister for Justice how many registered letters, enclosing notices pursuant to section 40 of the International Protection Act 2015 were returned to the IPO in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Alan Kelly. [12426/24]

\*922. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of referrals made to the Garda Juvenile Diversion Programme, for each year from 2010 to 2023, for the following offences/offence categories, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [12477/24]

\*923. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of referrals made to the Garda Juvenile Diversion Programme, which were not accepted by the programme in each of the years from 2010 to 2023, for offence categories (details supplied), in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [12478/24]

\*924. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who worked in community policing in counties Louth and Meath, respectively, in each of the past five years. — Imelda Munster. [12489/24]

\*925. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda personnel allocated to the Garda division that includes Louth, in each of the past five years, including a breakdown of personnel



numbers in each local area/Garda station, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [12491/24]

\*926. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 434 of 30 January 2024, when contact will be made with the person; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [12507/24]

\*927. To ask the Minister for Justice the definition of a relevant game as it applies in the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022 when referring to the maximum stakes and maximum winnings section of the Bill; the types of games this includes; if this aspect of the Bill will also apply to poker games, slot games and bingo, played both online and in retail establishments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [12531/24]

\*928. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated full year cost to increase the number of forensic examiners at engineering grade 3 level to 55 in the Garda National Cyber Crime Bureau; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [12559/24]

\*929. To ask the Minister for Justice if she met the New York Police Department Commissioner during her recent visit to New York for St. Patrick's Day events; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [12560/24]

\*930. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated amount that An Garda Síochána spent on sending out poor quality CCTV camera images to external companies in order to get that quality of the image improved in the years of 2023 and to-date in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [12561/24]

\*931. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of members of An Garda Síochána who are suspended at present due to alleged unproven offences, by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12575/24]

\*932. To ask the Minister for Justice if an appeal might be considered in respect of an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12585/24]

\*933. To ask the Minister for Justice the current position in regard to residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12586/24]

\*934. To ask the Minister for Justice the current residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12588/24]

\*935. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 462 on 13 February 2024, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this PQ answered. — Sorca Clarke. [12600/24]

\*936. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new vehicles added to the Garda roads policing unit fleet in 2023 and to-date in 2024; the number of vehicles withdrawn from the Garda roads policing unit fleet during the same period, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [12601/24]

\*937. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of protection orders, safety orders and barring orders that were granted in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [12635/24]

\*938. To ask the Minister for Justice if a citizenship application number can be sent to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12638/24]

\*939. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the cultural audit of the IPS 2023 scheduled for 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [12675/24]

\*940. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1015 of 17 January 2023, when a citizenship application by a person (details supplied) will be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [12680/24]

\*941. To ask the Minister for Justice the resources that were allocated in 2023 by An Garda Síochána to providing daily security outside the Russian Embassy; the cost of this security; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [12692/24]

\*942. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will publish a list of the NGOs funded by her Department; and the level the funding each NGO received in the past three years, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [12724/24]

\*943. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of engagements, including online meetings, webinars, briefings and in-person meetings that she or officials from her Department and bodies under the aegis of her Department have had with an organisation (details supplied) including its representatives from 1 January 2019 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12744/24]

\*944. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prosecutions for perjury in civil actions in each year from 2010 to date; the number of convictions in each year; the number of such prosecutions which arose from personal injuries actions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12752/24]

\*945. To ask the Minister for Justice when a person (details supplied) will receive their naturalisation certificate following their citizenship ceremony which took place on 18 December 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12766/24]

\*946. To ask the Minister for Justice the timeline for the transfer and the scope of immigration operations that will transfer from the Garda National Immigration Bureau to her Department; when she expects the first registration and renewal of immigration residence permissions for non-EU/EEA nationals residing outside of the Dublin area to migrate to an online registration system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [12771/24]

\*947. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of detective inspector posts filled within Kildare Garda division in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [12789/24]

\*948. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount that An Garda Síochána spent on replacement of public order unit equipment in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [12790/24]

\*949. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount that An Garda Síochána spent on hiring out external veterinary services in 2023 and to-date in 2024; and the amount paid to each provider in the years in question, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [12791/24]

\*950. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in determination of the appeals for visas in the case of the family (details supplied); when the appeals can expect to be finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12807/24]

\*951. To ask the Minister for Justice when a naturalisation certificate will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12830/24]

\*952. To ask the Minister for Justice if advice will be provided for persons (details supplied) in respect of their current status within the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [12919/24]

\*953. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will ascertain the reason, if any, for the delay of an inquest (details supplied); when progress will be achieved and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [12920/24]

\*954. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 478 of 5 March 2024, with the addition of another member of An Garda Síochána since mid-January 2024 to the GNIB office in Limerick, what target has been set for the reduction of wait times for those waiting to receive an appointment for a stamp 2 visa; the current wait time in weeks; the target wait time in weeks by 1 April, by 1 May and by 1 June 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [12922/24]

\*955. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will support the need for an independent review of the treatment of whistleblowers within the Irish Prison Service (details supplied); if she will appoint this review; if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [12929/24]

\*956. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide details of categories (details supplied) in relation to the number of persons who have died in Garda custody, including but not limited to deaths in Garda stations, immigration detention centres and other spaces managed by An Garda Síochána between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2022, in tabular form. — Paul Murphy. [12934/24]

\*957. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide details of categories (details supplied) of the number of persons who have died following contact with by An Garda Síochána between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2022, in tabular form. — Paul Murphy. [12935/24]

\*958. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1088 of 17 January 2024, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this PQ answered. — Paul Donnelly. [12965/24]

\*959. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 373 of 7 February 2024, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this PQ answered. — Paul Donnelly. [12967/24]

\*960. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has received a report from the Policing Authority regarding the issuing of public order training and resources arising from November 23 riots in Dublin city centre. — Paul Donnelly. [12968/24]

\*961. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the progression made in establishing a Garda station in Castletroy, Limerick; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [12982/24]

\*962. To ask the Minister for Justice if any specific measures are in place to protect the safety of vulnerable individuals currently being forced to live in tents outside the International Protection Office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12986/24]

\*963. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the Garda Vetting Review Group's report, considering it has been almost three years since their first meeting and the urgent need for reform in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [13063/24]

\*964. To ask the Minister for Justice to specify the quarter in which the Garda Vetting Review Group report's recommendations will be published; her plans for Garda vetting in light of the proposed statutory re-vetting regime; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [13064/24]

\*965. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to significant delays to coroners' reports brought about by systematic failings; if she is concerned of the impact this has on grieving families; the steps her Department is taking to ensure that this improves; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [13111/24]

\*966. To ask the Minister for Justice what bespoke scheme, if any, exists for Palestinians fleeing the conflict in Gaza to come to Ireland. — Patrick Costello. [13128/24]

\*967. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide details on all planned PPP projects and ongoing PPP contracts; the status of each project; the anticipated or known capital cost; the anticipated or known cost to the Exchequer over the lifetime of the contracts; the annual total payment of PPP unitary charges and the percentage share of the total capital budget for her Department and all public bodies under the aegis of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13200/24]

\*968. To ask the Minister for Justice what steps she has taken to ensure that first-time non-violent offenders who have breached a piece of legislation (details supplied) will not be given custodial sentences; what alternative options are in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13312/24]

\*969. To ask the Minister for Justice if she intends to review the legislation on spent convictions; what particular items are for consideration in the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13313/24]

\*970. To ask the Minister for Justice what steps she is taking to tackle chronic overcrowding in Irish prisons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13316/24]

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

\*971. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has conducted any preliminary analysis of the additional financial benefits that may accrue to Irish farmers following the award of protected geographical indication status to Irish grass fed beef; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11583/24]

\*972. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has had the need to contact An Garda Síochána due to verbal, written (including electronically) or physical threats being addressed to staff or Ministers, at any level, working within the Department during the period 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11588/24]

\*973. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the salary of a person has been cut (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11613/24]

\*974. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine regarding the special protection area off the Wexford coast, to specify any changes to be introduced to the current fishing grounds, and to specify what special protection measures will be put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [11616/24]

\*975. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if any consideration was given to dismissing a bid in a tender process for breach of publicity guidance during the tender process (details supplied); if his Department gave consent to publicity during the live tender process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [11674/24]

\*976. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what measures his Department is taking to ensure animal welfare standards are increased during the transport of live exports; and what measures are being taken to ensure time limits on travel are being adhered to. — Holly Cairns. [11732/24]

\*977. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has engaged with any EU officials or lobbied for any measures in relation to excluding sea travel from travel time limits on the export of live animals; if so, the details of these engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [11733/24]

\*978. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will examine the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [11932/24]

\*979. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his priorities for the upcoming discussion on the future of the EU fisheries and aquaculture sector to be held in Bruges on 24 and 25 March 2024. — Cathal Crowe. [12017/24]

\*980. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the distance land needs to be outside of a special protection area before forestry planting can occur.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [12033/24]

\*981. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 95 of 28 February 2024, if there has been direct engagement with any farmers

whose scores are affected as a result of the proposed buffer zone; if he is aware that turbary zones on commonage are often shared and accessed across communities, and that farmers taking part in ACRES cannot police commonage areas; if consideration has been given to not proceeding with a buffer zone in turbary areas on commonage, given that farmers were unaware of such a rule, and the negative impact it could have on scoring for ACRES payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12036/24]

\*982. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on concerns raised in relation to imports of hawthorn and the risk of fireblight; what measures will be introduced to mitigate this risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12037/24]

\*983. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has actively sought new outlets for beef rather than live animals, in relation to live exports outside the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [12039/24]

\*984. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a deal was sought first for dairy/milk powder in relation to the two shipments of in-calf dairy heifers to Algeria this year. — Paul Murphy. [12040/24]

\*985. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specific data on which a claim is based (details supplied); and what studies have been carried out to demonstrate that live cattle exported outside the EU impacts price. — Paul Murphy. [12041/24]

\*986. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine given that according to Bord Bia, 60% of the value of all cattle exported is from exports to Northern Ireland (details supplied), if a figure can be given on the value of these shipments. — Paul Murphy. [12042/24]

\*987. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on claims that consistent incompatibly problems within the new computer system in his Department is resulting in delayed or incorrect payments (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [12047/24]

\*988. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the landings of fish, by species at each pier and harbour across the State in each of the years, 2007 to 2024, inclusive, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [12083/24]

\*989. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds that participated in at least one official trial whose year of birth was 2021 as recorded on RCETS, and the number of non-coursing greyhounds that participated in at least one official trial whose year of birth was 2022 as recorded on RCETS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [12099/24]

\*990. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds that completed one or more races on an RCE licensed track whose year of birth was 2021 as recorded on RCETS; the number of non-coursing greyhounds that completed one or more races on an RCE licensed track whose year of birth was 2022 as recorded on RCETS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [12100/24]

\*991. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds exported after completing at least one official trial, but before having completed a race on an RCE licensed track whose year of birth was 2021 as recorded on RCETS; the number



of non-coursing greyhounds exported after completing at least one official trial, but before having completed a race on an RCE licensed track whose year of birth was 2022 as recorded on RCETS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [12101/24]

\*992. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds rehomed before completing at least one official trial whose year of birth was 2021 as recorded on RCETS; the number of non-coursing greyhounds rehomed before completing at least one official trial whose year of birth was 2022 as recorded on RCETS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [12102/24]

\*993. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds rehomed after completing at least one official trial, but before having completed a race on an RCE licensed track, whose year of birth was 2021 as recorded on RCETS; the number of non-coursing greyhounds rehomed after completing at least one official trial, but before having completed a race on an RCE licensed track whose year of birth was 2022 as recorded on RCETS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [12103/24]

\*994. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to establish the drainage status of grassland peat soils in Ireland further to the findings of a study (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12134/24]

\*995. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No.449 of 20 February 2024, if he will supply the information sought specifically by the three districts covering County Cork, as requested in the question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [12137/24]

\*996. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a decision will be made on an appeal under the Brexit blue economy enterprise development scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [12166/24]

\*997. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in what areas of the country is the greyhound racing industry one of the few meaningful sources of employment, as claimed in an industry-commissioned report published in 2021 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [12199/24]

\*998. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his Department changed space for nature percentages for Eco scheme applications online after the applications were submitted, when the criteria to be followed and the pre-determined Departmental calculations for space for nature had allowed the Eco scheme applications to pass all checks and balances prior to submission online, this IT issue has been the source of much frustration to FAS advisors and scheme applicants, who await payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12225/24]

\*999. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the IT systems and algorithms used to compute, compile and process 2023 farm payments for ACRES, BISS and Eco scheme is fit for purpose; the reason his Department and FAS advisors are unable to finalise farm payments due to applicants within the timeframes promised by him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12227/24]

\*1000. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine who developed the agrisnap app for recording information on farms; the amount the app cost to set up; if all the IT issues

and difficulties with transfer of information from the app have been fixed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12230/24]

\*1001. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if additional resources were allocated to deal with the IT issues arising from the 2023 BISS, Eco scheme, CRISS and ANC application period for 2024; if the 2024 BISS application period will have the IT issues that were experienced during the 2023 schemes period; if additional resources were allocated to clear the backlog in 2023 payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12231/24]

\*1002. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason farmers who are not participating in ACRES are receiving interim ACRES payments of €5,000 in their bank accounts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12232/24]

\*1003. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how many of the 10,914 non-coursing greyhounds born in 2021, and registered on RCETS at microchipping stage, have been exported to the UK to date, as recorded on RCETS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12260/24]

\*1004. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how many of the 10,914 non-coursing greyhounds born in 2021, and registered on RCETS at microchipping stage, have been recorded as 'Export International' on RCETS to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12261/24]

\*1005. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how many of the 9,468 non-coursing greyhounds born in 2022, and registered on RCETS at microchipping stage, have been exported to the UK to date, as recorded on RCETS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12262/24]

\*1006. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how many of the 9,468 non-coursing greyhounds born in 2022, and registered on RCETS at microchipping stage, have been recorded as 'Export International' on RCETS to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12263/24]

\*1007. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will reinstate the restrictions on vessels over 18 metres in length from operating within both the baseline and the six nautical mile (nm) limit (details supplied); if he will implement additional restrictions on commercial fishing practices within the Kenmare River as it is designated as a special area of conservation and received no protection from unsustainable fishing practices to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12267/24]

\*1008. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 407 of 7 February 2024, when the nitrogen level per tonne of chicken litter was changed; whether and how this change has been communicated to farmers; and the implications this change has. — Paul Murphy. [12271/24]

\*1009. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a progress update on the plan to provide supports to the Forgotten Farmers; if he can provide a definite schedule for its implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12298/24]

\*1010. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the welfare status and location of a 20-month-old greyhound (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [12302/24]

\*1011. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of matings in the greyhound racing and coursing industries that involved surgical artificial insemination in each of the years 2019 to 2023, in tabular form; the number of those matings that involved the use of semen obtained from a sire deceased at the time the surgical artificial insemination occurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [12306/24]

\*1012. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if any adverse analytical findings for prohibited or illicit substances were detected in samples taken from greyhounds during a 2023 competition (details supplied) from 28 October 2023 to 25 November 2023 at Limerick Greyhound track; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [12307/24]

