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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will indicate the life expectancy at birth and at age 65 in 1950, 1970, 1990, 2010 and the most recent year for which data is available. — Richard Bruton. [13516/24]

*2. To ask the Taoiseach the numbers of people aged 65-74, 75-84, and 85+ in 2000, 2022, and projected for 2040, and the corresponding ratio each represents as a proportion of those of working age in those years. — Richard Bruton. [13517/24]

*3. To ask the Taoiseach the ratio of those aged 65+ to the population of working age in each local authority. — Richard Bruton. [13518/24]

*4. To ask the Taoiseach the numbers of people at work who have pension coverage beyond the social insurance pension, and the number who do not, distinguishing the pattern for male versus female workers, and for those aged under 50 years, and those 50+ years. — Richard Bruton. [13519/24]

*5. To ask the Taoiseach the number of people aged 65-69, 70-74, and 75+ who are still in employment. — Richard Bruton. [13520/24]

*6. To ask the Taoiseach the total number of overseas visitors/tourists to the island of Ireland; and if this is not possible, the total number of overseas visitors/tourists to the State in 2023. — Imelda Munster. [13388/24]

*7. To ask the Taoiseach to list all payments made to a person (details supplied) in relation to the establishment and operation of the constitutional conventions or citizens assemblies from 2011 to date. — Carol Nolan. [13772/24]

*8. To ask the Taoiseach the amount spent by his Department on travel and accommodation costs associated with Ministerial visits abroad to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13814/24]

*9. To ask the Taoiseach the number of properties either owned or leased by his Department, which are currently vacant; the length of time the properties have been vacant for; and the location of the properties, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13832/24]

*10. To ask the Taoiseach the amount of exports to Israel in 2023 and 2024 year to date segmented by value and type of export, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [13946/24]

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

*11. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application (details supplied) can be escalated as the applicants travel date is imminent and the application has passed the target issue date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13564/24]

*12. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs Ireland's position regarding reform the P5 veto on the United Nations Security Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13646/24]

*13. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the process of consultation he intends following in considering whether Ireland should change the "Triple Lock" arrangement in relation to sending troops on missions abroad; whether at present UN sanction for a mission can only be given if there is unanimity amongst the members of the Security Council or if there is another route involving both the Security Council and the General Assembly not requiring unanimity on the Security Council; the efforts Ireland has made to get agreement for a change in the protocols to be followed in approving missions by the UN; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13665/24]

*14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will share the plans related to the dispatch of Irish military aircraft to the Middle East for the purpose of delivering crucial humanitarian aid to Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [13668/24]

*15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount spent by his Department on travel and accommodation costs associated with Ministerial visits abroad to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13806/24]

*16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of properties either owned or leased by his Department, which are currently vacant; the length of time the properties have been vacant for; and the location of the properties, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13824/24]

*17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to review a case (details supplied) and expedite a passport application. — Niamh Smyth. [13922/24]

*18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a decision will be made in the application for foreign birth registration by a person (details supplied), who applied in August 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [13981/24]

*19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is aware of reports of election-rigging in last February's election in Pakistan; if he has taken the matter up with the government of Pakistan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14051/24]

*20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department uses community radio for advertising and public awareness campaigns; if not, the reason, given the vital role community radio often plays in the dissemination of information to local communities; if his Department will consider using community radio for public awareness campaigns in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14169/24]

*21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [14244/24]

*22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to outline the total number of valid Irish passports currently in circulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [14253/24]

*23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide details of the total amount of Irish ODA budget in monetary terms received for each of the twelve listed countries (details supplied) in the decade 2013 and 2023, inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14338/24]

*24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he can resolve an issue of mistaken identity at UK airports for an Irish citizen (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [14339/24]

*25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if an application for a passport (detail supplied) can be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14365/24]

*26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to clarify the entitlement to an Irish passport for a sector (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [14484/24]

*27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will be expedited for person (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [14486/24]

*28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department will expedite a passport application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [14588/24]

*29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14603/24]

*30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application (details supplied) can be escalated as the applicants travel date is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14699/24]

*31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application (details supplied) can be escalated as the applicants travel date is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14700/24]

*32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to reinstate the secure email verification system trialled following a proposal in June 2022 in respect of that proposal for Passport Office officials to verify Garda log entries by a designated email process (details supplied) before rolling out the procedure nationwide. — Catherine Murphy. [14741/24]

*33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts his Department are making to ensure the ICJ meet to assess the accountability of Israel in relation to the preliminary

ruling issued in the South African case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14800/24]

*34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department collects data on the number of permissions granted to US Air Force or US military aircraft to fly through Irish air space and land and refuel in Shannon Airport and other landing facilities; if so, the number of such permissions granted each year from 2018 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14846/24]

*35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of emergency appointments available with the passport service; by location, by month in the years 2019 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14848/24]

*36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the points of law under which he intends to intervene in the case taken by South Africa against Israel under the Genocide Convention; by when he intends to bring his draft Declaration of Intervention under Article 63 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice to Cabinet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14849/24]

*37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs in view of his commitment to intervene in the case taken by South Africa against Israel under the Genocide Convention, the sanctions he proposes introducing against Israel arising from their commissioning and prosecution of genocide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14850/24]

*38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications on hand; the number of which have been on hand for longer than 1, 3, 6, 9 or 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14851/24]

*39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of staff in the passport service; by role, by year, for the years 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14852/24]

*40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when person (details supplied) will be issued with their passport document. — Louise O'Reilly. [14917/24]

*41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if it is not mandatory to possess a PPS number in order to apply for a passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [14942/24]

*42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on two foreign birth register applications (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [15035/24]

*43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to invite a person (details supplied) to Ireland in the first half of 2024. — Pauline Tully. [15099/24]

*44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications being processed within the Passport Office as of 2 April 2024. — Pauline Tully. [15100/24]

*45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on the reinstatement of Villa Spada as Ireland's Embassy to the Holy See; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [15139/24]

*46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to the bombing by Israel of a World Central Kitchen team that were travelling in a deconflicted zone in two armoured cars branded with the WCK logo; if he will initiate any sanction against Israel for this attack which killed seven aid workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15159/24]

*47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if, following the lodging of a Declaration of Intervention by Ireland in the case of South Africa v Israel under the Genocide Convention at the International Court of Justice, it is his intention that Ireland would submit written observations or seek an oral hearing from the court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15169/24]

*48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a document will issue to an Irish citizen (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [15182/24]

*49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a citizenship/foreign births registration application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15211/24]

*50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if there are changes to the requirements for a person after turning 18 years of age applying for a foreign birth registration; and if there are there any conditions they need to take into account or penalties they need to be aware of if they are over 18 years of age. — Niamh Smyth. [15212/24]

*51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide an update on a foreign birth register application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15215/24]

*52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to follow the steps taken by Spain and set about officially recognising the state of Palestine in the first half of this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [15239/24]

*53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a response to communication from this Deputy can be expected in relation to a foreign birth registration application (details supplied) submitted in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15305/24]

*54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of times he has summoned the Israeli ambassador since 7 October 2023; the dates of each request and attendance at same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [15360/24]

*55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he summoned the Israeli ambassador in the matter of the IDF killing of international aid workers last week; if so, if she attended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [15361/24]

*56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application can be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal whose mother was sent abroad from a mother and baby home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15399/24]

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

*57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide details of the number of SEAI Warmer Homes applications received in the past two years for County Kerry; the details of how many have been processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [13582/24]

*58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has approved the increase of 4% for the ESB pension scheme; and if not, the likely timeframe for a decision. — John McGuinness. [13601/24]

*59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to confirm the current wait time for applications to the warmer homes scheme; and how much funding is allocated to the scheme. — Jim O'Callaghan. [13638/24]

*60. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how many homes in Dublin city are currently on the waiting list for the warmer homes scheme; and what is the current wait time for the scheme in Dublin city. — Jim O'Callaghan. [13639/24]

*61. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware that persons are being forced by the ESB to have a smart meter, even if they do not want one, and that if the notification is not received, the ESB will fit the meter despite the objection of the householder; if he will intercede on behalf of householders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [13648/24]

*62. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for energy in line with Ireland signing a global accord at the United Nations climate summit in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, to move away from fossil fuels and eliminate subsidies for coal, oil and gas, if he will outline the steps being taken domestically, at EU and IEA level as co-chair; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [13650/24]

*63. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how many electricity customers did not receive the latest electricity credit due to be being below the low energy threshold that is, using less than 150kWh (kilowatt-hour) of energy a quarter between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023. — Claire Kerrane. [13652/24]

*64. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications who decided that electricity customers who are below the low energy threshold that is, using less than 150kWh (kilowatt-hour) of energy a quarter between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023 would be disqualified from accessing the electricity credit; the rationale for this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [13653/24]

*65. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware that the decision to exclude electricity customers who are below the low energy threshold that is, using less than 150kWh (kilowatt-hour) of energy a quarter between 1 July 2022 and 30 June

2023 from receiving the electricity credit has hit vulnerable households, especially people living alone who do not have the same usage requirements as a larger household yet are struggling with high bills; if he considered these households when introducing the electricity credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [13654/24]

*66. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of research commissioned by his Department on retrofitting apartment complexes; his plans to expedite the introduction of special measures in light of the latest Energy Performance of Buildings Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [13677/24]

*67. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of all current taskforces under his Department's remit, in tabular form; to report on the objectives and progress of each taskforce; if he plans to set up any additional taskforces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13750/24]

*68. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of all current taskforces under his Department's remit, in tabular form; to report on the objectives and progress of each taskforce; if he plans to set up any additional taskforces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [13751/24]

*69. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications with reference to the public consultation on the draft National Biomethane Strategy, the number of submissions received ahead of the extended deadline of 5 March 2024; the findings of same; when he expects the final National Biomethane Strategy to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [13761/24]

*70. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount spent by his Department on travel and accommodation costs associated with Ministerial visits abroad to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13804/24]

*71. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of properties either owned or leased by his Department, which are currently vacant; the length of time the properties have been vacant for; and the location of the properties, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13822/24]

*72. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 109 of 28 November 2023, whether he expects to finalise the sectoral emission ceilings including LULUCF for the first carbon budget consistent with the aggregate budget of 295 million tonnes CO₂ eq, before that period has expired (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [13883/24]

*73. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the average cost to retrofit, per SEAI scheme, in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13923/24]

*74. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the average cost to upgrade to a BER B2, per SEAI scheme, in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13924/24]

*75. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the average cost to upgrade to a BER B2 as part of the SEAI scheme in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13927/24]

*76. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the projected/estimated targets for solar PV in 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13928/24]

*77. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the average cost to install a heat pump, per SEAI scheme, in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13929/24]

*78. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown in of the number of heat pumps that were installed, per SEAI scheme, in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and in 2024, in tabular form; to provide a breakdown of heat pump installation targets, per SEAI scheme, in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13930/24]

*79. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the average cost to install solar PV that led to an energy uplift of BER B2 or higher per SEAI scheme in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13931/24]

*80. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on our 2030 heat pump targets; to report on the pathway between now and 2030 to reach our 2030 targets; to provide a breakdown of projected/estimated targets for completed retrofits per SEAI scheme in 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13932/24]

*81. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the retrofitting targets, per SEAI scheme, in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; to provide a breakdown of how many retrofits were completed, per SEAI scheme, in the corresponding timeframe; to provide a breakdown of the retrofitting targets per SEAI scheme; to provide a breakdown of how many retrofits were completed to BER B2 standard or higher per SEAI scheme; to provide a breakdown of the retrofitting targets per SEAI scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13933/24]

*82. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on our 2030 retrofitting targets; to report on the pathway between now and 2030 to reach our 2030 targets; to provide a breakdown of projected/estimated targets for completed retrofits across SEAI schemes in 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030; to provide a breakdown of projected/estimated targets for completed retrofits to a BER B2 standard or higher across SEAI schemes in 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13934/24]

*83. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications why Newmarket-on-Fergus in County Clare is not included in the National Broadband Ireland Fibre roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [13951/24]

*84. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what his long-term plans are to ensure adequate fibre broadband connectivity for Newmarket-on-Fergus, County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [13952/24]

*85. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the average cost to retrofit a home to a BER cost optimum standard under the better energy warmer homes scheme in the year 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [13963/24]

*86. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the average cost to retrofit a home to a BER cost optimum standard under the one stop shop scheme in the years 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [13964/24]

*87. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the budget allocations for each programme under the subhead B4 of the Revised Estimate for 2024, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [13965/24]

*88. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of total capital and current funding allocated to the solar pv scheme under subhead b4 of the revised Estimate for 2024; and to provide a breakdown of the allocation under this scheme dedicated to domestic and non-domestic solar PV, respectively. — Darren O'Rourke. [13966/24]

*89. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the average cost to instal domestic solar PV under the solar PV scheme; and the average size of systems installed on homes in kWp, in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [13967/24]

*90. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a property (details supplied) will be provided with high-speed broadband. — Louise O'Reilly. [13975/24]

*91. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a housing estate (details supplied) will be provided with high-speed broadband. — Louise O'Reilly. [13976/24]

*92. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will expand or alter the 'one stop shop' list of suppliers, to allow homeowners access to more competitive prices when upgrading windows and doors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [14036/24]

*93. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications about the process for a firm to be placed on the firms register of retrofitting companies authorised to complete works under the SEAI's warmer home scheme; what checks are performed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14046/24]

*94. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications about the process for a firm to be placed on the firms register of retrofitting companies authorised to complete works under the SEAI's OSS scheme; what checks are performed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14047/24]

*95. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications about the process for a firm to be placed on the firms register of retrofitting companies authorised to complete works under the SEAI's better energy homes scheme; what checks are performed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14048/24]

*96. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 123 of 20 March 2024, to provide a breakdown of the pre-BER and post-BER rating of solid fuel homes retrofitted as part of the SEAI retrofitting programme, broken down by SEAI scheme in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14074/24]

*97. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 123 of 20 March 2024, to provide a breakdown of how many solid fuel homes retrofitted as part of the SEAI retrofitting programme, were fitted with a heat pump, broken down by SEAI scheme in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14075/24]