\*1013. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an issue with a farm payment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12328/24]

\*1014. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of exit and or severance and or redundancy packages granted by his Department, and bodies under his aegis and of bodies he funds in full or in part, of €100,000 and above but less than €200,000, by the amount and by each body in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [12343/24]

\*1015. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the structure of the Irish Pedigree Breeders Council under headings (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12471/24]

\*1016. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the IT issues that farmers and FAS advisors experienced with BISS, Eco scheme, CRISS and ANC applications in 2023; if a guarantee will be given that farmers and FAS advisors will not experience IT issues in the 2024 application period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12472/24]

\*1017. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has engaged with the Minister for Finance on the residential zoned land tax on behalf of farmers to ensure that farmers whose land is being actively farmed is excluded from this tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12486/24]

\*1018. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether farmers whose land is being actively farmed should be excluded from the residential zoned land tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12487/24]

\*1019. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider developing a national initiative in view of the success of a recent free trees initiative by a local authority (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12508/24]

\*1020. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider in conjunction with local authorities and other relevant stakeholders (details supplied) the

establishment of a nationwide free trees initiative, in view of the success of a recent free trees initiative by Cork City Council during Tree Week 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12509/24]

\*1021. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on revelations during the week in relation to pig farming (details supplied), and how he will respond to this. — Paul Murphy. [12513/24]

\*1022. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of his engagement with South Sudanese officials as part of his St. Patrick's Day visit. — Holly Cairns. [12526/24]

\*1023. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of any discussions he or his officials had with South Sudanese officials in relation to trade opportunities and/or the potential export of milk and non-milk powder; and if such discussions took place, if a human rights and environmental impact assessment has taken place in relation to those exports. — Holly Cairns. [12527/24]

\*1024. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the Irish businesses he met with during his trip to South Sudan. — Holly Cairns. [12528/24]

\*1025. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of access information on the environment requests have been submitted to the forestry section in each of the years 2020 to 2023 and to date in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [12553/24]

\*1026. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine who holds responsibility for the welfare of sick or dead animals on public roads. — Thomas Gould. [12573/24]

\*1027. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12624/24]

\*1028. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce an electronic system with full traceability of all horses, such as the AIM system for cattle, that would provide data on the number of horses in Ireland, horse ownership details, track the movements of every horse through its life and record if they are exported to another jurisdiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12684/24]

\*1029. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will publish a list of the NGOs funded by his Department; and the level the funding each NGO received in the past three years, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [12713/24]

\*1030. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a payment for a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in issuing the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12732/24]

\*1031. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of engagements, including online meetings, webinars, briefings and in-person meetings that he or officials from his Department and bodies under the aegis of his Department have had with an organisation (details supplied) including its representatives from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12733/24]

\*1032. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he is taking to restrict the importation of non-native sub-species, hybrid honeybees and queens into the State; what strategies are being devised to protect the Irish honey business and keep the native species free from disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [12758/24]

\*1033. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the difference between the shellfish licence and the mussel licence; the status of licences for persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12776/24]

\*1034. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of each bonus payment to employees of Horse Racing Ireland in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [12801/24]

\*1035. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will consider a scheme to support more wind powered microgeneration on farms. — Michael Moynihan. [12822/24]

\*1036. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is investigating the use of new technology which has been developed for energy storage capacity on farms.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [12823/24]

\*1037. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an Eco and hardship payment will issue to persons (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [12824/24]

\*1038. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of recorded/confirmed dates of fireblight *erwinia amylovora* infections detections by his Department to date, per county; the steps his Department is taking to contain the spread of any further infections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [12826/24]

\*1039. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration is being given to extending the closing date for the spreading of lime under the liming scheme, given challenging weather and ground conditions in many places and concerns raised by farmers regarding their ability to spread lime by the current deadline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12828/24]

\*1040. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if, due to weather conditions and a limited number of agricultural contractors, the period to spread the approved quantity of lime could be extended until the end of October 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12859/24]

\*1041. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 153 and 154 of 6 March 2024, to name the contractors/employees named as part of the management team in the tender submitted by the Irish Horse Board in April 2022 for sport horse marketing services; the qualifications, QQI Framework Level of said qualification, and name of institution awarding such qualification, of each contractor/employee identified as delivering said contract, if successful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [12895/24]

\*1042. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 155 of 6 March 2024, the reason his Departmental official is listed on a website (details supplied) as the FOI contact for the Irish Horse Board; what measures to comply

with freedom of information have been taken by the Irish Horse Board; if he has trust in the organisation's ability to comply with FOI and further GDPR regulations; if he has sought a report on the measures taken by the Irish Horse Board since January 2023 to comply with FOI and GDPR legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [12896/24]

\*1043. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 157 of 6 March 2024, the number of panel members involved in reviewing the equine marketing tender; the names of any public/civil servant and names of external persons involved in reviewing or scoring the equine marketing tender undertaken by his Department in April 2022; the name and grade of any other civil servants present or attending the evaluation meetings; the memberships held by members, or memberships of equestrian bodies held by family associates of the equine marketing tender evaluation panel; the qualifications and institute where such qualifications were awarded of each member of the panel and any the other necessary skills he considers each member of the panel to have; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [12897/24]

\*1044. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 157 of 6 March 2024, to provide the name/confirm the officials and name of external persons involved in reviewing or scoring the equine marketing tender undertaken by his Department in April 2022; the memberships held by members, the memberships of equestrian bodies held by family associates of the equine marketing tender evaluation panel; the qualifications and institutes where such qualifications were awarded to each member of the panel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [12898/24]

\*1045. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 157 of 6 March 2024, the reasons for awarding a contract given a separating score of 1.1% between two bidders; if he will provide a full objective assessment of the comparative strengths and weaknesses of all tenders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [12899/24]

\*1046. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 157 of 6 March 2024, if he will publish all tenders submitted in the public interest; if he will publish elements not deemed commercially sensitive; if he will seek consent from bidders to publish their respective tenders in full in failing to publish any of tenders received; if he will publish the table of contents of each bid received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [12900/24]

\*1047. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review a series of procurement processes undertaken by Government (details supplied); if he is satisfied that correct procedures have been adhered to throughout the processes; the verifications he has that such adherence is independently verified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [12901/24]

\*1048. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 158 of 6 March 2024, why no reasons were provided to the question; if he will provide the reasons for awarding an approximate €4 million marketing contract to an organisation with no marketing staff, no website, no social media presence and no history of marketing experience at the time of the award; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [12902/24]



\*1049. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 160 of 6 March 2024, given the overall value of the tender in question and other tenders (details supplied), if the tender processes in question was notified to the Official Journal of the European Union; if the tender notification required notification to the Official Journal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [12903/24]

\*1050. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 165 of 6 March 2024, if he will consider appointing his full cohort of three directors to the board of directors of the Irish Horse Board, including directors with international marketing and governance expertise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [12904/24]

\*1051. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to explain how a company with a stated objective within its constitution/rules to promote one studbook above all others won a tender to promote all of his Department's approved studbooks (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [12905/24]

\*1052. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 168 of 6 March 2024, the terms of such exit agreement to a named member of staff within a named organisation (details supplied); the costs to his Department of such an agreement; if the named individual was named as part the management team/project team of a series of tenders submitted to his Department during a period under which the person was exempt from competing against their former employer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [12906/24]

\*1053. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 167 of 6 March 2024, the number of engagements or interactions undertaken by his Department with industry stakeholders including studbooks either face-to-face, event or by video platform during 2023 regarding the sport horse sector; if he will provide details of the various officials involved in such interactions, their grade and each individual organisation that was interacted with, in tabular form; if similar information can be provided for each organisation delivering equine services under contract to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [12908/24]

\*1054. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a 2023 BISS payment will issue to a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry for leased lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [12921/24]

\*1055. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of food products seized by his Departmental officials at both Dublin Airport and Dublin Port in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [12975/24]

\*1056. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has concluded its consideration of the report on supports for landowners affected by ash dieback; if so, when he expects his department's ash dieback action plan to be presented to Cabinet for approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [13056/24]

\*1057. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the extremely wet conditions throughout the country and to consider extending the closing date for spreading lime under the liming scheme as a matter of urgency in the interest of health and safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [13097/24]

\*1058. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter concerning the Irish native honeybee (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [13107/24]

\*1059. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware that the masters confidential report is missing for the first shipment of in-calf heifers that left Waterford for Algeria on 4 January 2024 in livestock vessel Finola M. — Paul Murphy. [13144/24]

\*1060. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the masters confidential report (details supplied) was returned by the captain of the vessel within seven days of arrival at the destination port, as set out in Regulation 20 of the Carriage of Livestock by Sea Regulation SI 356 of 2016. — Paul Murphy. [13145/24]

\*1061. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the masters confidential report document (details supplied) was returned by the captain, the reason it cannot be located. — Paul Murphy. [13146/24]

\*1062. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action his Department is taking to retrieve or locate a document (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [13147/24]

\*1063. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a document (details supplied) was not returned by the captain, what steps will be taken to initiate a prosecution under section 36 of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013; and if the certificate of approval for the Finola M will be revoked due to the non-compliance with Regulation 20 of the Carriage of Livestock by Sea Regulations. — Paul Murphy. [13148/24]

\*1064. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of heifers that became sick or injured during a journey (details supplied); the number that died; and how many were unloaded from the vessel. — Paul Murphy. [13149/24]

\*1065. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he shares animal rights activist concerns that the EC Pig Directive is routinely breached not only by almost all pig farmers but also by Teagasc, the national agriculture and food industry research, advisory and training body, which is largely funded by the Government; his views on whether the issue is not just tail docking, pigs are not being provided with adequate enrichment, which is a major risk factor in tail biting; what actions will be taken to ensure compliance with the Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [13173/24]

\*1066. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when equine passports will issue for three foals (details supplied), with an application submitted in October 2023; the reasons for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [13174/24]

\*1067. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide all antibiotic usage data in relation to pig farms in Ireland, broken down by farming system, for example intensive indoor pig farms, organic outdoor, from January 2020 -January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [13185/24]

\*1068. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide details on all planned PPP projects and ongoing PPP contracts; the status of each project; the anticipated or known capital cost; the anticipated or known cost to the Exchequer over the lifetime of the contracts; the annual total payment of PPP unitary charges and the percentage share of the total

capital budget for his Department and all public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13189/24]

\*1069. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of concerns about farmers facing a shortage of fodder over the coming weeks; if he is considering supports for farmers with addressing this gap or with high costs of buying silage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [13258/24]

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

\*1070. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if financial assistance will be provided for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [12313/24]

\*1071. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will examine matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [12886/24]

\*1072. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of staff in the HSE's Children's Disability Network Teams; the number of staff in Section 38 organisations; and the number of staff in Section 39 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [11542/24]

\*1073. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Children's Disability Network Teams that are currently fully staffed; the expected duration of such staffing levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [11544/24]

\*1074. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the criteria used to determine the number of therapists required in each Children's Disability Network Team; and the details of such criteria. — Emer Higgins. [11545/24]

\*1075. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of therapy staff in each specialisation that have left the Children's Disability Network Teams system in the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [11548/24]

\*1076. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a child who does not have access to an occupational therapist in their Children's Disability Network Team can access an occupational therapist in another Children's Disability Network Team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [11550/24]

\*1077. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the process used to prioritise children on waiting lists for both an assessment of needs and access to critically needed therapists; if this process is understood by families; if they know where their child is on the list; how they are updated on their progress up the list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [11551/24]

\*1078. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a contract for a facility (details supplied) will be renewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11564/24]

\*1079. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the capacity of each direct provision centre by county, to include the number of places available in each direct provision in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [11568/24]

\*1080. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the occupancy of each direct provision centre, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [11569/24]

\*1081. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the capacity and occupancy of each EROC centre, to include the number of places available and actual occupancy, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [11570/24]

\*1082. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a bus service can be reviewed on behalf of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11571/24]

\*1083. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to investigate the case of a child (details supplied) who has been told that the current service she is receiving is inappropriate for her needs but who has been refused access to the service which she has been directed towards and if services could engage with the family. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [11572/24]

\*1084. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth why a person (details supplied) is waiting on an assessment of needs; if he can speed up the appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [11584/24]

\*1085. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has had the need to contact An Garda Síochána due to verbal, written (including electronically) or physical threats being addressed to staff or Ministers, at any level, working within the Department during the period 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11589/24]

\*1086. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if any commitment was ever given to anyone by the Department or the Minister that the number of international protection applicants placed in a facility (details supplied) would be limited to a certain capacity; if so what was the limit committed to and was that honoured; did he make any similar commitments for any other international protection applicant locations and if so, where and when. — Alan Kelly. [11607/24]

\*1087. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth following on from the reply received to Parliamentary Question No. 538 of 13 February 2024, what progress has been made since that reply by his Department regarding the purchase of a hotel (details supplied) to become a community hotel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [11649/24]

\*1088. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of beds for international protection applicants which were empty in each week of 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [11669/24]

\*1089. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason emergency measures to temporarily house international protection applicants who are sleeping rough were lifted; and the method used to determine when such measures should be ended. — Ivana Bacik. [11670/24]

\*1090. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many parliamentary questions forwarded by him to Tusla are awaiting response, due to industrial action or other circumstances; and how many of those questions were submitted by this Deputy. — Peadar Tóibín. [11690/24]

\*1091. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will list the occasions and dates upon which he has met with representatives of the voluntary sector providing care and accommodation to children in State care. — Peadar Tóibín. [11691/24]

\*1092. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to instances where children seeking asylum in Ireland have ended up sleeping in tents (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [11692/24]

\*1093. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of properties his Department has purchased for the purposes of accommodating refugees or asylum seekers since he took office; how many of those properties are currently occupied; and how many are vacant. — Peadar Tóibín. [11693/24]

\*1094. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children who have died while either in State care or known to child protection services in each of the past 11 years; and if a breakdown can be provided on cause of death or suspected cause of death. — Peadar Tóibín. [11694/24]

\*1095. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons residing in the direct provision system currently who have been granted asylum in the State but are economically unable to leave the direct provision system. — Peadar Tóibín. [11695/24]

\*1096. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on Tusla's Residential Childcare Strategy, launched in January 2022; the targets for the introduction of 31 voluntary beds in the first two years of the strategy (2022 and 2023) and an additional 79 places by the statutory and voluntary providers during the lifetime of the strategy; and if he will detail the number of beds/places introduced in the voluntary and statutory providers since the strategy was launched. — Peadar Tóibín. [11696/24]

\*1097. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that many parents feel as though the care and support provided to their disabled children has decreased under the community disability network teams, specifically in relation to children with Down syndrome being provided more generalised care as opposed to specialised services that existed under the CRC; his advice for parents with these concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [11716/24]

\*1098. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the further education, training and employment opportunities for young people with intellectual disabilities

finishing post-primary school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [11725/24]

\*1099. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of respite places available in Cork from 2018 to date for patients aged under 65 years; in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [11730/24]

\*1100. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the proposed bill to ban conversion therapy; to the estimated date of publication; and whether it is his intention to pass the bill within this Government's term of office. — Holly Cairns. [11734/24]

\*1101. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there will be any exemptions under the proposed Bill to ban conversion therapy; and if so, the justifications for these exemptions. — Holly Cairns. [11735/24]

\*1102. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if it is his intention to provide a legal basis for nonbinary gender recognition; and if so, to provide an update on work carried out within his Department to date on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [11736/24]

\*1103. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether he or his Department have engaged with representatives from trans organisations in relation to concerns about the national gender service and the formulation of a new model of care; if so, to provide a list of organisations they have engaged with; and if not, whether he will commit to doing so. — Holly Cairns. [11742/24]

\*1104. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of an assessment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11751/24]

\*1105. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the likely date for an awareness raising campaign to commence in relation to the new Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Bill 2023 (details supplied); if the details of the campaign have been decided; if assurances will be given that this awareness campaign on the OPSC will be made available to the general public; and if so, the way this will be done. — Joan Collins. [11773/24]

\*1106. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department plans to act on correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [11775/24]

\*1107. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether accommodation previously assigned for those seeking temporary protection from Ukraine is becoming available for use for international protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [11787/24]

\*1108. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider moving to a fully publicly funded model of early years and school age care to bringing Ireland line with the best-in-class systems available in other countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11813/24]



\*1109. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he will take to ensure that the Stakeholder Response Team (SRT) will work with services in the local area, such as the CCCs, to source alternative places for children when child care closures are unavoidable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11814/24]

\*1110. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ringfence dedicated funding for the purposes of developing a coherent five-year plan to create a unified, publicly funded model of early years and school age care that incentivises the recruitment and retention of a graduate workforce, that is affordable and accessible for parents and crucially, places children's rights at its core (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11815/24]

\*1111. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to ensure that when a childcare setting indicates that it is going to close, it must first be signalled this within the Pobal Hive, by giving a minimum of three months' notice and six months if at all possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11816/24]

\*1112. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child care setting has confirmed with Pobal that it is to close, this will trigger a response from a Stakeholder Response Team (SRT); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11817/24]

\*1113. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he will take to ensure that when child care settings are at risk of closures, the Stakeholder Response Team (SRT) will work with a range of local agencies and others to devise a sustainable plan for the setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11818/24]

\*1114. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of IPAS applicants now residing in a facility (details supplied) by status, that is, male, female or child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [11832/24]

\*1115. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the stages involved in the assessment of properties offered for IPAS accommodation; the timeframe for assessment from time of offer to signing of contracts; the date the offer was received for a property in Tipperary (details supplied); the current stage of assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [11833/24]

\*1116. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the 16,500 children awaiting AON as per CDNT estimates are included in a schools assessment as per the new SET allocation model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11842/24]

\*1117. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of assessment of needs conducted per annum in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11846/24]

\*1118. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the parents of a child (details supplied) can expect to receive an assessment of needs for their child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11853/24]

\*1119. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress to date of the DNA working group established to consider the potential role of DNA in the context of the provision of the statutory tracing service under the Birth Information and Tracing Act 2022 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11869/24]

\*1120. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on how to approach birth information and tracing policy where a birth parent or other individual with access to relevant information is withholding information or otherwise failing to cooperate with an individual who is seeking out their birth information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11870/24]

\*1121. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps his Department has taken to inform adoptees and mother and baby home survivors of any potential role for DNA technologies in tracing birth information, given the diverse levels of technological literacy across society; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11871/24]

\*1122. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to assist families with newborns where maternity leave/payment ends at 26 weeks, but the vast majority of crèches will only take children aged from 12 months upwards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [11879/24]

\*1123. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of his Department's plans to use the HSE owned lands on the Heywood Road, Clonmel, County Tipperary for the provision of 62 modular homes; the current status of such considerations; the proposed use of such modular homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [11890/24]

\*1124. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline plans for the use of the HSE owned lands on the Heywood Road, Clonmel, County Tipperary; if these lands are being considered for the provision of modular homes by the Department of Children, Equality, Disabilities, Integration and youth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [11892/24]

\*1125. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 459 of 7 March 2023, if the Preliminary Design (Stage 1) Report for the new intellectual disability adult day services facility at the Cleary Centre in Donegal town is complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [11909/24]

\*1126. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider changing the criteria in order to successfully apply for the motorised transport grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [11920/24]

\*1127. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if she is aware that the CDNT team in Donegal east has no office of their own, a 65% staff vacancy rate and key leadership positions unfilled; and if she will urgently examine all options to resolve this crisis as soon as possible, including pooling resources with other CDNT teams in the county, until the vacancy rates improve. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [11926/24]

\*1128. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether a property (details supplied) is being considered for refugee accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [11947/24]

\*1129. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are plans to review the motorised transport grant and tax relief for drivers and passengers with disabilities given that the criteria for both schemes are restrictive; if he will consider changing the eligibility criteria to be more inclusive of different disabilities where people still cannot drive without an adapted car; when this criteria was last reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [11962/24]

\*1130. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of residential places that were available as of December 2023; and the number available to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [11964/24]

\*1131. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of children on the waiting list for CDNT services in County Wexford in each of the four Wexford CDNTs; the number of clinical staff currently assigned to the CDNT in County Wexford; the number of clinical staff currently employed to the CDNT in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [11971/24]

\*1132. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number currently awaiting an assessment of need by the children’s disability network team, broken down by CHO and waiting list timeframe that is, by one, three, six, 12 and greater than 12 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [11978/24]

\*1133. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide a staffing breakdown for the childrens disability network team for each CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [11982/24]

\*1134. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is satisfied that information relied upon by his Department in concluding that a property (details supplied) used for the accommodation of IPAs and BOTPs is a company and not the entity listed as the owner by the Land Registry. — Catherine Murphy. [12002/24]

\*1135. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 459 of 7 March 2023, if the preliminary design Stage 1 report for the new intellectual disability adult day services facility at the Cleary Centre in Donegal town is complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [12009/24]

\*1136. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps being taken to improve disability services in County Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [12054/24]

\*1137. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of currently vacant beds within the IPAS system, by county, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [12117/24]

\*1138. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of currently vacant beds in accommodation centres contracted for Ukrainians under temporary protection, by county, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [12118/24]

\*1139. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of accommodation providers contracted to provide accommodation for Ukrainian citizens under temporary protection that have been asked to extend their contract provisions to include accommodating international protection applicants, by county, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [12119/24]

\*1140. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to detail his plans to secure adequate and safe accommodation for all international protection applicants and to prevent the emergence of refugee camps on our streets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12142/24]

\*1141. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost to implement a 10% increase across the board for youth funding schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12203/24]

\*1142. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount allocated for service provisions in St. Christopher's, Longford, per heading for 2021, 2022, and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [12245/24]

\*1143. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current vacancies per role for St. Christopher's in Longford, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [12246/24]

\*1144. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for a breakdown in the funding provided by his Department to youth services in the Finglas and Ballymun areas; and for a breakdown in the changes to the level of funding since 2020. — Paul McAuliffe. [12276/24]

\*1145. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for a breakdown of the number of new posts funded by his Department in youth services in the Finglas and Ballymun areas since 2020. — Paul McAuliffe. [12277/24]

\*1146. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding provided by his Department for youth services in Finglas and Ballymun since 2006, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [12278/24]

\*1147. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the notice to quit issued to a creche (details supplied) that the creche provides essential childcare services for over 50 families in Balrothery; that the landlord only gave the crèche four weeks to vacate the premises; and if his Department will engage with the creche to help find an alternative location in the Balrothery area. — Louise O'Reilly. [12312/24]

\*1148. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 110 of 14 December 2023, if the negotiation process between the expert negotiator and religious orders with regard to contributing to the mother and baby institutions redress scheme has been completed to date; if not, the expected timeline for the conclusion of the negotiation process; when the report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12339/24]

\*1149. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of exit and or severance and or redundancy packages granted by his Department, and bodies

under his aegis and of bodies he funds in full or in part, of €100,000 and above but less than €200,000, by the amount and by each body in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [12344/24]

\*1150. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to review a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12361/24]

\*1151. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what funding or schemes are available to support communities with after school services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12367/24]

\*1152. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if all of the services and therapies required in the case of a person (details supplied) have been put in place; the steps being taken to ensure that all of the interventions that have been recommended in their case are in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [12380/24]

\*1153. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is any provision to include survivors of mother and baby homes who contributed towards the Investigation Committee of the final Mother and Baby Homes Commission of Investigation, who passed away before the Taoiseach's apology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [12427/24]

\*1154. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what action his Department is taking to ensure a standardised rate of pay for the different types of home and community care providers, given that disability home support is not operated under an authorisation scheme, which indicates that providers of disability support are paid less than those who are providers of elderly home support, wherein these providers are not guaranteed the living wage or travel time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12459/24]

\*1155. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide a breakdown of his Department's expenditure (details supplied), on a monthly basis for the past six months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [12463/24]

\*1156. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide the full list of purpose-built student accommodation complexes that are currently being paid to house Ukrainian refugees; the current number of refugees each is currently housing; the amount that has been paid to each provider to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [12475/24]

\*1157. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason the HSE, CDNTs and CHOs do not employ behavioural therapists. — Paul Murphy. [12497/24]

\*1158. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason the CDNT staff allocations are based on 2016 figures. — Paul Murphy. [12498/24]

\*1159. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the views of the HSE on how the numbers it allocates for staffing are sufficient to efficiently decrease the waitlist numbers and provide suitable and effective therapies in each CDNT; and if the HSE admits its potential role in understaffing and overworking current employees as a contributing

factor for the crisis in finding and retaining therapeutic workers (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [12504/24]

\*1160. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to his comments (details supplied), the reason for his acceptance of using a symbol created by a hate group and dismissing a symbol that was agreed upon by a consensus of neurodivergent and autistic individuals for themselves, given Autism Awareness day on 2 April 2024 and Autism Awareness Month; and if he will review the use of this symbol. — Paul Murphy. [12517/24]

\*1161. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason Ireland does not need to develop a suitable autism symbol for use in this country when one was presented (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [12518/24]

\*1162. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that Ireland's leading autism group (details supplied) has stated that it cannot stand behind the puzzle piece as a symbol for autism. — Paul Murphy. [12519/24]

\*1163. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the trauma that is associated by some persons in the autism community to the use of the puzzle piece as the autism symbol (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [12520/24]

\*1164. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in view of the delay in opening the portal for the submission of financial data for the core funding support of childcare, if he will he consider extending the deadline of 23 March 2024. — Richard Bruton. [12521/24]

\*1165. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth with regard to providers of accommodation and serviced accommodation to BOTPS and or separately IPAS applicants, if any of these contracts have been terminated by his Department; the reason for same; if that service provider still continues to provide services to his Department at that location, or separately at any other location, from January 2022 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [12542/24]

\*1166. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total yearly cost to his Department to date for security at centres for BOTPS and for IPAS applicants, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [12543/24]

\*1167. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the management company in place in a hotel (details supplied); the total number of other centres it has provided accommodation centres for BOTPS; the cumulative number involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [12544/24]

\*1168. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of centre management teams that have been offered his Department's training course for centre managers for IPAS and BOTPS facilities; if the centre management company for a hotel (details supplied) has taken up the offer; the content and duration of the course offered; the cost of running the course; if the centre companies make a financial contribution to this course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [12545/24]



\*1169. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the consultation undertaken by his Department in relation to his decision to locate IPAS applicants in a hotel (details supplied) both within and outside his Department, to include all third parties consulted or from whom advice was sought or/and received including Louth and Meath County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [12547/24]

\*1170. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the provision of the 500 rapid build modular homes originally approved in June 2022 and later increased to 700 units for beneficiaries of temporary protection; if the initial estimated cost was €140 million for the project; the current overall cost to the nearest estimate and per unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12548/24]

\*1171. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacant beds in existing IPAS centres and BOTPS centres, by county location, and the remaining number of occupied beds in those same centres, by county location, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [12549/24]

\*1172. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he met his Japanese counterpart during his recent visit to Japan for St. Patrick's Day events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [12569/24]

\*1173. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will now immediately publish in full the minutes and documents associated with the interdepartmental group that met to discuss the referendums on family and care; to provide details of the membership of the group; the number of times it met; the attendees at each meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [12591/24]

\*1174. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child (details supplied) will receive support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [12622/24]

\*1175. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his Department's plans in relation to the recommendation within the Joint Oireachtas Report on Autism on the establishment of a one stop shop for the autism community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [12644/24]

\*1176. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when applications for the mother and baby institutions payment scheme are open, if an individual will be able to apply if they are residing abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [12651/24]

\*1177. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of unaccompanied children in the care of the Child and Family Agency; the number of those children who, according to the process set out in section 14 (4) of the International Protection Act 2015, have made an application for international protection. — Catherine Connolly. [12652/24]

\*1178. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children waiting and the length of time they are waiting for initial contact from CDNTs in CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [12667/24]

\*1179. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will publish a list of the NGOs funded by his Department; and the level the funding each NGO received in the past three years, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [12714/24]

\*1180. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of engagements, including online meetings, webinars, briefings and in-person meetings that he or officials from his Department and bodies under the aegis of his Department have had with an organisation (details supplied), including its representatives, from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12734/24]

\*1181. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can stand over a situation in Tipperary south where a child (details supplied) who was referred for an ASD assessment in 2017 has still not received an assessment seven years later; if he will urgently review this case; the steps his Department will take to ensure this child receives an assessment and all associated supports without delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [12814/24]

\*1182. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when an assessment of needs will take place in the case of a person (details supplied) who has applied for same through an organisation, who currently has no professional support network and also requires access to CAMHS, occupational therapy and play therapy; the steps that can be taken to ensure early access to all services required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12843/24]

\*1183. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the progress of the new build for children's services in Carlow shared between a specialist pre-school (details supplied) and Carlow CDNT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [12854/24]

\*1184. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of children availing of his Department's funding programmes CCSP Saver Programme, ECCE, NCS in 2024. — Kathleen Funchion. [12862/24]

\*1185. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of unique children that are in a sponsorship arrangement through the NCS for 2024; the full year cost of 2024; the cost per child of these sponsorship arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [12869/24]

\*1186. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there will be an independent investigation into the leaking of the Attorney General's referendum advice to the media the day before the referendum. — Peadar Tóibín. [12883/24]

\*1187. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if any site or property in Coole is being considered for an IPAS accommodation centre; if information will be provided on any new potential arrivals arriving to Coole in the coming months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [12925/24]

\*1188. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details of the measures his Department is implementing to address the safety and humanitarian situation of individuals being forced to live in tents outside the International Protection Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12987/24]

\*1189. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children who are availing of the full 45 hours under the national childcare scheme; the number of children who are availing of part-time hours under the national childcare scheme; the number of children availing of afterschool care under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [13049/24]

\*1190. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the plans for a centre (details supplied) in Kilkenny as a potential housing solution for Ukrainian refugees; what communication have taken place with Kilkenny local authorities to date regarding this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [13059/24]

\*1191. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide the rationale for capping the amount of funding for the Early Learning and Care Building Blocks Capital Grant Stage 2 at €100,000 to include professional fees and VAT, while not allowing early learning and care services the use of their own reserves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [13083/24]

\*1192. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he proposes measures to ease the pressure on childcare providers resulting from the carer-child ratio laid down by his Department; whether such measures would include provision to include students and/or apprentices within the carer ratio; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13098/24]