*98. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the actions he will take to support local authorities to address the issue of cigarette butt litter following the enactment of legislation (details supplied); if a ring-fenced grant can be made available to support the purchase of small road sweepers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [14081/24]

*99. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if, following the CRU consultation on electricity generation and system services connection policy, he will support a second annual application window for renewable energy projects to connect to the electricity grid, in order to increase the number of grid connections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14293/24]

*100. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the recent appointment of a deputy CEO at Inland Fisheries Ireland under section 24(3) of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 was a tacit acknowledgement that the position of CEO is currently vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [14342/24]

*101. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications in light of the recent appointment in Inland Fisheries Ireland of a deputy CEO, what procedures were followed as per the Public Service Management Act 2004; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [14343/24]

*102. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress on the Just Transition (Worker and Community Environmental Rights) Bill 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14438/24]

*103. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when an updated statement of strategy for this Department will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14446/24]

*104. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the funding provided to each local authority under the Community Climate Action Programme; the projects within each local authority that have been funded under the Programme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [14448/24]

*105. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and his officials in the Inland Fisheries Division fully support the repugnant position of conserving and validating the presence of invasive/non-native freshwater fish such as pike in Lough Corrib SAC due to potential angling tourism revenue; if Fáilte Ireland has a veto over the application of the EU Habitats Directive when promoting catch and release angling for invasive/non-native freshwater fish present in Lough Corrib SAC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [14492/24]

*106. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide cá mhéad uair a pléadh ina Roinn an Ghaeilge i bhforbairt Re-turn, agus cad iad na coinníollacha a leag sé síos lena chinntiú go mbeadh an Ghaeilge san áireamh i seirbhísí Re-turn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [14595/24]

*107. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide cén fáth nach bhfuil an tseirbhís Re-turn ach i mBéarla amháin, i limistéir Ghaeltachta san áireamh, agus cén fáth gur theip ar Re-turn seirbhís as Gaeilge a chur ar fáil in aon ceann dá innill nó in aon chuid dá mhargaíocht in áit ar bith sa tír, agus an nglacann sé leis go bhfuil sé sin ag teacht salach ar Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla agus ar an gClár Rialtais maidir leis an nGaeilge a chur chun cinn, ina ngealltar limistéir Ghaeltachta a chosaint agus a chaomhnú lena chinntiú go mbeidh siad i gcroílár na teanga beo i gcónaí, agus cé na céimeanna atá á nglacadh aige chun an cás a cheartú. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [14596/24]

*108. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current situation regarding the bye law banning the fishing of eels in the country which has not been renewed by the Minister since 2018; if the ban on eel fishing remains in place; and if not, if it is currently subject to review. — Robert Troy. [14617/24]

*109. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of the problems being experienced in areas such as Cherrybrook, Ardee, County Louth, where infrastructure/ducting deficits prevent homes from accessing commercial fibre broadband services through the recognised providers; if he will consider a ‘gap funding’ model to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14618/24]

*110. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 79 of 7 March 2024, if he is aware that millions of euro have gone unclaimed as part of the deposit return scheme (details supplied); how much has gone unclaimed since the scheme first started; what these unclaimed funds will be used for; how the deposit return scheme is monitored and regulated; what measures he is taking to increase the number of bottles returned as part of the deposit return scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [14632/24]

*111. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there was any engagement with retailers and the hospitality sector prior to the introduction of the deposit return scheme on the additional card transaction charges and banking charge fees incurred as a percentage of the value of the transaction; if any analysis was conducted as to how much card merchants and banks will profit from the additional charges at the expense of the retail and hospitality sector; his plans to address this factor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14646/24]

*112. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to review correspondence regarding SEAI waiting times (details supplied); if he will address the points raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14675/24]

*113. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 111 of 5 March 2024, if, given that the December 2022 mining policy states that no damage may be done to the environment and its protection is “paramount”, he can cite any location where lithium has been mined without severe damage to the environment. — Paul Murphy. [14684/24]

*114. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 111 of 5 March 2024, if he will comment on how, in its literature the company states that it will remove the settled rock sediment from the drilling site ‘for appropriate disposal’, by saying this acknowledges that its drilling has produced material which is now in a toxic or dangerous state - otherwise why should it have to be removed. — Paul Murphy. [14685/24]

*115. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 111 of 5 March 2024, if he will assert that a drilling, two rigs working 12 hours a day, six days a week, will not damage the amenities (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [14686/24]

*116. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 111 of 5 March 2024, if, given that in the response he mentions “working with Member States and stakeholders”, he considers that people who live and work in mining/prospecting areas are not stakeholders and that their water supply could be compromised. — Paul Murphy. [14687/24]

*117. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 111 of 5 March 2024, the reason the Government is favouring the mining of lithium with its many problems over development of truly sustainable systems. — Paul Murphy. [14688/24]

*118. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the spending on programmes under subheading B4 as part of the revised estimates for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [14703/24]

*119. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the current progress of the Offshore Wind Delivery Taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [14724/24]

*120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the immediate measures that are in place to ensure that the residents of Ardee, and similar communities who are awaiting fibre broadband, are not left behind in our national effort towards digital inclusivity; how he plans to hold accountable those responsible for the delivery of these services; what measures are being implemented to prevent such discrepancies in broadband access in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14760/24]

*121. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for an update on the low-interest loans for retrofitting; when an interest rate will be determined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14762/24]

*122. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to introduce any restrictions in regard to the pricing model being used by broadband and mobile phone service providers who impose annual price rises that are linked to the rate of inflation, plus

a certain set percentage, at the same time each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [14768/24]

*123. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current annual budget allocation to the stop food waste section of the EPA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [14853/24]

*124. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the case of a location (details supplied) will be examined, whereby a house is not included in the National Broadband scheme due to its location, but it has extremely slow broadband speeds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [14889/24]

*125. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 697 of 19 February 2008 and 123 of 5 March 2024, the current position regarding the ownership of the site on which the GPO stands; if ground rent is being paid for that site and to who; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14988/24]

*126. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15041/24]

*127. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will advise on the source of matched funding for the Just Transition Fund (details supplied); advise in a scenario where the Government should decide to increase funding, would this match funding come from the same source or another source; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15043/24]

*128. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to combat the price increases across mobile and broadband providers; if these increases are consistent with price gouging practices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [15054/24]

*129. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what actions are being taken by his Department to ensure An Post complies fully with the terms of section 46 of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs Act 1983 in providing the correct pension entitlements to retired employees (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [15137/24]

*130. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there is an issue with low electrical consumers receiving the Government allocated credits to their bills; if an issue with allowing such consumers receive the credit in the past; how many consumers did not receive the credit for this reason; if the Government will refund these customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [15299/24]

*131. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of a situation (details supplied); what measures he plans to introduce to deal with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [15354/24]

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

*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he plans to bring forward changes to the public service pension to allow workers to work past their contracted retirement date, as per the

recent announcement from the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14564/24]

*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 13 of 28 February 2024, if he will report on the work of the Implementation Group established to implement the 12 recommendations intended to ensure that the Defence Forces medical policies and practices continually develop in light of best practice; the status of each of the 12 recommendations in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13645/24]

*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of troops serving at present on UN approved missions; the number of UN approved missions worldwide that Ireland does not have troops involved in due to lack of resources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13666/24]

*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the amount spent by his Department on travel and accommodation costs associated with Ministerial visits abroad to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13801/24]

*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of properties either owned or leased by his Department, which are currently vacant; the length of time the properties have been vacant for; and the location of the properties, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13819/24]

*137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence whether the RTI unit has examined, and is satisfied, that member-based organisations and/or companies, either Irish or multi-national Irish based, with which it confers, consults or liaises on matters of defence and security, have no financial or other material interest in Israeli companies, companies in the OPT, or engage in activities beneficial to or related to the IDF or any other Israeli military or security operations, given Israel's ongoing actions in Gaza that fit the definition of Torture, War Crimes and Ethnic Cleansing, with 'Plausible Genocide' under active consideration by the ICJ. — Réada Cronin. [13852/24]

*138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence whether the self-styled Irish Defence and Security Association is receiving State funding, either directly as an organisation or through its membership companies; whether his Department and/or the Defence Forces themselves are satisfied that it is appropriate for any organisation or association that is not under the strict aegis of Ireland's Minister for Defence and the Defence Forces themselves, to operate under a title and logo that could be mistaken for an official Irish authority in the critical and sensitive matters of the State's security and defence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13853/24]

*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence whether a feasibility study has been done on using the LÉ Eithne for cultural and educational purposes; if so, if he will publish the findings of that study; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13854/24]

*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of women currently serving in the Defence Forces and have served in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13855/24]

*141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how many members of the Defence Forces are currently on sick leave due to long-Covid; the number in each of the past three years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13856/24]

*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update on the Fire Station at the Curragh Camp. — Réada Cronin. [13857/24]

*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence whether foreign-language learning is available and/or prioritised in the Defence Forces across all ranks and disciplines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13858/24]

*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how the increase in the raising of the mandatory retirement age in the Defence Forces to 60 years is expected to impact on retention of personnel in the coming five years; if he will publish any research undertaken on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13859/24]

*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence whether he will support the desire of the Oversight Group to exercise maximum independence and authority in all its business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13860/24]

*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he is aware of a recruitment drive by the Air Corps and Defence Forces (details supplied); his views on whether Ireland as a neutral country that a method of recruiting children in schools is not appropriate; and if he will instruct Defence Forces to remove any recruitment propaganda from schools. — Paul Murphy. [13989/24]

*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if serving members of the Defence Forces who have not received the Covid-19 vaccination are eligible for overseas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [13994/24]

*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when two Airbus C295 Maritime Patrol Aircraft delivered to the Air Corps in June and October of 2023, will reach full operational capacity and be available for Maritime Defence and Security Operations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14035/24]

*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 139 of 20 March 2024, if he will provide the contact details on file with the Air Corps for a club (details supplied) that hosted a civilian aircraft at Casement Aerodrome in September 2004 to include the officers of the club and the registered address of the club. — Catherine Murphy. [14290/24]

*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when he expects to bring forward the legislation he has stated that he is preparing with regard to the Defence Act 1960 and changes to the Triple Lock arrangements; if he plans to bring this before the Houses of the Oireachtas prior to the summer 2024 recess; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14409/24]

*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report the participation of the Naval Service in Operation Irini; the component aspects of the mission and those which Ireland has taken part in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14524/24]

*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department will award retired and former soldiers the 1916 Centenary Commemorative Medal if their service had concluded by 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14590/24]

*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if officials from his Department and or military officials have met with senior officials from Airbus to discuss the progression of the new AirBusC295W aircraft coming into the Air Corps in 2025 in the past six months. — Paul Donnelly. [14786/24]

*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of females that joined Defence Forces from each general service recruitment campaign or cadet service recruitment campaigns in the years of 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [14787/24]

*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he is aware of a recent incident resulting in the emergency landing of an Air Corps aircraft; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14961/24]

*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his intentions to alter recruitment and retirement ages regarding the Reserve Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14962/24]

*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his proposals to address delays regarding administration and medical testing which are unduly slowing down the recruitment of Reserve Defence Forces personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14963/24]

*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the amount that will be expended on a third party contract to maintain Naval Service vessels; his proposals to ensure that the Naval Service has an adequate complement of expertise that such a contract is not necessary in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14964/24]

*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current maintenance arrangements regarding the LÉ Niamh and LÉ Róisín; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14965/24]

*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the amount paid to third parties in relation to maintenance of the naval fleet in the years 2010 to date, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14972/24]

*161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of Defence Forces personnel who purchased their way out of service in the years 2019 to date; the average discharge by purchase fee, by month, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14973/24]

*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current number of personnel in each arm of the Permanent and Reserve Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14974/24]

*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 148 of 5 March 2024, if the requested information in relation to ground rents payable by his

Department, or agencies under its remit, by named property, by name of landlord and by amount payable, in the years 2016 to date has been compiled. — Matt Carthy. [14991/24]

*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if pension entitlements will be transferred to the widow of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [15004/24]

*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his Department's policy on the appointment of civilian clerical staff to other posts within his Department, including positions such as storekeeper supervisor; if it is the case that civilian clerical staff who have carried out functions of such posts on an acting basis for an extensive period, have thereby earned eligibility for permanent appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [15236/24]

*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will investigate the practice of members of the Defence Forces being denied their presentation on the basis that they have made protected disclosures about issues in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15276/24]

*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if it is the case that members of the Defence Forces cannot take cases to the WRC for the issue of being penalised for having made a protected disclosure about issues in the Defence Forces; if so, the reason this is the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15277/24]

*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department is investigating media reports that former members of the Defence Forces, including those of the ranger elite corps, have been undertaking training of personnel belonging to the so-called 'Libyan National Army' under General Haftar, such group being opposed to the UN-recognised leadership; if he will publish the findings of that investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [15357/24]

*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what actions he is taking to assess whether the reported training in Libya by former members of the Irish Defence Forces of a military group opposed to the UN-recognised leadership of the country, is in breach of the UN arms embargo and EU restrictions on Libya; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [15358/24]