\*1193. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can advise what plans are in place for demountable dwellings to be installed at a location in County Westmeath (details supplied); the number of occupants planned for this location; the timescale for their arrival; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [13114/24]

\*1194. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an application has been made to move Ukrainian refugees into accommodation at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13115/24]

\*1195. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on conditions for international protection applicants sleeping in tents in congregated areas of Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [13153/24]

\*1196. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if, with regard to the accommodation for people seeking temporary international protection in south Kildare, he can set out clearly what plans are in place for the provision of GP services to these people in circumstances where there is already a huge shortage of GPs in Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [13161/24]

\*1197. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if consideration is being given to allowing parents to transfer parental leave if they work for different employers, similar to the current entitlement for parents who work for the same employer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [13183/24]

\*1198. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can assist a school (details supplied) and address the matter raised in correspondence in respect of CDNT services in the area highlighted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [13188/24]

\*1199. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details on all planned PPP projects and ongoing PPP contracts; the status of each project; the anticipated or known capital cost; the anticipated or known cost to the Exchequer over the lifetime of the contracts; the annual total payment of PPP unitary charges and the percentage share of the total capital budget for his Department and all public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13190/24]

\*1200. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will advise on the areas of priority for disability in CHO3 under the national prioritisation plan, which is currently under review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13303/24]

\*1201. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of children awaiting a multidisciplinary assessment in County Clare, in chronological order, by number of days waiting, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13308/24]

\*1202. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons with disabilities that are currently living in nursing homes under the age of 65 years; what steps he is taking under the Disability Action Plan 2024-2026 to decant these residents to age appropriate community settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13314/24]

\*1203. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will comment on how many people with disabilities under the age of 65 years he has been able to decant from inappropriate nursing home settings; whether he is satisfied with this level of progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13315/24]

\*1204. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will clarify the position of a disability (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13317/24]

\*1205. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children awaiting first contact from Clare CDNT, by the number of days waiting in chronological order, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13322/24]

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

\*1206. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the understanding and managing adult ADHD programme was not chosen for funding by the HSE for 2024; what supports he intends to provide to it in its place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [11517/24]

\*1207. To ask the Minister for Health if he can expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [11518/24]

\*1208. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the outpatient waiting lists in each department of Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda, including details of the number of people waiting on the list and details of waiting times, in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [11527/24]

\*1209. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent medical staff by section at Naas General Hospital; the number of vacancies in each of those sections; and the last documented workforce planning strategy that was developed for the hospital. — Catherine Murphy. [11530/24]

\*1210. To ask the Minister for Health when HSE Services at the new primary medical centre on Station Road, Newcastle West, County Limerick will take up occupation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [11535/24]

\*1211. To ask the Minister for Health when it is scheduled for Beaumont Hospital to open a new accident and emergency department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [11536/24]

\*1212. To ask the Minister for Health when a CORU application will be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [11539/24]

\*1213. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists and psychologists employed by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [11543/24]

\*1214. To ask the Minister for Health the number of therapists that have been recruited by the HSE, Section 38 or Section 39 organisations in the past three years; the measures taken to compensate for the loss of staff while recruiting replacements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [11546/24]

\*1215. To ask the Minister for Health the method used to determine the ratio of therapists to children needing access to a specific therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [11547/24]

\*1216. To ask the Minister for Health the locations that have the greatest deficits for therapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [11549/24]

\*1217. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the decision by the HSE to withdraw funding for the Understanding and Managing Adult ADHD Programme (UMAAP) in 2024 and if his Department has plans for the continuation of this program; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [11552/24]

\*1218. To ask the Minister for Health the admission criteria for Linn Dara; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [11554/24]

\*1219. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young people that were admitted to Linn Dara from 2020 to present; the percentage of these who were from outside the catchment area, by year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [11555/24]

\*1220. To ask the Minister for Health if funding for private hospital care is available to persons with eating disorders who are not accepted to public facilities for care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [11556/24]

\*1221. To ask the Minister for Health if the eating disorder services model of care is to be updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [11557/24]

\*1222. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who were admitted to hospitals for eating disorders since 2020; the average length of hospitalisation for eating disorders during this time period; if readmissions occur; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [11558/24]

\*1223. To ask the Minister for Health the mental health treatments available to eating disorder patients who are reliant on a nasogastric tube; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [11559/24]

\*1224. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing levels of specialist eating disorder teams by CHO area; the steps being taken to improve retention and recruitment within eating disorder teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [11560/24]

\*1225. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the rollout of eating disorder teams; the funding allocated to the rollout for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [11573/24]

\*1226. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has had the need to contact An Garda Síochána due to verbal, written (including electronically) or physical threats being addressed to staff or Ministers, at any level, working within the Department during the period 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11597/24]

\*1227. To ask the Minister for Health when a person will receive a date for surgery (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [11611/24]

\*1228. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) can be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [11615/24]

\*1229. To ask the Minister for Health whether the requirements to become a HSE international board-certified lactation consultant (IBCLC) could be widened to reflect the pathways to become qualified, including the health professional route, mentorship or a voluntary group before taking the IBCLC exam; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [11624/24]

\*1230. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on infant formula in maternity hospitals in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [11625/24]

\*1231. To ask the Minister for Health who represented Ireland at the COP10/MOP3 global anti-tobacco conferences; what agenda items were priority for the Irish delegation; what are the outcomes of the conferences that can translate into tobacco policy or legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11631/24]

\*1232. To ask the Minister for Health whether progress has been made on summarising the responses to the public consultation on further regulation of tobacco and nicotine inhaling products, whether pre-legislative scrutiny will be the next step of the legislative process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11632/24]

\*1233. To ask the Minister for Health for health for an update on the progress being made for the proposed reopening of a health centre in Wicklow (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [11634/24]



\*1234. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the urgent need to expand a health centre in Wicklow (details supplied) to allow wheelchair access for patients with mobility issues and to construct an additional room for medical consultations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [11635/24]

\*1235. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will commence chemotherapy treatment at Letterkenny University Hospital; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [11641/24]

\*1236. To ask the Minister for Health the position for an update in relation to the HSE-led implementation group considering the Joint Committee on Health report on the proposed legislative recommendations in the Marie O'Shea report; how many times have the group met since being established; who are the members of the group; to identify the ten work-streams identified by the group; when the draft implementation action plan is likely to be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [11643/24]

\*1237. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a timeline as to when the remaining two maternity hospitals are due to be in a position to offer full termination of pregnancy services, as prescribed in the 2018 Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [11644/24]

\*1238. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update in relation to the progression of the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023; and can he confirm that this bill will be completed in the lifetime of this current Dáil term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [11645/24]

\*1239. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify if the mandatory three-day waiting period before being able to access abortion services will be abolished; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [11647/24]

\*1240. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify whether there are any penalties or complaints procedures in place in relation to healthcare workers causing wilful delay or obstruction to women seeking to access abortion services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [11648/24]

\*1241. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 147 of 28 February 2024, the date on which he last requested this advice; in what format that advice was given; who gave the advice; and if he will publish this advice (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [11667/24]

\*1242. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a device to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11668/24]

\*1243. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of public health nurse vacancies, by health centre in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [11698/24]

\*1244. To ask the Minister for Health the number of developmental checks children in Dublin are missing due to a shortage of public health nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [11699/24]

\*1245. To ask the Minister for Health what steps have been taken to date to establish the grade of advanced practice physiotherapist, following his commitment to do so at a conference 2020 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11700/24]

\*1246. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with the relevant bodies to conduct a review of the management structure for physiotherapists (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11701/24]

\*1247. To ask the Minister for Health if he will work with the relevant bodies to establish a defined career pathway for clinical physiotherapy tutors to include recognition of specialism and further to advance the establishment of clinical academic posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11702/24]

\*1248. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with the relevant bodies to restore the placement allowance for clinical staff providing physiotherapy students with clinical placements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [11703/24]

\*1249. To ask the Minister for Health if he will be providing funding to a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [11704/24]

\*1250. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to include pharmacists in the MMR catch-up programme, given the current GP shortage, which may delay the provision of the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [11705/24]

\*1251. To ask the Minister for Health to establish a clear clinical pathway for assessment of babies with suspected Pierre Robin sequence between the maternity hospitals and the ENT teams in the paediatric hospitals to ensure children with Pierre Robin sequence are rapidly identified and treated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [11711/24]

\*1252. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to increase investment in audiology services in Beaumont Hospital, specifically in relation to operative aftercare for patients accessing surgical intervention abroad; if there are plans to further resource and fund audiology services to allow increased surgeries to happen in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [11715/24]

\*1253. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to increase the level of financial support and practical transport provision for cancer care patients who have to travel significant distances to access specialised care; the measures his Department proposes to rectify this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [11717/24]

\*1254. To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite places available in Cork from 2018 to date for patients aged over 65 years, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [11730/24]

\*1255. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on the National Gender Service waiting list currently; the number waiting for an initial appointment; and the length of time individuals have been waiting, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [11737/24]

\*1256. To ask the Minister for Health the end of year waiting list numbers for the National Gender Service from inception to date, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [11738/24]

\*1257. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the funding provided to the National Gender Service; and to detail the measures being taken to reduce waiting times. — Holly Cairns. [11739/24]

\*1258. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the current staffing of the National Gender Service, by role and grade, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [11740/24]

\*1259. To ask the Minister for Health whether he or his Department have engaged with representatives from trans organisations in relation to concerns about the national gender service and the formulation of a new model of care; if so, to provide a list of organisations they have engaged with; and if not, whether he will commit to doing so. — Holly Cairns. [11741/24]

\*1260. To ask the Minister for Health whether the National Gender Service has engaged with representatives from trans organisations in relation to concerns about the national gender service and the formulation of a new model of care; if so, to provide a list of organisations they have engaged with; and if not, whether he will commit to doing so. — Holly Cairns. [11743/24]

\*1261. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the level of stakeholder engagement conducted by the National Gender Service; and to provide a list of organisations they have met with. — Holly Cairns. [11744/24]

\*1262. To ask the Minister for Health the work that is being conducted in his Department to increase training for GPs in relation to trans healthcare provision. — Holly Cairns. [11745/24]

\*1263. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients who received gender affirming care abroad and were then denied treatment by the National Gender Service on their return or arrival to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [11746/24]

\*1264. To ask the Minister for Health to reverse the decision for the withdrawal of funding for a programme that provides ADHD support to adults (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [11748/24]

\*1265. To ask the Minister for Health when a medical officer will be appointed to the Plunkett Home, Boyle, County Roscommon, given this position was advertised and approved at the end of 2023. — Frankie Feighan. [11754/24]

\*1266. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that many US trained nurses are failing to get permits to practice in Ireland; whether he has received any report on this pattern; and if he plans initiatives that could facilitate such well trained nurses to find a pathway into practice. — Richard Bruton. [11796/24]

\*1267. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding members of the public who are not eligible for medical cards but cannot find a general practice to take them on in their area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [11799/24]

\*1268. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to extending the temporary scheme created to pay healthcare workers who were unfit to work after contracting long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11803/24]

\*1269. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure for a new company providing home support to be placed on the approved providers list in CHO6; if the tendering process only occurs once per year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11805/24]

\*1270. To ask the Minister for Health when surgery will be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11811/24]

\*1271. To ask the Minister for Health the status of funding for care for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11820/24]

\*1272. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11821/24]

\*1273. To ask the Minister for Health how many people have been diagnosed with long-Covid since the start of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11829/24]

\*1274. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to extend the special scheme of paid leave for healthcare workers suffering from long-Covid past March 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [11830/24]

\*1275. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the delivery of a primary care centre for Glanmire, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11839/24]

\*1276. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the delivery of a primary care centre for Mayfield, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11840/24]

\*1277. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the delivery of a primary care centre for Blarney, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11841/24]

\*1278. To ask the Minister for Health when Section 39 organisations will receive the additional funding for staff pay arising from the Workplace Relations Commission agreement in October 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [11872/24]

\*1279. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait times for an adult in north Tipperary to see both a speech therapist and physiotherapist after receiving a referral from their doctor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [11873/24]

\*1280. To ask the Minister for Health the consideration that has been given by his Department for an interim solution to screen newborn babies for SMA and SCID in order to bridge the gap between year-end 2024, given his commitment to the implementation of SMA screening in the heelprick test, and the opening of the new National Children's Hospital in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11874/24]

\*1281. To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department is taking to ensure newborn babies are screened for SMA in 2024 as committed to by him, considering the fact that the new

lab, to be located in the new National Children's Hospital, will not be ready until at least Q2 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11875/24]

\*1282. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the reimbursement of pegvaliase, considering the NCPE finished its appraisal in September 2022; when a final decision will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11876/24]

\*1283. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an assessment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11878/24]

\*1284. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position with the construction of a new hospital (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [11884/24]

\*1285. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position with the provision of a new daycare centre (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [11885/24]

\*1286. To ask the Minister for Health to outline plans for the use of the HSE owned lands on the Heywood Road, Clonmel, County Tipperary; if these lands are being considered for the provision of modular homes by the Department of Children, Equality, Disabilities, Integration and youth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [11891/24]

\*1287. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of health care workers suffering long-Covid whose pay will cease on 31 March 2024 (details supplied) will be examined and discussed further; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [11895/24]

\*1288. To ask the Minister for Health the number of child psychiatrists employed by the HSE in CAMHS in the CHO5 area; the number of children waiting for an appointment with a child psychiatrist in each county within the CHO5 area; the number of referrals that have been refused an appointment for this service; and the number referred awaiting a decision in CHO5 in each county. — John McGuinness. [11899/24]

\*1289. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to ensure that all public information made available by his Department and the HSE is in a format that is easily read, with particular regard to assisting people with intellectual disabilities. — John McGuinness. [11901/24]

\*1290. To ask the Minister for Health if there are clear guidelines for treating PANS and PANDAS symptoms in paediatric hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [11906/24]

\*1291. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a review of the community ophthalmic services medical treatment scheme; if he will request this process to be expedited, given ongoing concerns related to reimbursement from medical professionals in this sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [11915/24]

\*1292. To ask the Minister for Health if he will retain GP services in Swanlinbar primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [11916/24]

\*1293. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the recruitment of staff for the new primary care centre in Clondalkin on the Boot Road; the status of staff vacancies (details

supplied); how they have progressed since then; if they will be in place for the opening of the centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [11919/24]

\*1294. To ask the Minister for Health if the Draft Overarching National Standards for the Care and Support of Children using Health and Social Care Services standards developed by HIQA and the Mental Health Commission and submitted for Ministerial approval in July 2022 were approved; if there is a delay in their approval; if so, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [11921/24]

\*1295. To ask the Minister for Health if in the coming weeks he will meet with mid-west Oireachtas members and mid-west Health Forum members to discuss the crisis in the UHL hospital group. — Alan Kelly. [11931/24]

\*1296. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive their next appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [11933/24]

\*1297. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will get another appointment with any peritoneum consultant within the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [11934/24]

\*1298. To ask the Minister for Health his views on recent legislation passed in Westminster to create an optional bereavement certificate for pregnancy loss before 24 weeks' gestation; and his plans to introduce such a similar initiative here. — Ivana Bacik. [11946/24]

\*1299. To ask the Minister for Health when a neurologist will be appointed to a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [11954/24]

\*1300. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of reports that Covid testing laboratory staff employed by private providers were excluded from the Covid-19 recognition payment, although they were carrying out Covid-testing on behalf of the HSE; if it was the deliberate policy of his Department or the HSE to exclude such workers; if so, to supply any details about how this policy was arrived at; his views on whether it is appropriate that workers in a persistently Covid-exposed environment and carrying out vital public health work during the height of the Covid-19 crisis would be excluded from a payment; if this was not HSE or his Department's policy, the steps those employed in Covid-testing laboratories in the relevant period can take to access the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11959/24]

\*1301. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in issuing an appointment to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11963/24]

\*1302. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons in County Wexford currently in receipt of homecare support hours; the total current number of home care support hours being delivered in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [11975/24]

\*1303. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons awaiting delivery of approved and additional homecare support hours in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [11976/24]



\*1304. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting list for physiotherapy in CHO6 and CHO7 in County Wicklow; broken down by length of time 3, 6, 12+ months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [11979/24]

\*1305. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting list for occupational therapy in CHO6 and CHO7 in County Wicklow; broken down by length of time 3, 6, 12+ months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [11980/24]

\*1306. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting list for child psychology in CHO6 and CHO7 in County Wicklow, broken down by length of time 3, 6, 12+ months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [11981/24]

\*1307. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are currently on waiting lists for dental appointments through the school age dental service in County Wicklow, broken down by town/municipal district, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [11983/24]

\*1308. To ask the Minister for Health when children who are currently in 6th class in primary schools in County Wicklow CHO6 and CHO7 will receive an appointment for the school age HSE dental service in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [11984/24]

\*1309. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults on the orthodontic waiting list in Wicklow; the average waiting times for appointments broken down by 1, 3, 6 and 12+ months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [11985/24]

\*1310. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults currently on the waiting list for physiotherapy in CHO6 and CHO7 in County Wicklow, broken down by the length of time, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [11986/24]

\*1311. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults awaiting occupational therapy in CHO6 and CHO7 in County Wicklow, broken down by the length of time 3, 6, 12+ months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [11987/24]

\*1312. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of the number of dental practices who are signed up to the dental treatment scheme; the breakdown of the number, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [11988/24]

\*1313. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) is expected to begin treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [11989/24]

\*1314. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons under 18 years-of-age who are currently waiting to commence orthodontic treatment in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [11991/24]

\*1315. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients over the age of 18 awaiting commencement of orthodontic treatment in County Wexford who were identified as requiring treatment before 18 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [11992/24]

\*1316. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting orthodontic treatment in County Wexford for 36 months or longer, 48 months or longer and 60 months or longer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [11993/24]

\*1317. To ask the Minister for Health when his Department will approve additional funding to increase the current orthodontic specialist appointment to orthodontic services in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [11995/24]

\*1318. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the current vacant full time orthodontic consultant post in south east community healthcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [11996/24]

\*1319. To ask the Minister for Health the current period of time the south east community healthcare has been without a WTE orthodontic consultant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [11997/24]

\*1320. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of current vacancies within the HSE orthodontic services in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [11998/24]

\*1321. To ask the Minister for Health when his Department will approve funding for a whole time paediatric dietician solely for the Wexford CAMHS team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [11999/24]

\*1322. To ask the Minister for Health the top five procedures which citizens availed of under the treatment purchase fund in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [12000/24]

\*1323. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the urgent provision of GPs in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [12006/24]

\*1324. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 74 of 29 February 2024, if the HSE can provide an update on the 45 recommendations that fall under its remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [12015/24]

\*1325. To ask the Minister for Health if he will announce a timeline for construction of the new primary health centre, including when a planning application will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [12024/24]

\*1326. To ask the Minister for Health the reason no appeal mechanism is included in the job evaluation scheme conducted by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [12031/24]

\*1327. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of citizens of Northern Ireland availing of procedures and treatment in the State under a scheme similar to the treatment purchase fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [12043/24]

\*1328. To ask the Minister for Health if he can assist in expediting a registration with CORU (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [12057/24]

\*1329. To ask the Minister for Health if assessments and diagnosis services for adults within counties Louth or Meath are available through the public system; if not, the reasons for same; if they are not, if the cost of accessing a diagnosis can be applied for through the NTPF or other funding avenues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [12070/24]

\*1330. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [12071/24]

\*1331. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 219 of 24 January 2024, given the criteria to qualify for the scheme outlined in his response, if he will instruct the HSE to reverse this rejection from the treatment abroad scheme and enable this person to access the treatment recommended by their consultant. — Paul Murphy. [12076/24]

\*1332. To ask the Minister for Health the medical card entitlement income thresholds in 2004, 2009, 2014 and 2019, in tabular form. — Brian Stanley. [12079/24]

\*1333. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the services that have been reduced at a hospital (details supplied); the steps being taken to restore the level of services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [12084/24]

\*1334. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 559 of 20 February 2024, how exactly hormone concentrations are used in dosage increases; and if any international clinical guidelines are used in this process. — Paul Murphy. [12087/24]

\*1335. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 559 of 20 February 2024, if the National Gender Service will commit to mentioning the role of hormone concentrations in guiding treatment decisions in future communications with GPs and others. — Paul Murphy. [12088/24]

\*1336. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 368 of 1 February 2024, if the National Gender Service will commit to updating its future communications with GPs and others to reflect the fact that the mentioned private provider does have a prescriber registered with the Irish Medical Council. — Paul Murphy. [12089/24]

\*1337. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure newborn babies are screened for SMA and SCID in 2024 as he previously committed, considering the fact that the new laboratory to be located in the new National Children's Hospital, will not be ready until at least Q2 2025; if consideration has been given by his Department for an interim solution to screen newborn babies for SMA and SCID in order to bridge the gap between year-end 2024 and the opening of the new National Children's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [12093/24]

\*1338. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the new emergency department at Beaumont Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12110/24]

\*1339. To ask the Minister for Health the number of autistic children refused CAMHS treatment because on absence of a moderate to severe mental disorder in 2023, broken down by CHO area, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12111/24]

\*1340. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the suspension of planned surgeries, procedures and appointments at the UL Hospitals Group to facilitate surge capacity at the constituent hospitals in the mid-west; the measures to be introduced to perform those procedures at the earliest date possible; to provide data on the number of and type of cancelled surgeries and procedures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [12121/24]

\*1341. To ask the Minister for Health if the new 96-bed block of beds that are being constructed for UHL will be all new beds for the hospital; if not, if some of them be replacement beds; if so, the number of new and replacement beds, respectively; and the net increase in beds as a result. — Alan Kelly. [12132/24]

\*1342. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which he expects the medical assessment unit in Nenagh Hospital to move to operating 24-hour care. — Alan Kelly. [12138/24]

\*1343. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to have a planned cardiac procedure carried out at the Mater Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [12140/24]

\*1344. To ask the Minister for Health the number of reviews of reported deaths carried out by the Standards and Quality Assurance division of the Mental Health Commission in each year of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [12143/24]

\*1345. To ask the Minister for Health the number of deaths in approved centres and mental health services reported to the coroner for the past ten years; the follow up procedures when a death is reported in an approved centre; if records of findings are maintained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [12144/24]

\*1346. To ask the Minister for Health the number of wrongful death cases relevant to deaths in mental healthcare taken in a civil litigation context against the HSE by bereaved persons in the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [12145/24]

\*1347. To ask the Minister for Health the progress being made in the construction of the 96-bed unit at University Hospital Limerick; when construction will be finished; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [12148/24]

\*1348. To ask the Minister for Health when the 96-bed unit currently under construction at University Hospital Limerick will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [12149/24]

\*1349. To ask the Minister for Health the progress being made in the construction of the second 96-bed unit at University Hospital Limerick; when construction will be finished; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [12150/24]

\*1350. To ask the Minister for Health when the 96-bed unit, scheduled for construction at University Hospital Limerick will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [12151/24]

\*1351. To ask the Minister for Health if orthodontic treatment will be facilitated for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12152/24]

\*1352. To ask the Minister for Health if orthodontic treatment will be facilitated for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12153/24]

\*1353. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to establish a commissioner for ageing and older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12202/24]

\*1354. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) can expect to receive an appointment with the orthodontic department in St. Finbarr's Hospital, Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [12211/24]

\*1355. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that there are almost 200,000 people suffering from illness relating to eating disorders and that there are huge barriers to access proper treatment, as there are no dedicated public specialist units outside the three beds in St. Vincent's Hospital and these are catchment based; when the Eating Disorder Model of Care plan 2018 will be fully implemented; and what arrangements will be put in place for Limerick and the midwest. — Willie O'Dea. [12218/24]

\*1356. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the patient discharge policy operating in St. Vincent's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [12219/24]

\*1357. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the long waiting lists for child dental and orthodontic services in St. Finbarr's County Cork, and if he plans to introduce measures to alleviate same. — Pa Daly. [12233/24]

\*1358. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of children on a waiting list for their first appointment to CAMHS in the CHO6 area; and the number of those waiting more than six months. — Seán Crowe. [12248/24]

\*1359. To ask the Minister for Health in light of a care facility (details supplied) declaring that diabetes care for type 1 diabetes in Letterkenny University Hospital is in crisis, if he plans to address the situation; if he will meet with stakeholders to address the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [12252/24]

\*1360. To ask the Minister for Health if further financial support can be granted to a community addiction group (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [12255/24]

\*1361. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that people who have become ill and debilitated with long-Covid, contracted while delivering essential services during the pandemic, face the cut-off of their pay continuation scheme at the end of March; and if he can make arrangements to extend this cover. — Richard Bruton. [12288/24]

\*1362. To ask the Minister for Health the eligibility for a medical card in the case of children (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12290/24]

\*1363. To ask the Minister for Health the reason neuro physiotherapy services are not available in the mid-west (details supplied). — Martin Browne. [12293/24]

\*1364. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12294/24]

\*1365. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to open new rounds of funding under a walking tracks initiative (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12297/24]

\*1366. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the continued closure of the former health centre (details supplied); if his Department proposes to bring this building back into use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [12304/24]

\*1367. To ask the Minister for Health who is responsible for securing funding for a person who has been approved for a place but waiting on funding to be approved for residential care (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [12311/24]

\*1368. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12314/24]

\*1369. To ask the Minister for Health the consideration being given to the establishment of a helicopter emergency medical system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12329/24]

\*1370. To ask the Minister for Health if doctors are part of paramedic teams who attend road traffic collisions; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12330/24]

\*1371. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that are being taken to train emergency teams and paramedics who attend serious road traffic collisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12331/24]

\*1372. To ask the Minister for Health further to a recent Parliamentary Question, the explanation of ‘restricted procedure for works contractor’ protocol (details supplied); what differentiates it from an ‘unrestricted procedure’; the key criteria for making this distinction; the way and the reason it should be implemented in the opinion of his Department or the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12341/24]

\*1373. To ask the Minister for Health further to a recent Parliamentary Question, if he will provide an explanation of this framework (details supplied) to include all of its sub-components and what core groupings in his Department have management over this initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12342/24]

\*1374. To ask the Minister for Health the number of exit and or severance and or redundancy packages granted by his Department, and bodies under his aegis and of bodies he funds in full or in part, of €100,000 and above but less than €200,000, by the amount and by each body in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [12352/24]

\*1375. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite an appointment for orthodontic treatment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12362/24]



\*1376. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the scopolinem patch; if there are plans to make it available for medical card users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12363/24]

\*1377. To ask the Minister for Health when the GP streaming service for UHL Hospital that was announced by the CEO of the HSE recently will commence operating; the way in which it will work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [12368/24]

\*1378. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to an investigation into the illegal administering of botox-type products by individuals and businesses and the use of unlicensed products (details supplied); the steps he is taking to enforce existing legislation which only provides for botox-type products to be administered by doctors, dentists and registered nurses, in certain circumstances under the direction of doctors or dentists; the engagements he has had with the Health Products Regulatory Authority in respect of regulation and enforcement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12370/24]

\*1379. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to increase the regulation of non-surgical cosmetic treatments which are currently administered by a wide variety of practitioners, including those with no medical training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12371/24]

\*1380. To ask the Minister for Health if he will regulate a cosmetic product (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12372/24]

\*1381. To ask the Minister for Health if he will amend the Dentists Act 1985 to expand the regulatory role and powers of the Dental Council, following a recent investigation into the administering of botox-type products (details supplied); the status of plans to reform the 1985 Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12373/24]

\*1382. To ask the Minister for Health the specifics of the enhanced community care pathway for cardiology at Mayo University Hospital; the investments made by his Department and the HSE since 2020 in dedicated cardiac care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12386/24]

\*1383. To ask the Minister for Health the enhancements in the number of cardiology consultants, staffing, and bed allocation at Mayo University Hospital to improve the treatment of cardiac patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12387/24]

\*1384. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the number of staff working within Mayo University Hospital compared to pre-Covid times across all its five directorates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12388/24]

\*1385. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the new CT scanner project at Mayo University Hospital; when the exiting scanner will be replaced to have two functional scanners operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12389/24]

\*1386. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken by his Department and the HSE to recognise pre-hospital emergency medicine as a sub-specialty in Ireland, given its recognition and effectiveness in the UK NHS and other EU member states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12390/24]

\*1387. To ask the Minister for Health how his Department and the HSE plans to integrate doctors into the critical care helicopter emergency medical service considering the positive impact of such integration in the UK NHS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12391/24]

\*1388. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that are being considered by his Department and the HSE to expand the scope of practice in the National Ambulance Service, to include treatments necessary to save lives at the scene of an emergency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12392/24]

\*1389. To ask the Minister for Health what plans are in place to provide training for critical care trauma interventions in the National Ambulance Service, given their proven effectiveness in the UK's HEMS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12393/24]

\*1390. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department and the HSE will consider leveraging the evidence and experience of the group of Irish pre-hospital personnel working in the UK to improve pre-hospital care in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12394/24]

\*1391. To ask the Minister for Health if a patient transport service is available to patients in north and south Tipperary who are receiving radium treatment in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [12430/24]

\*1392. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff currently employed and the number considered a full cohort WTE, by department, in Cork University Hospital, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [12431/24]

\*1393. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff currently employed in the high dependency unit in Cork University Hospital. — Thomas Gould. [12432/24]

\*1394. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 559 of 7 February 2024, if he will detail the HSE services that operated within the day care centre prior to the opening of the primary care facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [12437/24]

\*1395. To ask the Minister for Health the current funding and resource allocation for Mayo University Hospital, specifically for neurological services and what steps are being taken to ensure that access to a consultant neurologist is equally distributed across the country and Mayo patients can have local access for in-patient treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12440/24]

\*1396. To ask the Minister for Health what measures are being considered to ensure that the care received by patients does not depend on where they live, specifically for neurological services; the steps that will be taken to expedite the appointment of a consultant neurologist at Mayo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12441/24]

\*1397. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend the special scheme to provide special leave with pay for eligible health sector staff in respect of long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12448/24]

\*1398. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of delays in processing blood tests at LUH; the impact this will have on services; if steps are being taken to address the delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [12450/24]