*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will ban private or commercial organisations involved in, or associated with, international security advice, weaponry or military training using the words Irish or Ireland in their business or company titles, such use being open to misinterpretation as pertaining to some official role in, or connection with the State and its offices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [15359/24]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to address delays by ESB Networks in providing grid connections for the installation of EV charging infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [15318/24]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide clarity on a letter that was sent to all businesses selling fuel (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13578/24]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the public and private bus transport available (details supplied) in light of recent announcements of service withdrawal; what measures are in place to service this route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [13602/24]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will meet with the N2/A5/Ten-T Cross Border Committee, which comprises of representatives from Derry City and Strabane District Council, Donegal County Council, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Mid Ulster District Council and Monaghan County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13642/24]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport his proposals to ensure adequate upkeep of local and regional roads in 2024. — Matt Carthy. [13643/24]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport in view that CIE RWS Scheme pensioners (receiving an average of €52 per week) have not had a pension increase since 2008, if he will consider increasing it in line with other similar scheme increases; if the cost of living element of the pay award given to Irish Rail and Dublin Bus staff will be passed on to retired staff also; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [13694/24]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can explain in detail why route 706 and 706X, run by a company (details supplied) will cease to exist in April 2024; if he will reconsider this decision and maintain this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [13697/24]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will initiate via TII a more frequent sweeping of a cycle lane (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [13703/24]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport if a regular bus service will be provided to an area (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13719/24]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport if a bus stop (details supplied) will be reinstated in a location in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13720/24]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will act to ensure that a public bus service is reinstated between Galway and Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [13726/24]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends to progress plans in the Green Party's transport policy to regulate advertisements which glamourise unsustainable modes of transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [13727/24]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport what action he has taken, including by liaising with his Cabinet colleagues as appropriate, to restrict advertisements which are misleading with regard

to the impact of motoring on the environment, on urban congestion and on road safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [13728/24]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will support a ban on advertising of new fossil fuelled cars, in order to reduce the demand for unsustainable modes of transport in line with transport and climate policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [13729/24]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport if he supports a ban on private jets using Dublin Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [13730/24]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons waiting for a test, per test centre; if a breakdown can be provided on the length of time waiting and the number of driving testers for each test centre, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [13774/24]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the Mullingar train stop does not have any Leap card infrastructure, especially considering that the station is used largely by students travelling to college in Maynooth; if he has any intention of introducing Leap card infrastructure at the station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [13775/24]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent by his Department on travel and accommodation costs associated with Ministerial visits abroad to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13816/24]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of properties either owned or leased by his Department, which are currently vacant; the length of time the properties have been vacant for; and the location of the properties, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13834/24]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport his Department's capital underspend, if any, in 2023; his Department's projected spend for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [13888/24]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport what the grant allocation of €150,000 for the Tralee to An Daingean route N86 in 2024 will be utilised for (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [13906/24]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the progress being made to improve a dangerous and busy junction on the outskirts of Thurles, County Tipperary; Turtulla Cross on the N62 has been the site of a number of serious and fatal crashes over the years; what safety works and junction redesign can be carried out at this junction on the N62 to improve safety for all road users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13917/24]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has engaged with the National Transport Authority following the decision by Aircoach to withdraw the Athlone service, to ensure connectivity is maintained in this growth centre. — Robert Troy. [14006/24]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport what planning he has carried out to ensure there will not be an increase in road fatalities and injuries as a result of the proposals of the forthcoming changes to alcohol licensing hours; if he will publish the evidence on which any such plans are based; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [14007/24]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will liaise with Dublin City Council in relation to funding options for the expansion of the highly successful now Dublin bikes scheme. — Patrick Costello. [14049/24]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport whether weapons bound for Israel are transiting through Shannon Airport; if he will immediately stop the use of Shannon as a transit hub for an active enabler of the genocidal violence happening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14052/24]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of agreements that have been reached between Transport Infrastructure Ireland and organisations who had previously expressed concerns about the Metrolink project, since the beginning of the Railway Order application oral hearing (details supplied); the details of these agreements; if any are non-disclosure agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14063/24]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport when the additional capacity will be in service on the Sligo to Dublin rail line. — Robert Troy. [14065/24]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports his Department is giving to Irish Rail to provide ample car parking in Carlow town at the Carlow train station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14105/24]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport the capital and current funding allocated to safe routes to school programmes in each of the years 2022, 2023 and 2024. — Sorca Clarke. [14120/24]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the proportion of the funding allocated to the safe routes to school programme that has been expended for the purposes of years 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024. — Sorca Clarke. [14121/24]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the proposed connecting Ireland Route (details supplied); the actions he will take to ensure this is prioritised for funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [14161/24]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department uses community radio for advertising and public awareness campaigns; if not, the reason, given the vital role community radio often plays in the dissemination of information to local communities; if his Department will consider using community radio for public awareness campaigns in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14175/24]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the proposal to extend the DART to Wicklow town; the work that has been done to date by his Department to support this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [14178/24]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request the board of an organisation (details supplied) to comply with the spirit of the Mulvey Report 2023 and provide a pension increase for 2024 to pensioners of the IAA, in line with the pension increase recommendations within the Mulvey Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14181/24]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport if will he instruct the board of an organisation (details supplied), 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, to provide an amount within the Eurocontrol User Charge Unit Rate 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 State air navigation services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14182/24]

*207. 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. [14221/24]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to encourage An Garda Síochána to tackle the dangers of users of e-scooters, motorised bicycles and bicycles not wearing high-visibility clothing, having no visible back or front lights, and complying with rules of the road, and generally not being aware of their own safety or other road users while driving/cycling (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [14261/24]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he and Irish Rail are taking to improve onboard WiFi and mobile phone connectivity on its intercity lines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [14307/24]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide all available information on the recipients of the wheelchair accessible grant for taxis; for a breakdown of these recipients, by category (individually owned or rental taxis); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14316/24]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of safety concerns of taxi drivers at night; for an update on his latest engagements with taxi driver groups on this topic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14317/24]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of reports that the cost of renting vehicles from taxi rental companies may be contributing to the national taxi shortage; if he is aware of reports that the ban on individual sale of taxi plates may be contributing to the issue; if he is aware of reports that rental companies are charging high fees to rent out plates in contravention of NTA rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14318/24]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport the latest updates on addressing taxi shortages at peak times; if this includes extending the operating hours of public transport services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14319/24]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that an updated lease on the old rail trail greenway is brought forward and put in place. — Robert Troy. [14330/24]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to delays in the issuing of new bus route licences by the National Transport Authority (details supplied); the actions he will take to ensure that there are no further delays in this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [14358/24]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport if a matter in relation to a car sale can be addressed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14361/24]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the NTA has engaged in even exploratory discussions with State landowners along the t-route of a possible Metro South extension from either Stephen's Green or Charlemont, that would travel via Cathal Brugha Barracks, for example; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [14527/24]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline in detail what plans and action have been taken by the NTA to date, or are planned for the future, in terms of providing park-and-ride facilities for Dublin commuters - particularly on the southside of the city, to take advantage of any proposed BusConnects projects which are due to be implemented subject to An Bord Pleanála decisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [14528/24]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline what steps have been taken to provide park-and-ride facilities at major motorway interchanges, as is the case in Derry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [14529/24]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport when funding will be given for the N70 Kenmare to Sneem road to ensure all work is carried out as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14559/24]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driving test will be expedited for a person (details supplied) in order that they can commence employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14576/24]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport when he expects a report on the EV Commercial Fleet Trial to be published; the measures his Department is taking to incentivise and support small-to-medium businesses in electrifying their commercial fleet; whether his Department plans to introduce new measures following the final report on the trial; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14654/24]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will give consideration to establishing a fund specifically aimed at noise mitigation/sound barriers to mitigate the impact of major motorway construction projects on local residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14669/24]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown, in tabular form, of the current number of applicants awaiting a driving test, by county and the length of time. — Martin Kenny. [14677/24]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost of hiring an additional ten driving testers. — Martin Kenny. [14678/24]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost of hiring an additional ten NCT testers. — Martin Kenny. [14679/24]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has any plans to introduce a levy on private jets using Irish airspace or landing at Irish airports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [14680/24]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of any plans to increase toll costs again this year; the estimated cost of deferring such a move; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [14682/24]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the status of the Dublin-Navan rail line upgrade, including the cost of work completed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [14683/24]

*230. To ask the Minister for Transport if changes can be made to the current LIS rules in order that roads in west Donegal will qualify for the scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [14689/24]

*231. To ask the Minister for Transport what sections of the M7 have been shut and for how many days during the month of March to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [14713/24]

*232. To ask the Minister for Transport what efforts were made by TII to inform the road-using public that sections of the M7 were closed during March 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [14714/24]

*233. To ask the Minister for Transport what consideration TII give to the requirements of the road-using public in determining to fully shut a section of the M7 and in their efforts to inform the public of the closure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [14715/24]

*234. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will be issued with a date for a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14734/24]

*235. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to support the roll-out the UBER service in rural counties like Cavan and Monaghan due to the taxi shortage and the impact this is having on the rural pub/restaurant trade; if he will outline what his Department are actively doing to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14754/24]

*236. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the delivery of additional carriages for Dublin-Rosslare Europort rail line. — Paul Donnelly. [14788/24]

*237. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost in 2024 if the security personnel budget onboard the LUAS increased by 33%. — Paul Donnelly. [14789/24]

*238. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which it might be possible for the 139 bus service to service Clonaugh, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14806/24]

*239. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can provide an update of the current stages of the Connecting Ireland rural bus scheme, including how many routes have been rolled out and which are yet to be rolled out, by county, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [14836/24]

*240. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the N2 upgrade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [14837/24]

*241. To ask the Minister for Transport to improve public transport access for wheelchair users (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14894/24]

*242. To ask the Minister for Transport how the roll-out of charging infrastructure can be accelerated, along with the upgrading of the ESB grid to accommodate them, particularly in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [14952/24]

*243. To ask the Minister for Transport what assistance is available from his Department to progress the roll-out of high speed EV chargers at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [14953/24]

*244. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on a Public Service Obligation application in respect of a proposed Shannon Airport to Amsterdam Schiphol route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [15010/24]

*245. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will fund an independent audit of footpath safety and cost to repair and restore footpaths in a local authority (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [15080/24]

*246. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will fund an independent audit of footpath safety and cost to repair and restore footpaths in a local authority (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [15081/24]

*247. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will clarify the situation with railway lines being reused and repurposed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15114/24]

*248. To ask the Minister for Transport to report on the performance of the 105 bus service in January-March 2024; his plans to improve this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [15160/24]

*249. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that the NDLS office in Galway was closed on Saturday, 23 March 2024, despite appointments having been made for that date; the arrangements made to facilitate the customers let down, with other appointments; the frequency that scheduled appointments did not take place at NDLS offices around the country in the past year because offices were not open at the appointed times; the steps he intends taking to ensure that NDLS provides a better service to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15238/24]

*250. To ask the Minister for Transport for a status update in respect of a bus stop (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15250/24]

*251. To ask the Minister for Transport for a status update in respect of a bus stop (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15251/24]

*252. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has any plans to take a public transport audit in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15254/24]

*253. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the issues that people with disabilities face when it comes to using public transport and space for their mobility device; if he is aware that some disability spaces on public transport are not big enough and that mobility devices are being damaged trying to fit in the space provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15255/24]

*254. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update with any engagement his Department has had with Louth County Council in respect of progressing phase 2 of the port access northern cross route in Drogheda; if he supports this vital infrastructure; if he will commit to fast-tracking and/or assisting any discussion to allow for its progression, including any funding required to complete an over/under passage of the main Dublin to Belfast rail line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15281/24]

*255. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the proposal by the National Transport Authority to terminate the Wexford to Dublin Intercity rail link in either Greystones or Wicklow town and to require passengers to disembark there to access commuter DART services; if he accepts that this substantial down grading of a main intercity link is totally unacceptable, if he will contact the NTA and Irish Rail on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [15282/24]

*256. To ask the Minister for Transport if the RePowerEU funding of €56 million that will be allocated to the electrification works at Drogheda train station to facilitate the charging of battery electric trains, has been drawn down yet from the European Union; if so, when; if he will seek a detailed description on what the funding will provide in Drogheda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15287/24]

*257. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will seek an update from the CEO of the Road Safety Authority on the progress/lack of progress on the long-awaited driving test centre for Drogheda; what sites have been considered or investigated; the expected timelines for the opening of the centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15294/24]

*258. To ask the Minister for Transport if Transport Infrastructure Ireland will address an issue affecting a homeowner on the N86 in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15295/24]

*259. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will intervene and insist that Louth County Council, as a responsible party, that action is taken to remove the hebble dredge from the River Boyne in Drogheda following its original sinking in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15314/24]

*260. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on plans to deploy the use of battery technology to support the installation of EV charging infrastructure along the comprehensive road network in response to delays in grid connections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [15316/24]

*261. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on plans to unblock potential barriers and streamline the process for the private sector companies to access grid connections for the installation of EV charging infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [15317/24]

*262. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on progress to introduce the new DART hybrid fleet on the northern line to Drogheda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15322/24]

*263. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress of the Moyross train station as the pathfinder project for Limerick city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [15325/24]

*264. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the proposed Ardee by-pass; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15339/24]

*265. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a full update on the funding requirements and allocations required to advance the N2 Ardee to Carrickmacross road project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15340/24]

*266. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider implementing technology which would allow, without the person taking the test having to make a complaint, for a review of each driving test examination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [15344/24]

*267. To ask the Minister for Transport when the draft revised transport strategy for Galway will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15365/24]

*268. To ask the Minister for Transport the number and percentage of buses in the Bus Éireann fleet (excluding school transport scheme) and in the Dublin Bus Fleet that are aged over 12 years old as of 2 April 2024; and the number of new buses for both companies that would be needed to be provided each year to ensure all buses in the fleet are less than 12 years old. — Paul Donnelly. [15383/24]

*269. To ask the Minister for Transport how many incidents and complaints have been logged in the past 24 months with regard to public and staff safety on Sligo to Dublin train service, particularly between Sligo and Mullingar and vice versa; if any security/staffing measures will be implemented to provide safe transport for customers and staff on this train particularly between Sligo and Mullingar and vice versa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15393/24]

*270. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline, in light of the EPA Research Report 454, titled “Farm-Carbon: Hedgerows and Non-forest Woodland (Hedgerow Carbon Project)”, the plans he has to direct Transport Infrastructure Ireland and local road authorities to expand the planting of hedges on motorway medians and on wide areas on the boundaries of our road network which are currently fallow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15482/24]

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*271. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is concerned that a marked gap in the price of petrol and diesel in the South compared to the North that will result from scheduled increases in excise duty this year could pose a threat to the trade and viability of firms and petrol stations in Border counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13598/24]

*272. To ask the Minister for Finance the Irish contribution or projected to the EU Multiannual Financial Framework in the years 2013 through the end of this MFF in 2027, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13640/24]

*273. To ask the Minister for Finance the total or projected Irish receipts from the European Union under the EU Multiannual Financial Framework in the year 2013 through the end of this MFF in 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13641/24]

*274. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will examine the system by which genuine claims for compensation for damage to vehicles due to pot holes on our public roads are being declined by a company (details supplied) without any recourse to appeal by the vehicle owner and the dismissive attitude of the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [13651/24]

*275. To ask the Minister for Finance the real efforts that are being made to curtail the awful practice of smuggling drugs into Ireland (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13671/24]

*276. To ask the Minister for Finance following the Trilogue agreement on EU level anti-money laundering legislation, whether he will amend S.I. No. 308 of 2023 to allow greater access for civil society and others to the register of beneficial ownership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13681/24]

*277. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue generated by restricting the remittance basis of taxation with respect to non-domiciled individuals to a lifetime limit of two, three and five years respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13708/24]

*278. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of non-domiciled individuals taxed on a remittance basis in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Pearse Doherty. [13710/24]

*279. To ask the Minister for Finance to clarify eligibility for the mortgage interest tax credit with respect to cross-Border workers in particular in situations (details supplied); if such individuals may qualify for the mortgage interest tax credit; if not, if he agrees that this reflects an inherent inequity in the operation of the tax credit; and the measures he will consider to rectify it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13731/24]

*280. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the assertion that the new BIK thresholds and rules encourages drivers who are in possession of company cars to do additional unwanted mileage to ensure they receive maximum benefit under the new scheme; if this will be reviewed in light of the environmental impact of the change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [13749/24]

*281. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount spent by his Department on travel and accommodation costs associated with Ministerial visits abroad to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13805/24]

*282. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of properties either owned or leased by his Department, which are currently vacant; the length of time the properties have been vacant for; and the location of the properties, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13823/24]

*283. To ask the Minister for Finance the total loans drawn down by Ireland from the European Investment Bank in each of the past ten years in tabular form; to specify the purpose and amount of each loan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13839/24]

*284. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of successful Living City Initiative applications made to renovate and refurbish properties in Limerick, Galway, Waterford and Kilkenny respectively in the years 2021, 2022 and 2023; the reasons Drogheda is not included in the initiative, given its population is significantly larger than that of Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [13848/24]

*285. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated number of properties that are eligible to pay the vacant homes tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [13955/24]

*286. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the recommendations of the Budgetary Oversight Committee’s Report on the Section 481 Film Tax Credit; what efforts are being made to ensure Irish performers have the same contract terms as international performers in similar roles; if he is conscious of the need for productions operating in Ireland to comply with the Copyright and Related Rights Act 2000 and European Copyright Directive in order to avail of the tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [13972/24]

*287. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of times each of the customs cutter boats of the Revenue Commissioners have been deployed since the start of 2022 to date in 2024, in tabular form; the plans the Revenue Commissioners have to expand the fleet of interceptor craft; if the Revenue Commissioners have experienced difficulty in recruiting officers for marine operations; and if he will provide a schedule of the items seized at sea in 2023 and to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [13978/24]

*288. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the help-to-buy scheme to second-hand homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [13993/24]

*289. To ask the Minister for Finance to detail in percentage terms (in tabular form, on 1 January for the year 2014 and the years 2020 to 2024 inclusive), each of the following taxes/levies where relevant (excise, NORA, carbon tax, better energy) on the pump price of a litre of petrol and diesel. — Marian Harkin. [14053/24]

*290. To ask the Minister for Finance what financial supports are currently available for disabled drivers and passengers for vehicle modifications; what recommendations were made in relation to this from the Transport Working Group’s final report published in February 2023; when these recommendations will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [14056/24]

*291. To ask the Minister for Finance to confirm if his Department received a submission in June 2022 from an organisation (details supplied) regarding the tax treatment of employer contributions to a PRSA; his views on the organisation’s view that “if the current BIK charge on employer PRSA contributions is removed and such contributions are no longer considered for tax purposes to be employee contributions, there is a risk that some companies could fund through tax deductible PRSA contributions at a level higher than they currently can to an OMA, given that PRSAs are not benefit limited like OMAs”; the reason the proposals provided by the organisation to address this risk were not implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14117/24]

*292. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue generated annually by carbon tax increases in each of the years 2025 to 2030 respectively, with respect to the carbon tax increases in each of those years and on a cumulative basis. — Pearse Doherty. [14119/24]

*293. To ask the Minister for Finance what safeguards he and his office are looking at for people whose mortgages have been sold to a third party from the originator bank (details supplied); and if he is looking into this matter or has a plan to tackle this added expense on ordinary families. — Peadar Tóibín. [14136/24]

*294. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department uses community radio for advertising and public awareness campaigns; if not, the reason, given the vital role community radio often plays in the dissemination of information to local communities; if his Department will consider using community radio for public awareness campaigns in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14164/24]

*295. To ask the Minister for Finance to make a statement regarding restoring the tourism VAT rate to 9% (details supplied). — Michael Healy-Rae. [14216/24]

*296. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider reintroducing the VAT equalisation measure to stimulate car hire fleets and the possibility of pursuing a balanced approach to regulating the self-catering sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14220/24]

*297. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 142 of 1 February 2024, the status of the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal; the number of appeal hearings that have taken place since the Board recommenced its work; the number of outstanding appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14355/24]

*298. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on forecasted data taken from the Central Statistics Office earnings, hours and employment costs survey and using 2024 forecasts of wage growth of 5% as projected by the Central Bank and inflation of 2.9% as projected by the ESRI, all of which indicate two consecutive years of real wage decline, 2023 and 2024, projecting that workers will be worse off by the end of 2024 than they were in 2020. — Louise O'Reilly. [14404/24]

*299. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners can issue updated tax credit certificate/tax free allowances in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14417/24]

*300. To ask the Minister for Finance the way a person wishing to claim the favourite niece/nephew relief can meet the requirement to work the land of their aunt/uncle substantially on a full-time basis of at least five years prior to inheritance, on land that that has been zoned for development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14504/24]

301. To ask the Minister for Finance to outline the multiplier applied to public expenditure – particularly capital expenditure – by his Department to estimate economic growth in both GDP and GNI terms when preparing economic projections, and use an example of the how the multiplier is applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14705/24]

*302. To ask the Minister for Finance to outline how the Department converts projected economic growth and government expenditure into numbers of people projected to be in employment when preparing economic projections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14706/24]

*303. To ask the Minister for Finance to outline how his Department converts projected economic growth and government expenditure into projected tax revenue when preparing economic projections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14707/24]

*304. To ask the Minister for Finance what the rules governing the salary multiples for mortgages were in 2007; if he can provide details of the rules in place at that time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14721/24]

*305. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of final demands issued by the Revenue Commissioners and the Sheriff referrals over the value of €10,000 for 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [14798/24]

*306. To ask the Minister for Finance how many applications have been made to the Succession Farm Partnership Tax Credit; how many have been approved; how many have been paid for the allowed years provided, in tabular form by years one, two, three, four and five; how much has been paid out under the scheme overall from 2020 to date broken down by year; if this information can be provided in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14801/24]

*307. To ask the Minister for Finance if provisions can be made for primary medical certificate appeals to be held in Cork, considering that at present people have to travel to Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14833/24]

*308. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will expand the dental tax relief med 2 scheme to increase tax band from 20% to 40% as per 2009 levels and to specifically include dentures in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14872/24]

*309. To ask the Minister for Finance if he can clarify the situation regarding liability for stamp duty by approved affordable housing purchasers and, if liable, if the liability is on the discounted affordable house price or on the full market value; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [14948/24]

*310. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 82 of 1 February 2024, if he will provide an update in respect of the commitment made by him in his initial response (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [15011/24]

*311. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will engage with the banking sector (details supplied) to request it to provide a status report regarding the offer to provide a 'gambling block' to customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [15047/24]

*312. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will publish the timeframe provided by the financial institutions required to deliver gambling block security to their online platforms (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [15048/24]

*313. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of Irish taxpayer money currently invested in companies which derive profit from their activities in illegal Israeli settlements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15312/24]

*314. To ask the Minister for Finance the remaining increases to fuel excise due in 2024; if he will reconsider their implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15313/24]

*315. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department will simplify the VAT code on car sharing, noting the current dual rate system is unnecessarily complex and discouraging car rental; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [15320/24]

*316. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider reducing the rate of VAT on hire of e-bikes to encourage people making the transition to sustainable alternatives, noting the relevant EU Directive permits reduced rate in the range of 9-13.5%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [15321/24]

*317. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated weekly and annual cost if the employment wage subsidy scheme were to be reintroduced with various subsidy rates (details supplied). — Pearse Doherty. [15372/24]

*318. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated weekly and annual cost if the employment wage subsidy scheme were to be reintroduced with various subsidy rates (details supplied). — Pearse Doherty. [15373/24]

*319. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated weekly and annual cost if the employment wage subsidy scheme were to be reintroduced with various subsidy rates (details supplied). — Pearse Doherty. [15374/24]

*320. To ask the Minister for Finance the degree to which Ireland continues to perform well within the European Union from an economic perspective; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15408/24]

*321. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of prizes won by prize bond holders on a monthly basis in each of the past two years to date; the extent to which ongoing supervision and monitoring of the draws takes place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15409/24]

*322. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which Ireland's economy continues to compete with other European economies inside and outside the Eurozone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15410/24]

*323. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which insurance costs in Ireland compare with such costs across Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15411/24]

*324. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will take action to discourage house price increases that currently make it difficult or impossible for first-time house buyers to build or acquire a home of their own; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15412/24]

*325. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has identified particularly vulnerable sectors for specific continued assistance post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15413/24]

*326. To ask the Minister for Finance the degree to which he can forecast economic prospects over the next five years, in view of the variety of potential challenges globally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15414/24]

*327. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps which can be taken to encourage lenders, directly or through the medium of the Central Bank, when dealing with borrowers in arrears to take into account the willingness of the borrowers to make reasonable repayments in line with their circumstances rather than liquidation, particularly in circumstances in which the family home or small business is concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15415/24]

*328. To ask the Minister for Finance the degree to which working capital is being provided by the various lending institutions for the farming and business sectors, with particular reference to the need to ensure the ability of productive sectors to have ready access to competitively priced credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15416/24]

*329. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he continues to monitor the levels of bank charges being imposed by various banks; the basis for such charges, nationally and internationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15417/24]

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.

*330. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of unused or derelict Garda stations in County Clare; if he has any plans for the use of same in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15256/24]

*331. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the funding received by Ireland in relation to peace initiatives since 1998; the source of funding, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13644/24]

*332. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total value of estates, or partial estates, which were inherited by the State as the ultimate intestate successor under section 73 of the Succession Act 1965 in each year from 2000 to date; the number of individual deceased persons from whose estates these amounts were inherited; to outline any amounts which were waived under the provisions of section 73; what policy considerations are taken into account when making such a decision to waive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13770/24]

*333. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of properties that are owned and rented by the State through the Office of Public Works; the number of these properties that are vacant; the length of time each property has been vacant; and the location of each. — Peadar Tóibín. [13797/24]

*334. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount spent by his Department on travel and accommodation costs associated with Ministerial visits abroad to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13811/24]

*335. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of properties either owned or leased by his Department, which are currently vacant; the length of time the properties have been vacant for; and the location of the properties, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13829/24]

*336. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the payment request made by Ireland regarding the Recovery and Resilience Fund is still active, or whether it was cancelled following the submission of a modified plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13840/24]

*337. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether he is satisfied that the organisation is moving with all necessary alacrity on the unification of the lands at Castletown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13880/24]

*338. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW has received any communication from a local authority on the issue of acquiring a property to protect the history of the building (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [13949/24]

*339. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the measures that are taken to ensure that successful companies are meeting their environmental obligations under their contracts (details supplied); if these checks are carried out during or at the end of contracts; what penalties/consequences exist for failure to comply with these; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [13970/24]

*340. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform how his Department checks the adherence of companies to the requirement as part of Brexit that UK companies are entitled to tender for public procurement contracts but they must be in compliance with EU legislation, as it is clearly outlined that the onus is on these companies to ensure their compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [13971/24]

*341. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when a flood defence scheme (details supplied) will advance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [14131/24]

*342. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department uses community radio for advertising and public awareness campaigns; if not, the reason, given the vital role community radio often plays in the dissemination of information to local communities; if his Department will consider using community radio for public awareness campaigns in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14171/24]

*343. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW will fund the provision of providing wheelchair accessible for members of the public to visit the public entrance of Mountjoy Garda station, Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14189/24]

*344. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to detail the works that are being carried out on the dome of the Four Courts at present;

why these works are necessary considering that extensive works were carried out on the dome in the very recent past; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14215/24]

*345. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if funding will be allocated to help with coastal erosion in a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14312/24]

*346. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the expected timeline for the publication of the revised National Development Plan allocations out to 2028; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14350/24]

*347. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to the review of the statutory framework for ethics in public office, the status of the development of the scheme for legislative reform in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14353/24]

*348. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the status of the review of the freedom of information regime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14354/24]

*349. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 307 of 20 March 2024, if the investment projects and programmes tracker is not regularly updated; when the tracker will next be updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14368/24]

*350. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 309 of 20 March 2024, if the anticipated total cost to the Exchequer listed include projections of increases due to indexation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14371/24]

*351. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether the detention facilities in the Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum will be used for any other detention purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14546/24]

*352. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform how a person can de-register as a lobbyist if they are no longer engaging in lobbying activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [14558/24]

*353. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the rationale behind denial of access to Castletown Demesne for 17 out of 24 hours extended gate closures (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [14610/24]

*354. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if it is the case that staff have not remained at the gate Castletown Demesne to allow people to exit past 16.30, therefore denying them safe exit, with public forced to lift buggies, bikes, scooters, mobility aids, dogs over fences, this having a serious impact on people with

mobility issues and additional physical needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [14611/24]