\*1399. To ask the Minister for Health for clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [12455/24]

\*1400. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Meath will get an appointment at Our Lady's Hospital Navan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [12465/24]

\*1401. To ask the Minister for Health if an application for the permanent ill health exit package for a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12466/24]

\*1402. To ask the Minister for Health when teletherapy to treat patients with Parkinson's disease will be rolled out in other hospitals and clinics following the successful trial in Regional Hospital Tullamore in 2023. — Robert Troy. [12480/24]

\*1403. To ask the Minister for Health the current situation regarding negotiations for Public Health Service employees diagnosed with long-Covid; if he has considered best international practice with regard to dealing with this matter both from a medical and a financial point of view for the employees diagnosed; the state of negotiations with an organisation (details supplied) regarding healthcare workers in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [12481/24]

\*1404. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the case of a person (details); and when they can expect a hospital appointment. — Barry Cowen. [12484/24]

\*1405. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the policy regarding the reuse and recycling of wheelchairs and crutches across all sectors of the health system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [12485/24]

\*1406. To ask the Minister for Health how student nurses in certain circumstances (details supplied) can qualify for travel expenses while on placement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [12494/24]

\*1407. To ask the Minister for Health the areas to which funding is going, when the filled positions as denoted by the HSE staff census or by the total number of therapists and administration staff versus filled positions does not match the CHOs report for number of staff at end of month. — Paul Murphy. [12499/24]

\*1408. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE staff census approved WTE and the CHO allocated positions varies greatly. — Paul Murphy. [12500/24]

\*1409. To ask the Minister for Health the reason CHOs have such a differing opinion on what is covered by GDPR and what information is entitled under Freedom of Information. — Paul Murphy. [12501/24]

\*1410. To ask the Minister for Health the reason information metrics are not centrally located. — Paul Murphy. [12502/24]

\*1411. To ask the Minister for Health how the HSE can issue a staff census or accurately figure up therapeutic hours, if the numbers are not centrally located. — Paul Murphy. [12503/24]

\*1412. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether there are guidelines for each CHO to decide what people are entitled to under FOI requests. — Paul Murphy. [12505/24]

\*1413. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) can expect to receive an appointment to have orthodontic treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [12514/24]

\*1414. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE seeks an indemnity on vehicle insurance policies of student nurses in order for them to claim travel expenses; if all grades of HSE employees/students are required to seek the same indemnification in order to claim travel expenses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [12516/24]

\*1415. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of a project (details supplied); the current timeline of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [12538/24]

\*1416. To ask the Minister for Health when the decision was made to open the new community nursing home in Nenagh as a step-down facility for UHL patients; who made the decision to do this; and on what date this will commence. — Alan Kelly. [12540/24]

\*1417. To ask the Minister for Health the work that has been carried to develop pharmaceutical capacity in hospitals to make or compound highly expensive medicines on a small scale for their patients as allowed for under EU law, given increasing medicine costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [12555/24]

\*1418. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times to see a consultant paediatric nephrologist at CHI Crumlin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [12564/24]

\*1419. To ask the Minister for Health if he visited the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital during his recent visit to Australia for St. Patrick's Day events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [12565/24]

\*1420. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients travelling from Kilkenny and from Carlow to receive treatment for age related macular degeneration at the ophthalmic clinic at the Mater Hospital in 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [12566/24]

\*1421. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant anaesthesiologist posts in University Hospital Waterford in 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [12567/24]

\*1422. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion in percentage terms of the annual health budget spent on medical continuous glucose monitoring devices in relation to overall medical technology spending, from 2019-2023, broken down per annum, in tabular form. — Seán Canney. [12576/24]

\*1423. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the number of persons who are out on sick leave due to long-Covid within the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12578/24]

\*1424. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he is taking to address the growing concern of diabetics regarding the difficulties in obtaining ozempic, some persons are finding it impossible to obtain the drug. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [12579/24]

\*1425. To ask the Minister for Health if an extension will be given to those people working in the HSE, that is, nurses who are out on sick leave due to long-Covid and whose full pay is to end in March 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12580/24]

\*1426. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of renovations to Millfield House, Blackpool; the cost of construction of apartments for mental health residents; and the number of residents currently in these facilities. — Neasa Hourigan. [12581/24]

\*1427. To ask the Minister for Health the current cost of security at Millfield House, Blackpool; and the total cost of security incurred by the HSE since a contract was initiated there in May 2019. — Neasa Hourigan. [12582/24]

\*1428. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which a person (details supplied) exceeds the income limits for qualification for a medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12587/24]

\*1429. To ask the Minister for Health the current position in regard to an application for a medical card in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12589/24]

\*1430. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in the renewal of a medical card in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12590/24]

\*1431. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE lactation consultants based in CHO8 in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [12603/24]

\*1432. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to develop a model of care for people with avoidant restrictive food intake disorder; and if there is a clinical lead within the HSE. — Sorca Clarke. [12604/24]

\*1433. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE general practitioners based in the accident and emergency department in Mullingar Regional Hospital in 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024; and the hours and days of the week where the GP is on site within the accident and emergency department, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [12605/24]

\*1434. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the health (amendment) (licensing of home support providers) Bill. — Sorca Clarke. [12606/24]

\*1435. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE vacancies by job title at St. Joseph's Campus, Longford; and the estimated timeframe for which these vacancies are expected to be filled, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [12607/24]

\*1436. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE cleft nurse specialists at CHI Temple Street in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased in 2024. — Sorca Clarke. [12608/24]

\*1437. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a CORU registration (details supplied) in which all documents have been verified will take up to four months to be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [12615/24]

\*1438. To ask the Minister for Health to review correspondence (details supplied); when an appointment will be rescheduled for a person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [12623/24]

\*1439. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown on the spend on ambulance services across CHO8 in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [12626/24]

\*1440. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dietitian vacancies currently within the primary care service in County Meath; and when those vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [12627/24]

\*1441. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times the HSE has advertised for the post of consultant maxillofacial surgeon since June 2022. — Darren O'Rourke. [12628/24]

\*1442. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant orthopaedic surgeons and orthopaedic registrars based in Our Lady's Hospital, Navan in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [12629/24]

\*1443. To ask the Minister for Health the refurbishment works that were carried out at the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital in 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024; and the nature of these works that were carried out in each of the years in question, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [12630/24]

\*1444. To ask the Minister for Health if he has monitored the progress made under the actions specified in the National Positive Ageing Strategy 2013 and published annual progress reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [12648/24]

\*1445. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 330 of 8 February 2024, in light of the increased number of people attending Cashel minor injuries unit, if projections are being formulated to forecast possible number for future years to ensure sufficient services and staff are allocated to deal with the increased numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [12649/24]

\*1446. To ask the Minister for Health the reason medical scans on patients that require a scan on their kidney, bladder and urethra are being cancelled because of a lack of funding in Sligo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [12656/24]

\*1447. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe within which the new pathway for children with type 1 diabetes will be implemented in Cavan Monaghan Hospital for the provision of insulin pump therapy; and the reason for the delay in implementing this service, which was due to start in Quarter 3/Quarter 4 of 2023. — Pauline Tully. [12657/24]



\*1448. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined, given they have not received their Covid recognition payment despite being fully eligible for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [12661/24]

\*1449. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12668/24]

\*1450. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline, process and rationale used, that resulted with the need to move residents from a unit (details supplied); what engineering reports and risk assessments were carried out that led to the decision to transfer residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [12669/24]

\*1451. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on the public health sector special scheme for long-Covid each month since it was introduced in July 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [12685/24]

\*1452. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be released to fund the agreed pay increase to Section 39 workers funded by the HSE (details supplied) including the backdated element of the pay deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [12687/24]

\*1453. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the scheme to support public sector bodies to purchase vending machines equipped with free period products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12703/24]

\*1454. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for a building (details supplied); if the building will be brought back into use; if not, if it has been deemed to be surplus to requirements and sold; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12711/24]

\*1455. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish a list of the NGOs funded by his Department; and the level the funding each NGO received in the past three years, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [12722/24]

\*1456. To ask the Minister for Health the number of engagements, including online meetings, webinars, briefings and in-person meetings that he or officials from his Department and bodies under the aegis of his Department have had with an organisation (details supplied) including its representatives from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12742/24]

\*1457. To ask the Minister for Health to explain in detail the decision to withdraw funding for the Understanding and Managing Adult ADHD Programme for 2024; if he will reconsider this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [12755/24]

\*1458. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Glenwood House, Carrigaline has not yet opened as a mental health facility since it received planning permission from An Bord Pleanála in October 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [12768/24]

\*1459. To ask the Minister for Health the total cost of the purchase and renovation of Glenwood House, Carrigaline and any other associated costs. — Neasa Hourigan. [12769/24]

\*1460. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the HSE to review the recruitment pause in the case of mental health professionals given its impact on mental health waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [12778/24]

\*1461. To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department is taking to ensure a focus remains on ensuring Irish patients have timely access to rare disease treatments (details supplied) and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12779/24]

\*1462. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to calls for the provision of local neurology services including access to a consultant neurologist in Wexford General Hospital; if this is under review within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [12784/24]

\*1463. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE vacant dental nurse positions currently in the Kildare primary care system; and the timeframe for which these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [12793/24]

\*1464. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated costs required for the purchase of additional helicopter for the HSE aeromedical services. — Catherine Murphy. [12794/24]

\*1465. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that were treated in the minor injuries unit in Smithfield in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [12795/24]

\*1466. To ask the Minister for Health the locations within public health service of obesity clinics; and the hours and days of the week each clinic is available, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [12796/24]

\*1467. To ask the Minister for Health the locations within CHO9 where community specialist teams for older persons are based, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [12797/24]

\*1468. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultants working within the clinical speciality of obesity and bariatric surgery across public health service. — Catherine Murphy. [12798/24]

\*1469. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE sonographers working in Naas General Hospital in 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [12799/24]

\*1470. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who died by suicide within 12 weeks of their discharge from a psychiatric hospital or unit, by hospital or unit, in 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [12803/24]

\*1471. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can avail of treatment for a condition under the treatment abroad scheme or the cross border directive. — Eoin Ó Broin. [12805/24]

\*1472. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who has been waiting for an appointment at the ophthalmology department at University Hospital Limerick and has yet to receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [12809/24]

\*1473. To ask the Minister for Health the new criteria used to assess applications for discretionary payments for items such as specialised spectacles for children in the CHO network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [12816/24]

\*1474. To ask the Minister for Health if a consultant neurologist post and services will be made available for Wexford General Hospital, in relation to commitments made to provide community care in the Programme for Government. — Johnny Mythen. [12819/24]

\*1475. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the serious shortage of GP availability and GP appointment availability in the Dublin mid-west area; the steps that are being taken to increase GP provision in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [12825/24]

\*1476. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider removing mental health services from the present health recruitment embargo; and if a manpower plan for 2024 is close to agreement. — Richard Bruton. [12850/24]

\*1477. To ask the Minister for Health the status of funding to support community-based service providers in the provision of health services across country for a service in County Carlow (details supplied). — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [12855/24]

\*1478. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine a matter concerning the lack of administrative support staff working in the oncology department of the HSE primary care centre on Mitchel Street, Thurles (details supplied); if he will provide an update on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [12856/24]

\*1479. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to assessing medical card applications for individuals over 70 years-of-age based on their net income, in alignment with the current practice for those under 70 years-of-age, to ensure consistency across age groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [12870/24]

\*1480. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter in relation to the new thresholds for GP cards and associated childcare costs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [12876/24]

\*1481. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be given to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12885/24]

\*1482. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to introduce subsidised or free FETAC Level 5 healthcare courses to ensure there are no barriers to entering the healthcare assistant profession; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12888/24]

\*1483. To ask the Minister for Health when full payment under fair deal scheme as per the approval letter will be paid in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12893/24]

\*1484. To ask the Minister for Health if he will include the vaccine for chickenpox in the childhood immunisation programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12894/24]

\*1485. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the appointment of a consultant neurologist at Mayo University Hospital, Castlebar, County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [12909/24]

\*1486. To ask the Minister for Health the training CAHMS staff are receiving in terms of providing care on gender and transgender issues to children; who is providing the training to CAHMS staff; and if he will provide a link to the contents of this training. — Peadar Tóibín. [12910/24]

\*1487. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 593 of 20 February 2024, the steps a person (details supplied) who is employed in a private company, but worked on a contract in a clinical setting in a hospital during the peak of the Covid pandemic can take in order to apply for the Covid bonus when their employer refuses to lodge an application on their behalf, but they meet the criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [12912/24]

\*1488. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the primary residence is included in the assessment for the nursing home support scheme; if he plans to amend this to exclude the primary residence from the means assessment; if a person can appeal the decision to include the primary residence in the assessment, in cases in which they worked all their lives to pay for their house, the reason this is now being assessed against them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [12913/24]

\*1489. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12914/24]

\*1490. To ask the Minister for Health when funding issues will be resolved at a Section 39 organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [12916/24]

\*1491. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is acceptable for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal to wait almost two months for further cancer treatment in Letterkenny University Hospital for an aggressive, terminal cancer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [12930/24]

\*1492. To ask the Minister for Health for his assistance with regard to a fair deal scheme issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [12936/24]

\*1493. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 429 of 3 February 2022 and 1647 of 26 April 2022, the status of discussions at Department level in relation to the placement of persons in specialist eating disorder units outside the State (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12937/24]

\*1494. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that children with a rare condition have access to surgery and specialised treatment, given the absence of a suitably qualified consultant (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [12938/24]

\*1495. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 153 of 31 January 2024, the reason no electroencephalographic machine is available in University Hospital

Waterford; what plans are in place or under discussion to provide such a machine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [12948/24]

\*1496. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time to see a consultant cardiothoracic surgeon at St. James's Hospital. — Paul Donnelly. [12969/24]

\*1497. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds in use at Clontarf Orthopaedic Hospital in 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form; and if these numbers will be further increased. — Paul Donnelly. [12970/24]

\*1498. To ask the Minister for Health the number of MRI, X-RAY and CT scanners the Mater Hospital has in-situ. — Paul Donnelly. [12971/24]

\*1499. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults aged over 70 years currently on a waiting list for a cataract operation; and the hospitals that carry out this procedure, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [12972/24]

\*1500. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time to see a consultant vascular surgeon in Beaumont Hospital. — Paul Donnelly. [12973/24]

\*1501. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who died in each maternity hospital in Ireland for each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [12989/24]

\*1502. To ask the Minister for Health the nature of the plans being considered to use the new community nursing unit in Nenagh to act as a step-down facility for certain patients at University Hospital Limerick; the engagement that the HSE has had with management and staff at St. Conlon's community nursing unit in relation to the impact this will have upon them; the projected impacts this decision will have for the availability and number of community nursing unit beds in the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [13011/24]

\*1503. To ask the Minister for Health what efforts are being made to ensure that adequate dentists participate in the scheme to provide dental services to medical card patients as the current dentists are at capacity and cannot meet the demand for the service thus leaving people on low incomes without a vital health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13035/24]

\*1504. To ask the Minister for Health whether his Department, where it mistakenly placed an employee on too high a PRSI deduction for a lengthy period, will repay the over-deduction over the full period; if not if the refund will only apply to the four year period for which the Department of Social Protection will make repayments. — Richard Bruton. [13036/24]