*355. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether the local emergency services were informed in advance of the changed opening hours to the Castletown Demesne; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [14612/24]

*356. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if all efforts are being made by the OPW to respond to the community in a way that reflects the particular sensitivity, emotion and psychological value to and within that community of all matters involving and pertaining to Castletown Demesne; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [14613/24]

*357. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline any new decisions or approaches to the summertime opening of and access to the Castletown Demesne; whether any new decisions or arrangements will be notified appropriately, widely and with optimum timing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [14614/24]

*358. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the speed limit on Lime Avenue on 30 September 2023 on the approach through Castletown housing estate and through the historic famine gates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [14623/24]

*359. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the date on which the traffic-management protocol regarding Castletown/Lime Avenue released through FOI was implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [14624/24]

*360. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide new capital ceilings for each Department for 2024, 2025 and 2026 accounting for the allocation of the €2.25 billion in windfall capital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14954/24]

*361. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when he will publish updated departmental capital ceilings for each Department for the second half of the national development plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14955/24]

*362. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide details of the amount of the €2.25 billion windfall capital that will be used for new projects and the amount that will be earmarked to address construction inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14956/24]

*363. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update on what interim measures have been implemented in east Cork after the most recent flooding disaster; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [15031/24]

*364. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if interim flood relief measures can be put in place as soon as possible to prevent further flooding in parts of Middleton, Castlemartyr, Whitegate Village and Mogeely; what immediate supports are available to those housing estates to expedite the safety of those homes and prevent future flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [15033/24]

*365. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total cost of holding the two referenda on 8 March 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [15044/24]

*366. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on the implementation of eco-toilets in the Phoenix Park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [15198/24]

*367. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the reason a reduced rate pension paid by An Post to a former employee, who after leaving that company took up a job with the HSE and became entitled to a separate pension under the nominated health agencies superannuation scheme, is taken into account for rebatement purposes under the latter scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15222/24]

*368. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on proposed developments at the Oldbridge site since the welcome announcement of up to €10 million in shared island funding to develop the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15330/24]

*369. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update on the delivery of the CFRAM scheme for County Louth and east Meath, further to the most recent flooding events in the area; the current timelines for the delivery of the projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15342/24]

*370. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to identify if reports have been undertaken to ascertain the level of coastal erosion underway between the mouth of the River Boyne at Baltray to Clogherhead in County Louth; if so, what are the results; what plans, if any, there are to mitigate coastal erosion at this location into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15369/24]

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

*371. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to ensure that proposed working conditions measures will not have a negative impact on SMEs in increased operating costs as they will not be in a position to absorb such costs over the proposed period for these changes to be implemented in working conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15209/24]

*372. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount spent by his Department on travel and accommodation costs associated with Ministerial visits abroad to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13803/24]

*373. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of properties either owned or leased by his Department, which are currently vacant; the length of time the properties have been vacant for; and the location of the properties, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13821/24]

*374. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the analysis that has been done on the Russian trade sanctions; and if he is satisfied they are working and not being circumvented in any way. — Robert Troy. [13999/24]

*375. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the civil service mobility transfer list in relation to positions in Mullingar, County Westmeath; how many positions have been filled through this list within the past year; and the position of a person (details supplied) with regard to this particular list. — Robert Troy. [14082/24]

*376. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department uses community radio for advertising and public awareness campaigns; if not, the reason, given the vital role community radio often plays in the dissemination of information to local communities; if his Department will consider using community radio for public awareness campaigns in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14170/24]

*377. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if employer PRSI will be reformed to ease the burden on businesses and to mitigate against the effects of Government induced payroll measures (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14218/24]

*378. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total number of active employment permits in the State (details supplied), broken down by type of permit, i.e. Critical, General, Other and SOC Code (4 digit). — Patrick Costello. [14223/24]

*379. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the targets for commercial building emission reductions and energy targets; the steps being taken to achieve this target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14260/24]

*380. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current status of full ratification of CETA; and if he considers the recent decision by the French parliament to reject CETA will impact on the agreement. — Robert Troy. [14378/24]

*381. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide an update on Co-Operative Societies Bill 2022; when he expects the Bill to progress to the next stage; if he expects it will pass through the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14391/24]

*382. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on forecasted data taken from the Central Statistics Office earnings, hours and employment costs survey and using 2024 forecasts of wage growth of 5% as projected by the Central Bank and inflation of 2.9% as projected by the ESRI, all of which indicate two consecutive years of real wage decline, 2023 and 2024, projecting that workers will be worse off by the end of 2024 than they were in 2020. — Louise O'Reilly. [14403/24]

*383. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what supports are available where an entrepreneur is seeking to set up a groundworks and civil engineer company in Ireland and Germany; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14531/24]

*384. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14622/24]

*385. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of WTE senior digital forensic investigators and senior analyst investigators both at the grades of HEO working for the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission in the years of 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [14795/24]

*386. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the Cooperative Societies Bill 2022; when drafting is expected to be completed; and if there is a timeline for the legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14936/24]

*387. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide an update on the advanced building solution facility in Drogheda, County Louth; when he expects construction to commence on the facility and any other related details; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15293/24]

*388. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the implementation of the North East Regional Enterprise Plans, considering the need to provide employment in the area and reduce the outward commute from towns such as Drogheda, Ardee and Dunleer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15349/24]

*389. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures he is considering for SMEs to assist in high staffing costs due to the proposed increases in minimum wage, sick pay entitlements, pension contributions and employer PRSI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15207/24]

*390. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the current volatile business environment and national competitiveness difficulties experienced by SME's are being considered in changing the current planned phased measures scheduled to commence in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15208/24]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*391. 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. — Seán Crowe. [13583/24]

*392. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a school which applied for additional accommodation for two SET rooms in 2019 and additional classroom accommodation in 2020 is still awaiting sanction from her Department to proceed with this construction project (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [13596/24]

*393. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ASD places available in primary schools in Ballincollig, Cork for the September 2024 school term; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [13603/24]

*394. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address matters in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [13604/24]

*395. To ask the Minister for Education when funding will be provided to a school (details supplied) to accommodate the provision of ASD places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [13606/24]

*396. To ask the Minister for Education the number of secondary school ASD places available in Cork city and county for September 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [13607/24]

*397. To ask the Minister for Education what options are available for a person (details supplied) who has applied to a school and has been turned down for a place; if assistance will be provided to acquire a place in the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [13632/24]

*398. To ask the Minister for Education when three additional classroom and a temporary ASD classroom will be approved for a school (details supplied) considering that they are urgently required; when can they expect to get approval; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [13633/24]

*399. To ask the Minister for Education if school bus escorts will be compensated for their loss of earnings due to enforced school closures on polling days, such as 8 March 2024; if the practice of not compensating these low paid workers will be reviewed (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13658/24]

*400. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the status of a build for a school (details supplied); if a contractor has been appointed; if a timeline is available for the commencement and completion of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13669/24]

*401. To ask the Minister for Education if the CLÁR programme for teachers with qualifications abroad will be reintroduced for the next school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [13679/24]

*402. To ask the Minister for Education when her diary would allow her to attend an official opening of an extension for a school (details supplied) in County Galway. — Sorca Clarke. [13682/24]

*403. To ask the Minister for Education when a primary school (details supplied) will be provided. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [13685/24]

*404. To ask the Minister for Education to consider expanding the eligibility period for the CLÁR route for trainee teachers, to expand the potentially eligible number of returning trainees. — Pa Daly. [13693/24]

*405. To ask the Minister for Education when the summer works scheme will be opened for applications; if a school (details supplied) will be prioritised in this scheme, as it has been refused funding under emergency works scheme, citing that the work was more suited to the summer works scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [13707/24]

*406. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 148 of 22 February 2024, if she will provide the amounts of net surplus cash derived from school transport by Bus Éireann that the auditors and directors categorised in the accounts as profit, in tabular form, for each year from 2005 to 2015; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [13714/24]

*407. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on a grant for a school (details supplied); if she will ensure it is expedited without further delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13715/24]

*408. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to expand the number of places in special classes to meet the demand from students and their families for such classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [13718/24]

*409. 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. [13747/24]

*410. To ask the Minister for Education when a school place can be facilitated for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13752/24]

*411. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the capital funding for a school (details supplied); when the school will be able to drawdown the funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [13754/24]

*412. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a school project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [13756/24]

*413. To ask the Minister for Education the up-to-date position with the provision of a new school in County Kildare (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [13764/24]

*414. To ask the Minister for Education the amount spent by her Department on travel and accommodation costs associated with Ministerial visits abroad to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13802/24]

*415. To ask the Minister for Education the number of properties either owned or leased by her Department, which are currently vacant; the length of time the properties have been vacant for; and the location of the properties, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13820/24]

*416. To ask the Minister for Education what progress has been made in relation to a report proposing the introduction of a teacher relocation scheme from a working group established by one of the teacher unions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [13884/24]

*417. To ask the Minister for Education if officials in her Department have met with teacher unions in relation to a report proposing the introduction of a teacher relocation scheme from a working group established by one of the teacher unions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [13885/24]

*418. To ask the Minister for Education when the CAR system which allows a person to do their teacher induction here will re-open; and if not, if the closing date will be extended; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [13890/24]

*419. To ask the Minister for Education the latest developments on the refurbishment of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [13893/24]

*420. To ask the Minister for Education to consider expanding the eligibility period for the Covid Amendment Regulation route for trainee teachers, to expand the potentially eligible number of returning trainees. — Pa Daly. [13900/24]

*421. To ask the Minister for Education how many planners are employed by her Department; and how many architects are employed by her Department. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [13903/24]

*422. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 122 of 13 February 2024, when she expects publication of the latest enrolment projection report for primary and post-primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [13938/24]

*423. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a progress report on a school (details supplied); if tenders have been awarded to begin the school builds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [13977/24]

*424. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a list of all second-level education institutions aided by her Department that are located on public land, and a separate list of all second-level institutions aided by her Department that are located on land not in public ownership. — Patrick Costello. [13982/24]

*425. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 276 of 23 January 2024, to list in tabular form the 103 new post-primary schools and 90 newly-established multi-denominational schools referenced, providing school roll numbers for all schools identified. — Patrick Costello. [13983/24]

*426. To ask the Minister for Education when construction works will commence on schools (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [14004/24]

*427. To ask the Minister for Education the annual capital budget for schools in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024; and her views that this allocation is keeping pace with housing allocation and to keep pace with population increase. — Robert Troy. [14005/24]

*428. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school transport query (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [14033/24]

*429. To ask the Minister for Education if a non-EU/EEA citizen, qualified as a primary teacher (details supplied) can teach in Ireland without having Irish; if not, what mechanisms are open to this person to teach primary school children in Ireland; what training will need to be undertaken to teach in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [14038/24]

*430. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) can expect a response to their application for incremental credit under Circular 0139/2006; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [14041/24]

*431. To ask the Minister for Education what steps her Department is taking to address the teacher shortage at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14050/24]

*432. To ask the Minister for Education the engagement to date with schools (details supplied) 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. [14057/24]

*433. To ask the Minister for Education to advise when a decision on funding for temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied) will be given works are to commence on a new extension involving some demolition works and six months are required for site preparation, and the funding request for temporary accommodation was made in November 2023 and the school are concerned as time goes on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14070/24]

*434. To ask the Minister for Education if she will expedite a stage 2a application for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14071/24]

*435. To ask the Minister for Education to advise when emergency works will be funded for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14072/24]

*436. To ask the Minister for Education the areas in Cork north west that are being considered under the pilot schemes under the new school transport scheme to be rolled out in September 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [14079/24]

*437. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 424 of 11 October 2022, if Bus Éireann will reconsider an alternative stop for students at a destination (details supplied) now that the students using this pick-up/drop-off point are now attending secondary school and are no longer on concessionary tickets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14086/24]

*438. To ask the Minister for Education what financial supports are available to DEIS schools to run breakfast clubs and after school clubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14088/24]

*439. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school application for works funding (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14099/24]

*440. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school application for works funding (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14100/24]

*441. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the estimated first- and full-year cost of increasing the number of special needs assistants by 5%, 10% and 20%, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [14122/24]

*442. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the cost of increasing the salary of special needs assistants, in mainstream schools and special classes respectively, by 1%, 2% and 5%, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [14123/24]

*443. To ask the Minister for Education to specify the cost of increasing capitation rates for primary school pupils and post-primary school pupils respectively by 10% in the academic year 2024/2025 and by a further 10% in the academic year 2025/2026, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [14126/24]

*444. To ask the Minister for Education to specify the cost of increasing capitation rates for primary school pupils and post-primary school pupils respectively by an additional €10 per pupil in the academic year 2024/2025 and by a further 10% in the academic year 2025/2026, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [14127/24]

*445. To ask the Minister for Education to outline what progress has been made for the relocation of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14132/24]

*446. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department uses community radio for advertising and public awareness campaigns; if not, the reason, given the vital role community radio often plays in the dissemination of information to local communities; if her Department will consider using community radio for public awareness campaigns in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14165/24]

*447. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure an ASD place is allocated to a student (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [14186/24]

*448. To ask the Minister for Education in the context of condition 4(c) of planning permission (details supplied), does she accept that the transfer of ownership of the school site to the Department of Education needs to take place urgently, to enable the planning process for the proposed school to commence and on behalf of parents and their children of the peninsula will she raise this issue with both Fingal County Council and the applicant/developer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14188/24]

*449. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the significant delays in processing teachers' service papers from abroad and the impact on teachers who have returned to teach in Ireland; if she will acknowledge the welcome return of much-needed teachers but concede to the fact that the higher cost of living and exorbitant rents, especially in Dublin and other cities, puts huge financial pressure on teachers who are placed on step 1 of the pay scale while they wait for

their prior service papers to be processed; if there are any plans to speed up the process and/or if there are ways in which to expedite particular cases (details supplied), especially in areas that urgently need teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brid Smith. [14208/24]

*450. To ask the Minister for Education if and when a school place can and will be facilitated in the desired school of a child (details supplied); if all efforts can be made to ensure a school place in the required school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14242/24]

*451. To ask the Minister for Education when an ancillary grant for a school (details supplied) will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14245/24]

*452. To ask the Minister for Education when the capitation grant for a school (details supplied) will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14246/24]

*453. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the current staffing crisis facing a school (details supplied); if there is any scope for the school to increase their staffing compliment to alleviate pressure on class sizes at infant level and meet their needs due to exceptional accommodation difficulties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14249/24]

*454. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on a request for additional accommodation for a school (details supplied), if she will ensure that such accommodation is in place for the beginning of the 2024/2025 school term; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [14250/24]

*455. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 441 of 20 March 2024, to outline the status with regards to per cent for arts scheme funding for a project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [14251/24]

*456. To ask the Minister for Education if an educational assessment will be provided to a primary school pupil (details supplied) attending an ASD unit, given his last assessment was 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14276/24]

*457. To ask the Minister for Education why the key factor for determining the level of staffing resources for a school is based on enrolments on the previous 30 September 2024 given children can and do enrol in schools throughout the school year; and if this will be taken under review in light of the impact it is having on teaching allocations for schools that have currently surpassed their target figure for retaining a teacher but not before the date provided. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14277/24]

*458. To ask the Minister for Education the date for the official opening of the new primary school in Monasterevin, County Kildare. — Patricia Ryan. [14305/24]

*459. To ask the Minister for Education the number of pupils the new primary school soon to be opened in Monasterevin, County Kildare will accommodate. — Patricia Ryan. [14306/24]

*460. To ask the Minister for Education to examine whether it could be possible to put a new school bus on a route where there is a lack of school bus places currently (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [14321/24]

*461. To ask the Minister for Education when the provision of extra accommodation will be approved for a school in County Galway (details supplied); the reason for the delay in making a decision on the school's application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14329/24]

*462. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the works and renovations at a school (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [14334/24]

*463. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the works and renovations at a school (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [14335/24]

*464. To ask the Minister for Education if funding will be made available for a school (details supplied) to demolish an existing structure and build a new facility to accommodate ASD classes. — Colm Burke. [14347/24]

*465. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 521 of 20 March 2024, if the reason boards of management cannot act on cases of confirmed assault are to do with GDPR (details supplied); if she will specifically address these issues in new guidelines to schools Cinnealtas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [14362/24]

*466. To ask the Minister for Education if a building unit site visit can be facilitated for two schools (details supplied) in County Westmeath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [14364/24]

*467. To ask the Minister for Education the reason funding for pupils in special classes for Summer Programme has been reduced from €60 per pupil in 2022 to €45 in 2023 and €30 in 2024, and what evidence was used to inform this 50% cut. — Sean Sherlock. [14372/24]

*468. To ask the Minister for Education the reason funding for pupils in special classes for the Summer Programme has been reduced from €60 per pupil in 2022 to €45 in 2023 and €30 in 2024, and what evidence was used to inform this 50% cut. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14374/24]

*469. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the process of planning, construction and delivery of major projects for schools, including the typical timeframes for each stage of the process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14375/24]

*470. To ask the Minister for Education the reason funding for pupils in special classes for the Summer Programme has been reduced from €60 per pupil in 2022, to €45 in 2023 & €30 in 2024; what evidence was used to inform this 50% cut; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [14376/24]

*471. To ask the Minister for Education to provide details on the provision of a modular unit for a school (details supplied) for the provision of an additional ASD classroom given the current demand in south Tipperary; when this school will be provided with a modular unit; the plans to increase provision of ASD places in south Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [14399/24]

*472. To ask the Minister for Education if the concerns of a school (details supplied) regarding accommodation capacity will be urgently addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14408/24]

*473. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the Summer Programme 2023 in relation to funding for autism classes; and the rationale for reducing funding for pupils in special classes in each of the years 2022, 2023 and 2024. — Ivana Bacik. [14444/24]

*474. To ask the Minister for Education for a full update on the remediation and retrofitting work on a school (details supplied), including timings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [14488/24]

*475. To ask the Minister for Education if a reply will issue to correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [14497/24]

*476. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a child (details supplied) who is 13 years of age has been refused a SENO grant for their school. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [14499/24]

*477. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to assist with the shrinking play area at a school (details supplied) due to extensions and a growing school population in the area; if she will record the current situation regarding inadequate parking space at the school and the ongoing safety issues presenting due to same; if she will review this case urgently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14532/24]

*478. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the development situation regarding (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [14541/24]

*479. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the special education teaching allocation for students who are blind or vision impaired has been removed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14550/24]

*480. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the special education teaching allocation for students who are blind or vision impaired has been removed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14551/24]

*481. To ask the Minister for Education if impact studies have been carried out to determine the effect on students, of the decision to reduce special education teaching allocation hours for schools by 30% for students who are blind or vision impaired; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14552/24]

*482. To ask the Minister for Education if impact studies have been carried out to determine the effect on students, of the decision to reduce special education teaching allocation hours for schools by 30% for students who are blind or vision impaired; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14553/24]

*483. To ask the Minister for Education the special schools for children with disabilities currently operating in each county; the number of children currently enrolled in each; the number of children on waiting lists in each; the criteria for admission in each, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14555/24]

*484. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an é an tAonad um Oideachas Gaeltachta atá ag stiúradh an bheartais don oideachas lán-Ghaeilge atá le foilsiú in 2024, ar beartas é a bhaineann le taighde agus taithí agus le comhairle ar phróiseas oifigiúil a bheidh ag an Roinn Oideachais chun scoil a iompú ina scoil lán-Ghaeilge, nó chun soláthar lán-Ghaeilge nua a bhunú laistigh de scoil

reatha; an dáta a fhoilseofar an taighde sin; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [14589/24]

*485. To ask the Minister for Education if she will approve an application under the pilot ‘physical activity in teaching and learning’ scheme for a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [14606/24]

*486. To ask the Minister for Education the amount of funding per child allocated to the July programme for 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [14619/24]

*487. To ask the Minister for Education the number of new special classes that will be opened for September 2024 in Dublin 15 at secondary school level where seven students will require places, at primary senior level where 11 places are required for students entering third class, and at primary school level, listing the schools the NCSE and her Department are currently in discussions with, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [14621/24]

*488. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 462 of 17 January 2024, to provide an update on the review of the guidelines of the use of school buildings outside of school hours; when she expects new procedures for the use of school buildings to be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [14635/24]

*489. To ask the Minister for Education to review a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14636/24]

*490. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a child (details supplied) will be allocated a place in a second level ASD class closer to their home address; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [14638/24]

*491. To ask the Minister for Education to account for the lack of ASD classes in north Cork and to advise what a family should do (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [14639/24]

*492. To ask the Minister for Education if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14652/24]

*493. To ask the Minister for Education if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; if assistance will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14657/24]

*494. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 424 of 20 March 2024, where the answer claimed that children who have attended an all-Irish-language primary school may be eligible for school transport to an all-Irish secondary school if it is outside of the provisions included in the post-primary school transport scheme, if she will provide the exact criteria for this provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14659/24]

*495. To ask the Minister for Education to clarify if a retiring teacher who previously served as a principal, but was not a principal at the time of retirement, can receive the principal’s allowance on their teacher’s pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [14667/24]

*496. To ask the Minister for Education if there is any financial assistance available to a school (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [14694/24]

*497. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the details of the works at a school (details supplied) approved by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [14695/24]

*498. To ask the Minister for Education to provide information on the specific amount and the date for payment of the ancillary grant for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14696/24]

*499. To ask the Minister for Education when the remaining capitation grant will be disbursed for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14697/24]

*500. To ask the Minister for Education her Department's plans to increase capacity at primary school level in the Dublin 22 area to meet demand in the coming years. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14712/24]

*501. To ask the Minister for Education if she will approve a new school bus route (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [14723/24]

*502. To ask the Minister for Education the number of Church of Ireland patronage national schools, by county. — Joe Flaherty. [14725/24]

*503. To ask the Minister for Education the number of Church of Ireland patronage national schools that have been funded for SEN capital development, by county, in tabular form; and the timeframe for the data would be most beneficial such as the past five or ten years. — Joe Flaherty. [14726/24]

*504. To ask the Minister for Education if children (details supplied) will be provided places in the local ASD unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14740/24]

*505. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a school (details supplied) was denied DEIS status given that all other primary schools in Cavan town have DEIS status; if this decision can be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14750/24]

*506. To ask the Minister for Education what State exams supports exist for students who have experienced traumatic events in the run up to the exams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14751/24]

*507. To ask the Minister for Education to respond to urgent concerns relating to a child's enrolment in an ASD unit in Dundalk (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14753/24]

*508. To ask the Minister for Education why her Department has cut the funding for the Summer Programme for children with complex special educational needs from €60 per pupil in 2022, to €45 in 2023 and €30 in 2024; if she will restore this essential funding to its 2022 level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [14757/24]

*509. To ask the Minister for Education if a decision on an application for redeployment could be brought forward for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [14769/24]

*510. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give approval for two ASD rooms in schools (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [14779/24]

*511. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the use of assistive technology for students is only tested for in third year for the purposes of State exams; the reason it is not granted to first years in need of the technology to learn and prepare on the three-year cycle; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14784/24]

*512. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a school (details supplied) is not able to open an additional autism unit at the school in September 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [14810/24]

*513. To ask the Minister for Education to review correspondence (details supplied) and if she will provide an update on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14841/24]

*514. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 508 of 20 March 2024, if she can advise in relation to correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [14845/24]

*515. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a new autism class at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [14856/24]

*516. To ask the Minister for Education if the twelfth teacher will be retained at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [14857/24]

*517. To ask the Minister for Education when the schoolbook scheme monies will be paid out to schools; the full criteria for the scheme and the specific allocation per pupil; and if additional resources will be made available to schools for the administration of the scheme. — Robert Troy. [14876/24]

*518. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport can be extended for children (details supplied) in Creeslough, County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14877/24]

*519. To ask the Minister for Education further to the recent approval of an additional classroom for a school (details supplied) in County Kerry when the supplementary funding for the additional works will be approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14878/24]

*520. To ask the Minister for Education if a national school (details supplied) will be provided with extra supports including extra special education hours given that out of 143 pupils it has 66 children accessing supports which represents 46% of the school community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [14884/24]

*521. To ask the Minister for Education the process involved in issuing a letter of intent for a school building project; the average time required for issuing a letter of intent; the current delay

in issuing the letter of intent for an extension building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14887/24]

*522. To ask the Minister for Education her views regarding a six-year-old child with special needs who cannot obtain a school placement for junior infants (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [14923/24]

*523. To ask the Minister for Education if an exception will be made in relation to the case of a person (details supplied) given the error made by the Teaching Council. — Paul Murphy. [14927/24]

*524. To ask the Minister for Education when construction will commence on the temporary building for a school (details supplied); if she will note that the school is in a high level of disrepair and is on the ADAPT 2 programme; if she will give assurances to the school management which has heard nothing recently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [14931/24]

*525. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the planning for a new secondary school (details supplied), and if her Department has had an update on new developments under construction or in the pipeline which will drive pupil numbers. — Richard Bruton. [14944/24]

*526. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the masterplan for the new build for a school (details supplied) in Swords; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [14945/24]

*527. To ask the Minister for Education if funding is available through her Department to assist parents in paying fees of dedicated music schools in the UK for musical students since Irish residents are no longer entitled to apply for the scheme (details supplied) following Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [14951/24]

*528. To ask the Minister for Education for an update and estimated timeline for the development of a new school at (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14978/24]

*529. To ask the Minister for Education for an update and estimated timeline for the development of a new school at (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14979/24]

*530. To ask the Minister for Education if she will list the agencies under her aegis; and the appropriate email address for the Oireachtas liaison. — Matt Carthy. [14989/24]

*531. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 88 of 10 May 2023, if she will provide an update concerning the school bus transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [15007/24]

*532. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on plans to overhaul the school transport system and the abolishing the “nearest school” rule, which requires a student applying to the school transport scheme to attend the school closest to their home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [15008/24]

*533. To ask the Minister for Education when the review of the school transport scheme will be brought to cabinet and published; and if this will include a resolution to the unfair pay, terms and conditions endured by school transport escorts. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [15024/24]

*534. To ask the Minister for Education if the case regarding school transport for a student (details supplied) and their bus escort will be reviewed. — Niamh Smyth. [15053/24]

*535. To ask the Minister for Education if a secondary school (details supplied) planned for Oranmore, County Galway, has received a determination of the application for confirmation of the CPO for the project; if so, if a design team has been appointed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [15063/24]

*536. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full-year cost to recruit 300 additional special education teacher posts. — Pauline Tully. [15106/24]

*537. To ask the Minister for Education where a child (details supplied) with autism will be given a school placement in September; if she will ensure that the constitutional right to an education will be respected and upheld by her Department and the NCSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15109/24]

*538. To ask the Minister for Education when additional capacity will be approved for a school (details supplied) in Cashel, south Tipperary given the level of demand for school places; if she is aware that a number of students recommended for a special school placement have been unsuccessful in obtaining a school placement given the shortage of spaces for such placements in south Tipperary; when a decision will be made on their capacity needs; what urgent steps will be taken to provide additional places for children who have no school placement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15111/24]

*539. To ask the Minister for Education when an ASD class will be approved for Tipperary town which remains without any ASD class at primary level within the town; the reason a school (details supplied) has not been approved for an ASD class despite having offered to open one for the past two years; the reason there is an ASD preschool and all three secondary schools (two of which are single-sex schools) have an ASD class but there is no ASD class at primary level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15127/24]

*540. To ask the Minister for Education when additional accommodation will be approved for a school in south Tipperary; the reason for the delay in approving such accommodation; the current status of the application for additional accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15129/24]

*541. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 708 of 11 September 2023, the current status of an application to build an extension to a school (details supplied) for the provision of two permanent ASD class units and classroom; whether a flood risk assessment has been received by her Department; the next steps to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15168/24]