\*1505. To ask the Minister for Health if early arrangements can be made for the appointment of a neurology consultant in Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [13038/24]

\*1506. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the Connecting for Life Implementation Plan 2023-2024; for an update on the status of the seven goals in the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [13040/24]

\*1507. To ask the Minister for Health to comment on the aims of goal seven in the Connecting for Life Implementation Plan 2023-2024 in relation to better quality data on suicide mortality across the entire population; for an update on what data is to be collected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [13041/24]

\*1508. To ask the Minister for Health if he will arrange for an early assessment for ADHD and ASD for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [13050/24]

\*1509. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that a CAMHS appointment, an ASD assessment and relevant supports are provided to a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [13055/24]

\*1510. To ask the Minister for Health if he can provide a breakdown of the number of children waiting on a CAMHS appointment in CH08 and a breakdown for each county within that CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [13067/24]

\*1511. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the policy on blood tests as part of monitoring a medical condition for patients holding a medical card or GP visit card; the steps that can be taken to ensure that blood tests necessary for diagnosis and monitoring are covered by the medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [13069/24]

\*1512. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 514 of 30 January 2024 (details supplied), when a full HSE response will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13072/24]

\*1513. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 651 of 28 November 2023, when a full HSE response will issue to the question (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13078/24]

\*1514. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made in discussions concerning the potential acquisition of a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [13087/24]

\*1515. To ask the Minister for Health the options being considered regarding long stay beds at a nursing home (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [13088/24]

\*1516. To ask the Minister for Health the number of babies born with Down syndrome in Ireland in each of the years 2017 to 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [13092/24]

\*1517. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a query has not been responded to by the HSE (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [13101/24]

\*1518. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for an ADHD assessment. — Robert Troy. [13110/24]

\*1519. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE still has management control over a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [13126/24]



\*1520. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses for the Dublin south central area; the number of vacancies; the population of children in the catchment area of each; the average wait time to get an appointment, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13132/24]

\*1521. To ask the Minister for Health if advice will be provided to a person (details supplied) on available supports for required dental treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [13164/24]

\*1522. To ask the Minister for Health when it is proposed to open a care facility (details supplied) where all the necessary works have been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13167/24]

\*1523. To ask the Minister for Health what actions CHI has taken to respond to the field safety notice issued in late 2021 about magec rods. — Paul Murphy. [13168/24]

\*1524. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the field safety notice relating to magec rods should be observed by CHI, in particular that the device should be removed after implantation time of no more than two years. — Paul Murphy. [13169/24]

\*1525. To ask the Minister for Health how many times the critical lack of care for diabetes patients at Letterkenny University Hospital has been notified to the HSE National Risk Register. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [13175/24]

\*1526. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will have their home care package hours filled, given the urgent nature of the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13179/24]

\*1527. To ask the Minister for Health the supports available to women following a mastectomy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [13180/24]

\*1528. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the review of the paediatric orthopaedic surgery service at CHI and Dublin hospitals will only review the work of one consultant; to respond to concerns regarding the scope of this review (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [13181/24]

\*1529. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 716 of 5 March 2024, if HIQA advised that existing residents could remain in a nursing home (details supplied); if so, the reason this advice was not followed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [13182/24]

\*1530. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Meath will receive an appointment for hip replacement surgery at Cappagh Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13184/24]

\*1531. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on all planned PPP projects and ongoing PPP contracts; the status of each project; the anticipated or known capital cost; the anticipated or known cost to the Exchequer over the lifetime of the contracts; the annual total payment of PPP unitary charges and the percentage share of the total capital budget for his Department and all public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13198/24]

\*1532. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13218/24]

\*1533. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the case of a person (details supplied) who received an appointment to attend the Community Audiology Service at the Health Service Executive West, Limerick, but received notification of the appointment after the date of the scheduled appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [13221/24]

\*1534. To ask the Minister for Health following an Inquiry (details supplied) on the investigation into the retention of baby's organs and other individuals whose organs were taken without their families consent, what procedures and protocols were given to notify individuals that their loved ones organs were removed; if apologies were issued to affected families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [13238/24]

\*1535. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the cold cap services not being made available to cancer patients in CUH; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [13248/24]

\*1536. To ask the Minister for Health the impact of the recruitment ban on mental health services, especially what services have been prioritised and which have been closed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [13257/24]

\*1537. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the growing concern at the fact that there appears to be currently inordinate delays in accessing blood tests in public hospitals in some cases nine weeks. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13263/24]

\*1538. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the increasing length of time it is taking for people to get a public hospital blood test done. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13264/24]

\*1539. To ask the Minister for Health the number of those receiving treatment under the MCAP since the opening of the scheme to date, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13310/24]

\*1540. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether he thinks the Medical Cannabis Access Programme has been a success and whether he has faith in its continuation on a permanent basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13311/24]

\*1541. To ask the Minister for Health the process that an adult must undertake to receive an autism assessment in the public health system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13321/24]

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

\*1542. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has had the need to contact An Garda Síochána due to verbal, written (including electronically) or physical threats being addressed to staff or Ministers, at any level, working within the Department during the period 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11596/24]

\*1543. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science as to whether the cross-departmental project group to be formed to establish appropriate standards in the delivery of affordable, purpose built student accommodation, to be chaired by his Department, as announced on 17 August 2023 has met, its membership and chair, its progress to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [11642/24]

\*1544. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department provides funding opportunities that Irish PhD students undertaking their studies in the Irish language abroad can avail of; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [11663/24]

\*1545. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to clarify if all higher education grant appeals, which were submitted prior to the establishment of SUSI, have been finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [11686/24]

\*1546. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 73 of 28 February of 2024, the amount of the €40 million relates to payment of social protection allowances which are transferred to training allowances once a person enrolls in an STP/ETB programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [12085/24]

\*1547. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason the fee to STP providers has not been increased since 2011, despite significant and inflationary pay pressures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [12086/24]

\*1548. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are plans to tackle and halt the issue of private accommodation providers increasing rents significantly by refurbishing their student accommodation apartments at a location (details supplied), an issue that is causing undue stress for students and forcing them out of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [12126/24]

\*1549. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost to reduce the student contribution by €1,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [12206/24]

\*1550. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of exit and or severance and or redundancy packages granted by his Department, and bodies under his aegis and of bodies he funds in full or in part, of €100,000 and above but less than €200,000, by the amount and by each body in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [12351/24]

\*1551. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; if advice will be provided to their family on the way to access this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [12364/24]

\*1552. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 641 of 27 February 2024 (details supplied), if there is an

estimated timeframe the Minister envisions for this scheme to be rolled out. — Peadar Tóibín. [12443/24]

\*1553. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on efforts to establish a fees scheme for students resident in the State studying medicine in universities in the North; if this will include graduate entry programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [12474/24]

\*1554. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the Minister of State within his Department visited University of Pittsburgh during his recent visit to the US for St. Patrick's Day events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [12570/24]

\*1555. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if funding will be made available to a college (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [12708/24]

\*1556. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will publish a list of the NGOs funded by his Department; and the level the funding each NGO received in the past three years, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [12721/24]

\*1557. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of engagements, including online meetings, webinars, briefings and in-person meetings that he or officials from his Department and bodies under the aegis of his Department have had with an organisation (details supplied) including its representatives from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12741/24]

\*1558. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there is a shortage of training places in Dublin for those wishing to do apprenticeships, which is requiring people to train far away from home; and if he plans to roll out more facilities in Dublin to meet the need. — Richard Bruton. [12918/24]

\*1559. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the 2024/2025 SUSI application process will open. — Sean Sherlock. [12953/24]

\*1560. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the national student accommodation strategy will be published; its current status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [12995/24]

\*1561. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will comment on his decision to provide zero capital funding for technological universities, preventing them from building and borrowing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [12996/24]

\*1562. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of the situation that students often find themselves in when renting digs, such as curfews being imposed, no privacy and issues with accessing communal areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13002/24]

\*1563. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if, with regard to the advanced healthcare assistant, QQI level 6 (details supplied), if any plans

are being considered to have the same course rolled out across the TU campuses and covered by the SUSI system, considering the benefits to be gained from it by both healthcare providers and their employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [13159/24]

\*1564. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason personal assistants in the further and higher education sector are paid monthly and not bi-weekly as compared to those who are employed in the broadly analogous role of SNA at primary and second-level education; the reason the personal assistant role and salary scale does not include annual increments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [13165/24]

\*1565. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide details on all planned PPP projects and ongoing PPP contracts; the status of each project; the anticipated or known capital cost; the anticipated or known cost to the Exchequer over the lifetime of the contracts; the annual total payment of PPP unitary charges and the percentage share of the total capital budget for his Department and all public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13197/24]

\*1566. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to report on adult education classes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13220/24]

\*1567. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reasons for the delays in publishing progress reports on the National Student Accommodation Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13307/24]

\*1568. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of the rising cost of student campus accommodation in a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13309/24]

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

\*1569. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when a payment will issue to a group (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12616/24]

\*1570. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has reviewed Water Safety Ireland's recommendations and compared them to those prevailing in Northern Ireland; if she plans to harmonise the lifeguarding season and equipment provisions between Ireland and Northern Ireland; her views on whether Northern Ireland's stringent lifeguarding recommendations play a role in Northern Ireland's impressive low drowning rate figures; if she has engaged with the relevant authorities in Northern Ireland; if she has engaged with all-Ireland bodies with a remit for lifeguarding, such as an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12257/24]

\*1571. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of dog wardens employed in each local authority in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13138/24]

\*1572. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department will increase funding available to the dog control units of local authorities to hire additional dog wardens; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13139/24]

\*1573. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the capital envelope that will be required for a library project proposed for Blackrock/Mahon in Cork city. — Sean Sherlock. [11523/24]

\*1574. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has had the need to contact An Garda Síochána due to verbal, written (including electronically) or physical threats being addressed to staff or Ministers, at any level, working within the Department during the period 2020 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11601/24]

\*1575. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if it is planned to have a 2024 call for the Community Centres Investment Fund-New Builds Measure (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [11859/24]

\*1576. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if it is planned to have a 2024 call for the Community Centres Investment Fund-Improvement and refurbishment of existing community centres (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [11860/24]

\*1577. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she intends to release another tranche of funding for both the community enhancement grants and grants for women's sheds to local authorities in 2024 (details supplied); if she will expedite payment to avoid doubling the administrative work of allocating the grants at local authority level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [11888/24]

\*1578. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of FTE staff and the grades of the staff assigned to the tidy town's unit in her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [11928/24]

\*1579. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development how many tidy towns adjudicators her Department recruited in 2023; how many tidy towns adjudicators her Department currently has; the remuneration they receive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [11929/24]

\*1580. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the role her Department takes in devising the marking scheme for the annual tidy towns competition; and the annual adjudication period when groups may be inspected. — Paul McAuliffe. [11930/24]

\*1581. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when funding allocations to local authorities will be announced for the local improvement scheme for 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [11953/24]

\*1582. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 1450 of 7 November 2023, the status of an upgrade to Mayfield Library in Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [12034/24]



\*1583. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will include an organisation (details supplied) in the newly established Stakeholder Group on Dog Control; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12053/24]

\*1584. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of funding allocated in 2023 to each county under the local improvement scheme, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [12164/24]

\*1585. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of funding allocated in 2023 to each county under the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [12165/24]

\*1586. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of a library (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12209/24]

\*1587. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if funding under town renewal scheme or any such funding was approved by her Department for an area (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [12210/24]

\*1588. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a Pobal deprivation index could be reviewed; if there is a process for appeal (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [12280/24]

\*1589. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of exit and or severance and or redundancy packages granted by her Department, and bodies under her aegis and of bodies she funds in full or in part, of €100,000 and above but less than €200,000, by the amount and by each body in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [12356/24]

\*1590. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the current number of live studies, reviews and research commissioned by her Department; the date by which each study, review and research is scheduled to be completed, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [12633/24]

\*1591. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when allocations under the Community Centres Investment Fund will be announced; the up-to-date position of an application under this fund for a community (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [12636/24]

\*1592. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development what schemes are available as part of a rejuvenation scheme for an area in Cork (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [12704/24]

\*1593. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will publish a list of the NGOs funded by her Department; and the level the funding each NGO received in the past three years, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [12726/24]

\*1594. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of engagements, including online meetings, webinars, briefings and in-person meetings that she or officials from her Department and bodies under the aegis of her Department have had with an organisation

(details supplied) including its representatives from 1 January 2019 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [12746/24]

\*1595. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if it is proposed to introduce a scheme that would help local authorities to put in place the necessary infrastructural changes in the older parts of cities and towns, for example, Blackpool in Cork to fast track the rejuvenation of existing buildings and facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [12887/24]

\*1596. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for an update in relation to the negotiations between her and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage about hiring more dog wardens; how many additional dog warden positions will be created; where these positions will be assigned; how much additional funding will be made available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13151/24]

\*1597. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to provide details on all planned PPP projects and ongoing PPP contracts; the status of each project; the anticipated or known capital cost; the anticipated or known cost to the Exchequer over the lifetime of the contracts; the annual total payment of PPP unitary charges and the percentage share of the total capital budget for her Department and all public bodies under the aegis of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13202/24]

\*1598. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide emergency funding to Clare County Council under CIS and LIS following a very rough winter period which made significant damage to the more rural roads in the County; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13328/24]

\*1599. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development what steps she will take to ensure that all 30 applications made under CIS and 146 applications made under LIS to Clare County Council will be funded by her Department in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13329/24]

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gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAIN, 21 MÁRTA, 2024  
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL  
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 21 MARCH, 2024**

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

1. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 78 of 23 January 2024, the status of the tribunal of inquiry to examine the effectiveness of the complaints process in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12835/24]

2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to list the military equipment, munitions and hardware purchased from Israeli-based or Israeli-owned defence companies in each of the past ten years; the current contracts that are awaiting delivery over the next five years; and the value of each. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13274/24]

3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the annual cost of providing army security at Portlaoise prison; the number of prisoners in the prison that this security relates to; whether the need for an army presence there is under review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13033/24]

4. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the engagements between his Department and/or the Defence Forces with the Israeli Defence Forces or other Israeli bodies since January 2023; and if proposals for further engagements are currently under consideration or review. — Matt Carthy. [13158/24]

5. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how many legal cases have been taken against the Defence Forces since the beginning of 2024; and if that figure is higher or lower than the same period in 2023. — Gary Gannon. [13287/24]

6. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an overview on the implementation of the Defence White Paper; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [13023/24]

7. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on the proposed procurement of a multi-role vessel for the Naval Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [13281/24]

8. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of sailings the Naval Service cancelled in the past 12 months due to staffing shortages. — Thomas Gould. [13241/24]

9. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence whether he has engaged on the reported €10 million payouts on Defence Forces claims in the past three years. — Thomas Gould. [13242/24]

10. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the combined budget for the Defence Group vote each year from 2020 to 2024; the percentage uplift each year from the previous year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [13282/24]

11. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when all the recommendations contained in the report on the Defence Forces are likely to be implemented including the issues around gender-based violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13228/24]

12. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the reasons for increasing the mandatory retirement age for Permanent Defence Force personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13029/24]

13. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what progress has been made to date in respect of current accommodation projects being carried out by his Department to accommodate members of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13076/24]

14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 59 of 23 January 2024, the total military aid given by the EU to Ukraine since February 2022; the details of the contribution given by Ireland to-date; the details of the contribution given by Ireland towards common costs of the EU military assistance mission in support of Ukraine; the

details of any contributions or donations made by the Defence Forces to Ukraine to-date since February 2022, and any contributions or donations planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12834/24]

15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the actions he is taking to optimise retention amongst Defence Forces members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [13265/24]

16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the purpose of nominating the head of the Irish Defence Forces for election to the position of Chair of the European Union Military Committee; and how much their nomination and subsequent campaign will cost the State. — Gary Gannon. [13289/24]

17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has undertaken an assessment of Ireland's defence vulnerabilities in light of the deteriorating defence situation in Europe. — Richard Bruton. [13260/24]

18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide an update on the progress made to date to increase the Defence Forces to 11,500 members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13077/24]

19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when the decommissioning of the LÉ Eithne is scheduled to proceed. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13273/24]

20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the amount allocated under Budget 2024 in relation to the operation of unmanned aerial vehicles; the amount expended in 2023, by quarter; and the purpose of such expenditure. — Matt Carthy. [13157/24]

21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will review the pandemic recognition payment for Defence Forces personnel who worked in test centres to make sure all deserving individuals received the payment, give some did not. — Brendan Griffin. [13277/24]

22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has given further consideration to the use of aptitude tests as part of the recruitment process for the Defence Forces; the number who applied to enlist in the Defence Forces in 2022 and 2023, respectively and to date in 2024; the number of applicants who failed the application process in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [13044/24]

23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for a report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission on the Future of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [13025/24]

24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his views on the optimum number and type of naval vessels for the Naval Service; when he expects the Naval Service to acquire a multi-role vessel to replace the L.E. Éithne; the progress made in ensuring that double crews are available for all vessels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [9156/24]

25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his plans to protect the use of the term “Óglaigh na hÉireann”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [13027/24]

26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if, in view of the lack of an Army barracks in the central Border area, if further consideration will be given to the re-opening of Dún Uí Néill, Cavan, as an Army barracks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [13121/24]

27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which the European Union might see fit to contribute towards this country's defence and security with particular reference to coastal air and sea surveillance, given the significant shoreline and the multiplicity of undersea cables in the seas around our coast and the contribution this could make to European security; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13229/24]

28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 29 of 23 March 2023, to outline if discussions have concluded in order to privilege paramedics and advanced paramedics to practice in the Civil Defence; if his Department has been able to assist in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [13045/24]

29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the reasons for increasing the maximum recruitment age for Permanent Defence Force personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13030/24]

30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he plans any initiatives to boost participation in the Defence Reserve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [13022/24]

31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if a restriction or embargo will be introduced on Israel and Israeli companies on any future acquisition of defence equipment for the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [13250/24]

32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on the proposed procurement of a primary radar system for Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [13280/24]

33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his views on the optimum number and type of aircraft for the Air Corps; his plans to acquire new aircraft; the timelines for their delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [9411/24]

34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the progress being made in 2024 towards realising the Level of Ambition 2 ambition for the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [13028/24]

35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the personnel strength of the permanent Defence Force as of 1 March 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [13026/24]

36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on the legislative programme. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3506/24]

37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the measures he is taking to increase retention levels in the Permanent Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [13021/24]

38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on the capacity of the Air Corps to contribute to efforts providing humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza. — Matt Carthy. [13154/24]

39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the measures he has introduced to boost recruitment and retention in the Naval Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [13043/24]

40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will instruct the Defence Forces to award the veterans of the Siege of Jadotville with medals to recognise their bravery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [13290/24]

41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the progress made to date on the acquisition of a primary radar system for Ireland; when he expects such a system to be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [9155/24]

42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on the progress being made to raise the mandatory retirement age in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13226/24]

43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on the implementation of the Working Time Directive in the Defence Forces; and the timeframe in which he intends it be operationalised within the Defence Forces. — Matt Carthy. [13156/24]

44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the operational status of the Naval Service fleet, that is, its deployment readiness, staffing levels, the fitting out of recently acquired vessels from New Zealand; the details of the process for acquiring a multi-role vessel; the status of current recruitment plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [13060/24]

45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if further consideration will be given to the re-opening of Dún Uí Néill Barracks, Cavan, as a forward operating base as that region has a long land border with a neighbouring jurisdiction, and taking into account that in the past the presence locally of Army personnel played a very important role in the security of this State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [13122/24]

46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the timeframe in which he intends to bring forward proposals to remove the triple-lock neutrality protection; and if he will put these proposals before the people a referendum. — Matt Carthy. [13155/24]

47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when the next recruitment drive will be run for Defence Forces under the increased age criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [13249/24]

48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if Ireland plans to recommit personnel to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) mission. — Patrick Costello. [13141/24]

49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide an outline of Ireland's defence strategy concerning the protection of its undersea cables, airspace, and territorial waters and is it



considered acceptable for these areas to remain undefended or be monitored by external entities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [13019/24]

50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence whether there have been any discussions at an EU level in relation to introducing extra obligations on member states in relation to defence; whether Ireland has been a part of these discussions; and the stance Ireland has taken in the discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13034/24]

51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when a decision will be taken on the location of the new Army HQ; if Athlone will be considered given its central location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [13266/24]

52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if all test centre personnel should have received the pandemic recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13278/24]

53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the approximate expected delivery date of the new Airbus C295 military transport aircraft; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [13279/24]

54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on the current situation in South Lebanon; the current activities of the Defence Forces on the UNIFIL mission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13227/24]

55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for a report on the defence infrastructure improvements that have taken place in Kildare since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [13024/24]

56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the future plans for Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnel; if the aerodrome has the capacity to maintain the two Airbus C295W's, located at the site, and the C295 military transport aircraft in production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [12765/24]

57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the progress made on the recommendation of the Commission on the Defence Forces to significantly strengthen the military intelligence and cyber defence capabilities of the Defence Forces and the creation of a joint cyber defence command; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [9157/24]

58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on the defence infrastructure improvements that have taken place in Haulbowline since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [13042/24]

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

59. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the cancellation of a service (details supplied) Galway to Dublin Airport; if he is considering steps to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [13234/24]

60. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress that will be made on the Mallow Relief Road in the coming months given recent allocations from his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [11867/24]

61. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans and timelines to upgrade bus services across mid-Cork, including Macroom to Cork, Macroom to Bandon and other local services based around Macroom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [13251/24]

62. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he is aware of an uneven allocation in funding for Active Travel 2024 in Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [13240/24]

63. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of extra funding support his Department has provided to Cork County Council for the repair of roads damaged by flooding in the wake of storm Babet; his plans to provide further allocations in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [13047/24]

64. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can provide an update on the proposed changes to the category W licences; if he has engaged with the RSA to discuss the changes prior to the announcement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [13232/24]

65. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to address anti-social behaviour and abuse directed at workers on the public transport network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [13225/24]

66. To ask the Minister for Transport given the recent serious incidents, including a fatal collision, if there is a safety programme for the N80; if the removal of bends in the Leagh area is being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [13094/24]

67. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that additional funding will be provided to Cavan County Council and Monaghan County Council for much-needed improvement works to the non-national road network in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [13262/24]

68. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to increase the capacity of public buses along C spine route from Lucan; what measures are being taken to address overcrowded buses at peak times along this route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [12767/24]

69. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 61 of 1 February 2024, the status of the feasibility study for light rail in Galway, which is being undertaken as part of the development of the Galway Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy; the details of the strategic roads feasibility study referenced in the NTA's reply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12836/24]

70. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has concerns regarding the safety issues faced by disabled people in navigating floating bus islands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [13256/24]

71. To ask the Minister for Transport what action his Department is taking to improve the bus service in Cork city in view of recurring issues with reliability of bus services including cancelled and late buses, and the frequency of these issues occurring; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13075/24]

72. To ask the Minister for Transport when it is intended to agree and implement the All Island Strategic Rail Review; the reason for the delay in doing so; whether in the meantime it is intended to do preliminary work on those elements of the strategy totally within the remit of the Irish State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13032/24]

73. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on current disability services, specifically in relation to access to wheelchair accessible taxis in County Louth and east Meath; if this service is likely to deteriorate due to a shortfall in funding from the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [9821/24]

74. To ask the Minister for Transport when he will fund and encourage the Road Safety Authority roll-out a campaign on social media in particular aimed at tackling the dangers of users of escooters, motorised bicycles and bicycles (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13272/24]

75. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the extension of the daily evening train service from Dublin which terminates at Carlow in order that it can service both Kilkenny and Waterford, enabling better regional connectivity particularly for those studying and working along the route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [12845/24]

76. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to ensure that adequate resources are provided to the NTA in order that bus services on the main radial routes into and from Galway, including the services from Casla (route 424), Clifden, Headford and Kilcolgan can meet current demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13031/24]

77. To ask the Minister for Transport the level of engagement that the Department have had with local authorities regarding new rules which provide for zebra crossings without Belisha beacons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13171/24]

78. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 23 of 15 October 2023, given that Louth County Council has indicated that if work was to be funded by his Department at this location (details supplied), it would have to be done under the locations of interest (LOIs) scheme, the locations for which are decided by his Department, if he will consider this or other solutions to the serious issue of crashes happening at this location, including incidents where the family home at this location has been hit by cars; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13270/24]

79. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the delivery of additional carriages for Dublin Sligo rail line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [13267/24]

80. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to ensure revised fare structures are considered on Expressway services operating in the Cork region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [13252/24]

81. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on optimal alignment of the proposed Waterford to Tramore greenway with a view to maximising its potential for the purposes of utility, local amenity and tourism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [12846/24]

82. To ask the Minister for Transport views on the commitment in the Programme for Government to maintain the existing road network to a high standard and fund safety

improvements; if he will ensure that additional funding will be provided to local authorities for the non-national road network in 2024, taking in to account the urgent requirement for additional investment due to the very substantial increase in costs that have arisen over recent years in road maintenance products and construction work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [13261/24]

83. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to improve the reliability of Dublin Bus services in general and routes operated by a company (details supplied) in particular; the extent to which he believes the reliability issues are connected to the difficulties in recruiting drivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [13254/24]

84. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the frequent issue of ghost buses and no shows across the fleets; the steps that have been taken to date to counteract this; and to give an update on any measures already implemented. — Paul Donnelly. [13048/24]

85. To ask the Minister for Transport if transport policy is based on the principles of universal design; if he is considering legislation that mandates national mandatory minimum accessibility standards for public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [13255/24]

86. To ask the Minister for Transport what plans there are to support port improvement works to facilitate offshore renewables, nationally and in particular in Shannon Foynes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [13224/24]

87. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider providing further support to the proposed upgrade of the N25 national road between Carrigtwohill and Midleton, County Cork, given urgent safety concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [13046/24]

88. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on progress on the implementation of red light cameras across the road traffic network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [13007/24]

89. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether it is appropriate that the new taxi regulator recently appointed has come directly from employment in a senior position with a taxi app company that has a commercial interest in the taxi industry; his further views on whether this represents a potential conflict of interest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [13253/24]

90. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the CMATS projects; the timeline for the delivery of the opening of the stations within this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [13283/24]

91. To ask the Minister for Transport given record passenger numbers on public transport, the progress that is being made on improving public transport uptake and reliability, nationally and particularly in Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [13223/24]

92. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding progression of the N86 road improvement project in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13275/24]

93. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of issues with the bus service in Cork city; and whether he has engaged with the NTA or Bus Éireann in resolving these. — Thomas Gould. [13239/24]

94. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the N22 Farranfore to Killarney road improvement project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13276/24]

95. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will roll out a direct non-stop bus route between Ennis train and Bus station and Shannon Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13285/24]

96. To ask the Minister for Transport the way he is prioritising road projects in north Mayo, particularly the new N58 and N26 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [13135/24]

97. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Dart South West scheme can be expanded to include Sallins station, particularly given that very significant numbers of passengers, as evidenced in recent surveys, is at that station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [8010/24]

98. To ask the Minister for Transport is he aware of problems associated with the roll-out of the BusConnects programme which has resulted in a disconnect between the service now offered and that which bus passengers used in the past in the Crumlin area of Dublin; and if he is further aware of the need for a quicker engagement with communities affected to make logical adjustments to routes to cater for those affected. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13271/24]

99. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will be focusing his Department's attention on the infrastructural deficit with the maintenance of roads in Connemara; if he will allocate resources to address the persistent flooding at Cuan na Loinge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [13235/24]

100. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the delivery of the transport study for east Westmeath and its inclusion of the reopening of the Killucan railway station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [13268/24]

101. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure in the course of the provision of the extension of the Luas to Confey, Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock that the disruption to local populations in each of the towns and surrounding areas is minimised both in the course of construction and thereafter arising from its design and operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13231/24]

102. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the provision of mobility hubs nationally under the new Electric Vehicles Charging Infrastructure Strategy 2022 – 2025, in particular details of the launch of pilot hubs in two cities and a major town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10955/24]

103. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update from his Department on the roll-out of electric car chargers nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10961/24]

*104.* To ask the Minister for Transport if a review of the Carlow town bus was undertaken; and, if so, when the review will be published. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [13095/24]

*105.* To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will carry out works to improve the junction of the N72 at Brack Hill, County Kerry. — Pa Daly. [7162/24]

*106.* To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the acquisition of battery and battery electric trains for Irish Rail; the likely delivery date for the first tranche of this order; the number within this tranche; the phases of delivery for later tranches and their operational date range; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [13061/24]

*107.* To ask the Minister for Transport the status of his plans to tackle the practice of learner drivers continuing to drive on learner licences for a number of years by repeatedly renewing their learners licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [13233/24]

*108.* To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the latest update on the Government's response to the business plan received from Waterford Airport for the development and re-establishment of commercial passenger flight business into Waterford and the south east; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13120/24]

*109.* To ask the Minister for Transport why there was a decreased allocation for the maintenance of roads across the country in the Budget. — Richard O'Donoghue. [11431/24]

*110.* To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [13284/24]

*111.* To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide funding to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for a by-pass for Killorglin, which has been part of the County Development plan since 2015. — Pa Daly. [7161/24]

*112.* To ask the Minister for Transport given the regional importance of the new N58 road, which is expected to connect Ballina to Castlebar and provide onward connectivity to Galway, the status of the progress to improve this section of road considering that approximately 60% of traffic from Ballina goes to Castlebar; the way he plans to address this demand and ensure efficient traffic flow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [13134/24]

*113.* To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the implementation of the BusConnects project. — Patrick Costello. [13140/24]

*114.* To ask the Minister for Transport if the Dart West scheme can be expanded to include Kilcock station, particularly given that the depot for storing vehicles will be just on the edge of Kilcock town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [8009/24]

*115.* To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 61 of 1 February 2024, the terms of reference of the strategic roads feasibility study; who is carrying out the study; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [12837/24]

*116.* To ask the Minister for Transport if he will bring forward a rescue package for road network in County Clare that have fallen into significant disrepair following a harsh winter and an extended period of poor investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [13286/24]