*542. To ask the Minister for Education the position in relation to payment for a temporary SNA (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15192/24]

*543. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the timings for the permanent extension at a school (details supplied) which was initially due to be finished for September 2024 and has not commenced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [15196/24]

*544. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the permanent site for a school (details supplied) currently on the grounds of another school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [15197/24]

*545. To ask the Minister for Education given the space constraints at a school in County Cork (details supplied), how she proposes to facilitate the provision of three ASD classes which have been sanctioned; if she is familiar with defects identified by the school in part of the school building; if, in the context of the urgent requirement for additional ASD units in the Ballincollig area and the fact that there are twenty-one students in the school who have been diagnosed with autism but do not have access to an ASD classroom, she will reconsider the decision regarding a proposal to demolish and rebuild part of the school, particularly in the context of sanctioned modular classrooms which could also be accommodated within the demolished and rebuild proposal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [15240/24]

*546. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the joint major building project for schools (details supplied) in Drogheda; what stage it is currently at; when they can expect progression to the next stage of the planning process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15291/24]

*547. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline her Department's policy in respect of the management of a student who has been allowed to withdraw from a curricular subject; if such a student should be accommodated within the school by way of free/study period, placement in an alternative class, or if the student should be required by the school to remove themselves from the school environs during the period of the class from which the student has withdrawn, all in circumstances where no disciplinary or other problems arise; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [15292/24]

*548. To ask the Minister for Education following on from the debate at the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport and Communications (details supplied), if the age limit for school bus drivers can be raised; her views on same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [15304/24]

*549. To ask the Minister for Education if teachers will be employed by ETBs to deliver teaching of Ukrainian as a Leaving Certificate subject, or if students will have to get grinds or learn the course outside of the regular school channels; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [15315/24]

*550. To ask the Minister for Education if she will seek or support calls for additional school bus places to cater for all secondary school children travelling from Collon to Ardee, County Louth for the forthcoming school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15337/24]

*551. To ask the Minister for Education if adult education tutors employed by ETBs other than BTEI adult educators are included in the salary increases indicated in Circular 0015/2022 under Building Momentum. — Pauline Tully. [15347/24]

*552. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will send an official to a school (details supplied) in order to assist the school in ascertaining the best approach to improve and enhance the school building. — John Lahart. [15364/24]

*553. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 206 of 27 February 2024, if she can provide an update/progress report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15460/24]

*554. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15461/24]

*555. To ask the Minister for Education if a school place will be available in Dublin 13 for a child (details supplied) for the academic year beginning September 2024. — Denise Mitchell. [15477/24]

*556. To ask the Minister for Education to engage through her officials with Donegal County Council to enable discussions in finding a sensible solution with regard to a road and established right-of-way at Ballyconnell in Falcarragh, County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [15484/24]

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

*557. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount spent by her Department on travel and accommodation costs associated with Ministerial visits abroad to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13815/24]

*558. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of properties either owned or leased by her Department, which are currently vacant; the length of time the properties have been vacant for; and the location of the properties, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13833/24]

*559. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén caitheamh caipitiúil a bhí ag Údarás na Gaeltachta sna réigiúin éagsúla, le 5 bliana anuas, i bhfoirm thábla. — Aindrias Moynihan. [14060/24]

*560. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén maoiniú caipitiúil atá curtha ar fáil ag Údarás na Gaeltachta do thogra Pháirc na Mara, le 5 bliana anuas, i bhfoirm thábla, cé mhéad den mhaoiniú a caitheadh sna blianta éagsúla; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aindrias Moynihan. [14061/24]

*561. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén maoiniú caipitiúil Údarás na Gaeltachta atá curtha ar fáil ag Údarás na Gaeltachta do thogra Choláiste Íosagáin, le 5 bliana anuas, i bhfoirm thábla, cé mhéad den mhaoiniú a caitheadh sna blianta éagsúla; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aindrias Moynihan. [14062/24]

*562. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the sports capital funding allocations will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14108/24]

*563. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the support her Department is providing for the proposed water hub in Carlow (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14113/24]

*564. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the local democracy and courts reporting scheme will be open to community radio, which plays a vital role in local news broadcasting; if not, the reason therefor; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14163/24]

*565. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department uses community radio for advertising and public awareness campaigns; if not, the reason, given the vital role community radio often plays in the dissemination of information to local communities; if her Department will consider using community radio for public awareness campaigns in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14176/24]

*566. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on alleviating capacity blockages on tourism accommodation and the possibility of lessening over-reliance on hotels for humanitarian purposes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14219/24]

*567. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on her Department's support for a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [14491/24]

*568. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on a sports capital application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14533/24]

*569. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on a sports capital application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14534/24]

*570. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide the current application status of a funding request from an organisation (details supplied) to support hosting of the world rally championships in Ireland on a three-year programme event; to confirm that Government will commit to €15 million funding in total, based on a €5 million support payment per year on a three-year contract basis; if he will acknowledge that a decision needs to be provided within the next ten days in order to ensure Ireland remains a contender for these rally slots. — Matt Shanahan. [14607/24]

*571. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on funding (detail supplied); if she will provide the expected timeline for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14637/24]

*572. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she expects the next round of sports capital funding to be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [14660/24]

*573. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media whether it is intended that the Irish public will be able to access the new Freely platform which is launching

later this year and which will allow users to watch live TV via the internet for free, as provided for under the Good Friday Agreement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [14668/24]

*574. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has visited the Royal Irish Academy of Music to date in 2024. — Paul Donnelly. [14794/24]

*575. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question 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. [14823/24]

*576. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is aware of the urgent need for running tracks in Cork, following the recent closure of the UCC track; and if she is in receipt of any urgent requests to assist same. — Sean Sherlock. [14854/24]

*577. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will list the agencies under her aegis; and the appropriate email address for Oireachtas liaison. — Matt Carthy. [14990/24]

*578. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the progress of sports capital grant applications; when she intends to make an announcement for successful allocations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15055/24]

*579. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for a list of capital projects funded under Stream E in the past five years; and to detail how much money was allocated to each project. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15057/24]

*580. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what money is available for the development of new artist workspaces. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15058/24]

*581. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what money has been allocated to artist workspaces in the past five years. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15059/24]

*582. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what funding is available to amateur arts in Ireland, including choirs. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15060/24]

*583. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media how frequently the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund is allocated; if there is a live applications process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15108/24]

*584. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to outline all pathways through which adult women’s football teams can access funding from her Department; and the dates on which the next rounds for applications for available programmes will open. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15188/24]

*585. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if grant assistance is available for a club (details supplied) to provide worker accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15201/24]

*586. 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. [15269/24]

*587. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if funding will be provided to assist in the hosting of three future WRC events in Ireland; if he will provide details of engagements with organisations (details supplied) on the matter to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15270/24]

*588. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what grant funding is currently available for small music venues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [15352/24]

*589. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has met formally with the new GAA President since his appointment. — Paul Donnelly. [15387/24]

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

*590. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to bring forward changes to the public service pension to allow workers to work past their contracted retirement date, as per the recent announcement from the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14564/24]

*591. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the temporary development contribution waiver scheme; whether he is considering extending it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [15522/24]

*592. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will extend the development contribution waiver scheme in order to help first time buyers who wish to build their own house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [15580/24]

*593. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a referendum on maintaining water services in public ownership will be held. — Paul Murphy. [15691/24]

*594. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to extend the development levy waiver scheme, due to expire on 24 April 2024. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [15697/24]

*595. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will extend the exemption for development levies for self-build (one-off) homes (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [13565/24]

*596. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to extend the local authority fees/Irish Water waiver scheme beyond 24 April 2024. — Alan Kelly. [13571/24]

*597. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacancies in Galway City Council and Galway County Council; if he is aware of recruitment difficulties within local authorities; if local authorities will be given additional resources to

recruit staff in their respective housing sections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [13611/24]

*598. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many local authority tenants in Dublin city have had their homes retrofitted; how many are planned to be carried out over next three years; the waiting time for tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [13620/24]

*599. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a mechanism available to a council tenant who was allocated an OPD property that was not specially adapted and whose circumstances have now changed after getting married, to purchase the property under the tenant incremental purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13660/24]

*600. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider amending the way that the rates valuation on islands are calculated in view of the lack of public services on the islands in the form of sewerage, footpaths, street lighting, waste collection services etc. and the extra cost of doing business on an offshore island and also to stimulate business on the islands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13664/24]

*601. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what his plans are to deal with the number of new apartments being for built for rent as opposed to for sale; if he plans to tackle this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [13716/24]

*602. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how his Department is ensuring that adequate amenities and services are built alongside new homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [13717/24]

*603. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide this Deputy with a note on the outcome of his Department’s consideration of a project (details supplied); and if he has communicated same to the local authority. — Catherine Murphy. [13721/24]

*604. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff employed in Galway City Council and Galway County Council housing departments, respectively, each year since 2013; the number of applications on the social housing waiting list for Galway City Council and Galway County Council in the same time period; the number of people accessing homeless services in Galway City Council and Galway County Council each year since 2013, in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [13739/24]

*605. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the possible closure of a childcare service (details supplied) as a result of the presence of defective concrete blocks in its building; if he can provide any advice to the organisation; if he has considered extending the redress scheme to avoid organisations like this one having to close its doors through no fault of its own; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13759/24]

*606. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to extend the temporary development contribution waiver scheme beyond 24 April 2024 finish date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [13762/24]

*607. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider an exemption under the temporary development contribution waiver scheme for a number of one-off housing applicants who were not aware of the scheme and who began their family homes before the start date of 25 April and who now face a contribution bill from their local authority; if such a charge can be appealed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [13763/24]

*608. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the report reviewing housing adaptation grants for older people and people with a disability; to provide a date by which we can expect the said report to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [13773/24]

*609. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the ramifications for the Government, and Irish farmers and landowners, following the passage of the Nature Restoration Law in the European Parliament; if his Department has undertaken any assessment to determine the number of hectares and landowners who will be affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [13777/24]

*610. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount spent by his Department on travel and accommodation costs associated with Ministerial visits abroad to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13809/24]

*611. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties either owned or leased by his Department, which are currently vacant; the length of time the properties have been vacant for; and the location of the properties, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13827/24]

*612. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are targeted measures to support tenants who have to leave their rental accommodation undergoing pyrite remediation under the pyrite remediation scheme; if costs for alternative accommodation for those tenants waiting to return to the property will be recouped; the process of applying if supports exist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [13841/24]

*613. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the LGMA and the National Town Centre First office will carry out a long-awaited collaborative town centre health check for Drogheda, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [13847/24]

*614. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to extend the temporary waiver on development contributions beyond April 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13887/24]

*615. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the average cost to upgrade to a BER B2 as part of the retrofit of social housing in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13935/24]

*616. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on our 2030 retrofitting targets; to report on the pathway between now and 2030 to reach our 2030 targets; to provide a breakdown of projected/estimated targets for completed retrofits in social housing in 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030; to provide a breakdown of projected/estimated

targets for completed retrofits to a BER B2 standard or higher in social housing in 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13936/24]

*617. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the retrofitting targets in social housing in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; to provide a breakdown of how many retrofits were completed in social housing in the corresponding timeframe; to provide a breakdown of the retrofitting targets in social housing; to provide a breakdown of how many retrofits were completed to BER B2 standard or higher in social housing; to provide a breakdown of the retrofitting targets in social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [13937/24]

*618. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will extend the enhanced defective concrete blocks grant scheme to include homes built in County Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [13939/24]

*619. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason, in relation to the Moore Street area, which holds the oldest surviving street market in Ireland, a 1916 battle ground and a not-yet-officially-recognised World Heritage History site, awaiting official recognition, his Department and the Minister for Heritage at the time in February 2017 challenged the ruling made in relation to the Moore Street area as a 'national historical monument'; if he agrees that this area needs to be conserved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [13942/24]

*620. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to explain the delay in publishing and introducing the Marine Protected Areas Bill and to set out the impact this delay will have to the development of offshore wind energy projects. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13950/24]

*621. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider revising the maximum grant cap allowed with respect to housing adaptation grants in order to keep pace with the increases in building costs and construction inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13959/24]

*622. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding provided by his Department for housing adaptation grants to each local authority for 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13960/24]

*623. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is any provision for a requirement for retrospective installations of EV charge points in developments that have been granted planning permission; and if regulations are only applicable to new planning applications (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [13979/24]

*624. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason a cost-rental tenant-in-situ application (details supplied) was cancelled; and if the application will be reviewed with a view to proceeding with it. — Chris Andrews. [13987/24]

*625. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider extending the temporary development contribution waiver scheme, given it is due to expire in April 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [13992/24]

*626. 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. [14030/24]

*627. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to review matters raised in correspondence (detail supplied); if these waivers will be extended past April 2024 for this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14087/24]

*628. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many septic tanks have been inspected in Carlow to date, in tabular form, annually since 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14106/24]

*629. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the consideration he has given to extending the retirement age for retained firefighters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14107/24]

*630. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to give consideration to including Part V properties under the tenant purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [14115/24]

*631. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he intends to change the law in light of the decision in a case (details supplied) to ensure that applications for installation of masts need to go through a planning process including the notification of the public and the right to object. — Paul Murphy. [14128/24]

*632. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to merge the voter registration websites checktheregister.ie and voter.ie; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [14155/24]

*633. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department uses community radio for advertising and public awareness campaigns; if not, the reason, given the vital role community radio often plays in the dissemination of information to local communities; if his Department will consider using community radio for public awareness campaigns in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14168/24]

*634. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); if he will raise the matter with decision-making officials in Dublin City Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [14209/24]

*635. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the statutory time where a social housing application must be processed by a local authority; if this is the same for each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14282/24]

*636. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will detail the sources of, and definition of, reckonable income for the purposes of local authorities' assessment of applications under the tenant incremental purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [14283/24]

*637. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a timeline is set for the process to recruit a Chief Executive Officer to Cork County Council; the term of the contract

for the new CEO; and, if applicable, the number of candidates who have so far expressed an interest in the role. — Holly Cairns. [14288/24]

*638. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of concerns that Tailte Éireann has commenced the practice of not providing reasons for rejection when rejecting applications in more recent months; what is the justification for reasons for rejection not being provided when applications are rejected; what lead to the decision to commence this practice; what consultation was had with interested parties before the commencement of this practice; if Tailte Éireann will reverse this decision and recommence the practice of providing reasons for rejection with rejected applications, given the inefficiency this has created in the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14294/24]

*639. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff working at processing HAP application in the HAP offices in Limerick, in tabular form. — Patricia Ryan. [14301/24]

*640. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will investigate the reason for HAP applications taking from 12 to 18 weeks to be completed, leaving applicants in very difficult situations, causing huge financial distress and even in some cases causing applicants to lose the home due to the delay in completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [14302/24]

*641. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when current HAP limits for County Kildare are due to be reviewed, in light of continuously rising rent levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [14303/24]

*642. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the evidence on which the decision was made to close voting at 8 pm on Whiddy Island for the recent referendum on 8 March 2024, considering the polling officer and polling clerk are residents on the island thus are not limited by bad weather or the ferry timetable, which could be altered as necessary to facilitate voting; to extend voting times for future polling days on Whiddy Island back to 10 pm in line with the rest of the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14309/24]

*643. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an exempted development regulation for the change of use of a wide repository of buildings for the accommodation of international protection applicants has been signed into law; if he plans to review the planning laws in place for this purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [14344/24]

*644. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details on how the interim fire safety defect scheme will work for individuals who have already paid for defects to be repaired; how refunds will be provided (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [14352/24]

*645. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 197 of 14 February 2024, the status of the development of the new rural housing guidelines; the timeline for the publication of the guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14356/24]

*646. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 198 of 14 February 2024, the status of the steering group which will agree and guide the implementation of the Ministerial Action Plan to respond to capacity challenges in the planning sector; the timeline for the publication of the Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14357/24]

*647. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 708 and 709 of 20 March, the percentage of the unitary payment for social housing PPP bundles 1 and 2 that is indexed or understood to be allocated towards operational costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14369/24]

*648. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when information on the anticipated total cost to the Exchequer of PPP bundles 3 to 7 will be made public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14370/24]

*649. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on his Department's audit of vacant and derelict homes across the State; the number of vacant and derelict homes brought back into active use in 2023, broken down by delivery stream, that is refurbishment grant, council CPO, and so on, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14373/24]

*650. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on his Department's audit of vacant and derelict homes across the State; the number of vacant and derelict homes brought back into active use in 2023, broken down by delivery stream, that is refurbishment grant, council CPO, and so on, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14373/24]

*651. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he received correspondences from a group (details supplied); and when the group can expect a substantive response to the issues raised with his office. — Louise O'Reilly. [14394/24]

*652. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason an applicant under the enhanced defective concrete blocks grant scheme cannot be paid a stage payment and rental support payment at the same time under the scheme; and if he is aware that this causes real distress to families as this will delay the remediation works if building contractors are delayed their stage payments. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14530/24]

*653. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a referendum on a directly elected mayor for Dublin will take place on the same day as the 2024 local elections. — Patrick Costello. [14575/24]

*654. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to list the dates on which he or any of his advisors has met with representatives of an organisation (details supplied) since May 2023; to detail the issues that were raised by the organisation; and to confirm whether issues related to Wicklow County Council's refusal of a planning application by the organisation for 98 homes in Greystones, County Wicklow in May 2023 were discussed at any of these meetings. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14578/24]

*655. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he, any of his advisors or any of the officials working on the Planning and Development Bill 2023 revised written or oral submissions from an organisation (details supplied) or its representatives on the

wording of Government Amendment No. 605 to the Planning and Development Bill 2023, as discussed at Select Committee on 21 February 2024. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14579/24]

*656. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether emergency accommodation can be refused on the basis of a previous eviction from social housing; whether there is a timeframe for this impact; and whether a local authority should take into account proven efforts by a person to resolve vulnerabilities that led to the eviction. — Thomas Gould. [14581/24]

*657. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he has implemented second chance principles for those in recovery from addiction to access social housing. — Thomas Gould. [14583/24]

*658. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what progress has been made to have an election for a directly elected mayor for the city of Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [14601/24]

*659. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a scheme (details supplied) will be extended beyond 24 April 2024 to all permitted residential development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14616/24]

*660. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how much funding was allocated by his Department in 2023 and 2024 to the communal facilities in housing projects; and how much funding was allocated to the same scheme by the National Lottery in 2023 and 2024.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14641/24]

*661. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to list, in tabular form, the community and communal facilities funding options available for new mixed tenure housing developments. — Louise O'Reilly. [14642/24]

*662. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the derelict sites levies levied, collected, owed and cumulatively owed and the number of sites on their register on 31 December 2023 and at current date, by local authority, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [14647/24]

*663. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether there is any consideration being given to waiving rates for charity shops given the increasing cost of doing business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [14661/24]

*664. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, in relation to his commitment to support a referendum enshrining public ownership of our water services in the Constitution, he will confirm when the Government will announce a date for the water referendum (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14665/24]

*665. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to extend the temporary development contribution waiver scheme beyond April 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14709/24]

*666. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many bird of prey licences were issued for taking birds from the wild from 2014 to date; and the breakdown of

taking birds from the wild licences for each of those years, by species, gender and by location, in tabular form. — Patrick Costello. [14717/24]

*667. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of any meetings, correspondence, or communications between a developer (details supplied) in relation to the refused planning application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [14764/24]

*668. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his reasoning for choosing the wording “housing growth target” in Amendment No. 640 to the Planning and Development Bill 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [14765/24]

*669. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the prospect of implementing a rent transparency register in the private rental sector which he supported during the pre-legislative scrutiny of the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2018 in 2019; if his Department has further investigated the GDPR implications of a rent transparency register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [14778/24]

*670. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the second meeting of the sub-group set up to examining issues relating to the enhanced DCB scheme, which met on 11 January 2024, did not meet as planned on 21 February; the reason a meeting did not take place in March; if there has been further communication with homeowner representatives attending the sub-group since its first and only meeting; and if he will commit to convene a second meeting in a timely manner with meetings then scheduled on a monthly basis. — Pearse Doherty. [14842/24]

*671. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if firefighters can be excluded from Circular LG(P) 06/09 “Local Government Act 2001 (Section 161) Order 2004” which prohibits local authority employees from contesting the forthcoming local elections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [14843/24]

*672. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated number of affordable housing schemes, in tabular form, by cost rental and affordable purchase, that are planned per council area in the next three years; the number of homes involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [14855/24]

*673. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what steps are being taken by the NPWS to prevent severe overgrazing in Killarney National Park by non-native invasive species such as sika deer and feral goats (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [14883/24]

*674. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is aware that overgrazing by two non-native invasive species, primarily sika deer and feral goats, is contributing to habitat loss as well as the spread of rhododendrum ponticum in Killarney National Park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [14885/24]

*675. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what steps are being taken to control the sika deer population in Killarney National Park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [14886/24]

*676. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will extend the remit of the Residential Tenancies Board in order that legal assistance can be given to users of the service to have judgements actually enforced; if he will introduce further changes to allow orders against incomes or social welfare benefits in the case of rent arrears owed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [14895/24]

*677. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason a park management plan has not been produced for Killarney National Park since 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [14897/24]

*678. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the highly effective rhododendron removal campaign run by an organisation (details supplied) for over three decades in Killarney National Park was ended by National Parks and Wildlife Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [14910/24]

*679. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a proper science-based and holistic ecological restoration programme, based on IUCN guidelines, would be implemented in the park by the National Parks and Wildlife Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [14915/24]

*680. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps that are being taken to address the issue of rhododendron infestation in Killarney National Park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [14935/24]

*681. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if those affected have to pay out in relation to the fire safety redress scheme in order that works can be completed and then the OMC can seek the refund from the redress scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14984/24]

*682. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the implementation of the Government agreement to extend the rent-a-room relief scheme disregard to social welfare recipients, extend the disregard into medical card criteria, and permit local authority tenancies access the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14996/24]

*683. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the 1830 social housing acquisitions in 2023, by categories, vacant acquisitions, tenant-in-situ acquisitions, buy and renew acquisitions and mortgage-to-rent acquisitions; and to provide a breakdown of each category, by local authority. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14999/24]

*684. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the 8110 social housing new builds delivered in 2023, by delivery streams, SHIP construction, SHIP turnkey, CALF construction, CALF turnkey, CAS construction, CAS turnkey, Local Authority Part V, Approved Housing Body Part V and regeneration and PPP. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15000/24]

*685. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost of affordable homes delivered in 2023 under the Affordable Housing Fund (total cost and AHF cost), the Cost Rental Equity Loan (total cost and CREL cost) and LDA cost rental. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15001/24]

*686. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the percentage of planning appeals decided within four months which is the statutory objective under the current law; whether it is intended to provide further resources urgently to An bord Pleanála to ensure that this objective is achieved in the vast majority of all appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15002/24]

*687. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the cost to the Exchequer resulting from funding the Land Development Agency either directly or indirectly through other public bodies such as the ISIF each year since 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [15005/24]

*688. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the impact on the Exchequer of the Government decision in 2023 to provide the Land Development Agency with an additional €1.25 billion in funding through the ISIF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [15006/24]

*689. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost per unit of new-build social housing delivered in 2023, broken down by SHIP construction, SHIP turnkey, CALF construction (including full cost and CALF cost), CALF turnkey (including full cost and CALF cost), CAS construction, CAS turnkey, Local Authority Part V, AHB Part V, acquisition, Affordable Housing Fund (including full cost and AHF cost), Cost Rental Equity Loan (including full cost and CREL cost), in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15017/24]

*690. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will reconsider awarding a built heritage investment grant to a person (details supplied); and if there is an appeal avenue for this grant scheme. — Robert Troy. [15019/24]

*691. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons on local authority housing lists aged over 65 years, by gender and by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [15025/24]

*692. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are any plans to assist a service in supplying a support (details supplied) in County Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [15037/24]

*693. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will amend the criteria for housing adaption grants in order that a change of circumstances that is, a reduction in earnings can be taken into consideration, rather than the earnings of the previous calendar year. — Robert Troy. [15049/24]

*694. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many homes were delivered through the repair and lease scheme in Longford for the years 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [15070/24]

*695. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he is aware of a property (details supplied) in Cork city that has been reportedly vacant for five years and is causing issues for tenants in the property next door; and whether an application for repair of the property has ever been made by Cork City Council. — Thomas Gould. [15120/24]

*696. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Marine Protected Areas Bill 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [15123/24]

*697. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average duration of the lease agreement in place for properties restored under the repair and leasing scheme; the cost of the scheme in every year since 2017; how many units are targeted for 2024; the reasons the majority of homes delivered to date are concentrated in one local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [15171/24]

*698. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many units have been delivered under the buy and renew scheme in each year since it was introduced; the total cost in each year; how many units are targeted for 2024; if he will provide a breakdown, by local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [15172/24]

*699. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the social housing delivery targets for 2024; if he will provide, in tabular form, a breakdown of the projected new build targets by LA, AHB and Part V; if he will provide a breakdown of projected acquisition, by local authority, housing agency, AHB, and CALF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [15173/24]

*700. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the social housing delivery targets for 2024 under the various leasing initiatives; if he will provide a breakdown by Part V, SCHEP long- and short-term leasing, and the targeted leasing initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [15174/24]

*701. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the affordable housing delivery targets for 2024; if he will provide, in tabular form, a breakdown by affordable purchase (LA affordable purchase scheme, First Home Scheme and Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant) and by cost-rental (local authority/AHB/LDA); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [15175/24]

*702. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many approvals have issued under the First Home Scheme to date; how many of those approvals have been drawn down; if he will provide a breakdown of how many of those approvals were for self-build; how many have been drawn down to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [15176/24]

*703. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many approvals have issued under the First Homes Tenant Purchase Scheme to date; how many of those approvals have been drawn down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [15177/24]

*704. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many cost rental tenant-in-situ proposals have been completed to date; how many have been acquired by the Housing Agency; if he will provide a breakdown by local authority of the number of referrals to the Housing Agency; the number completed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [15178/24]

*705. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many tenant-in-situ purchases were completed in 2022 and 2023 respectively; how many from 2023 are still

outstanding; how many purchases have been completed to date in 2024; how much funding is available for 2024; how many homes it is expected will be bought; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [15179/24]

*706. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications that were made to a Land Development Agency cost rental scheme in an apartment complex (details supplied); the number of eligible applications; where the process currently stands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [15199/24]

*707. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details on how he and his Department will simplify and enhance the application process and application timelines on the croí cónaithe scheme considering the worrying figures reported in a newspaper (details supplied) on the number of applicants who have successfully drawn down funding on the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15200/24]

*708. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if grant assistance is available for a club (details supplied) to provide worker accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15202/24]

*709. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total social housing output as advised to his Department by a local authority (details supplied) in the years 2018 to 2023 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15259/24]

*710. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a progress report on the €8 million project of 30 new social houses at Deerpark, Ennistymon, County Clare (as announced in late 2020); if he can clarify the reasons for delays encountered to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [15268/24]

*711. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is any intention to extend the temporary development contribution waiver scheme beyond the end of April 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [15343/24]

*712. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the new fire station in Dunleer, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15346/24]

*713. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of a situation (details supplied); what measures he plans to introduce to deal with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [15355/24]

*714. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered extending the deadline for the temporary waiver of development fees, as many applicants were unable to complete the process within the short timeframe given. — Richard Bruton. [15376/24]

*715. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details on the total subsidy due to a water scheme (details supplied); the reason for withholding this payment; when they can expect to receive it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15377/24]

*716. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of all ASGs and POs in his Department with their current responsibilities. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15378/24]

*717. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Planning and Development Act 2000 incorporates the principles of Universal Design; and if the Planning and Development Act 2000 places an obligation on local authorities to incorporate the principles of Universal Design in the delivery of public infrastructure and the built environment. — Pauline Tully. [15442/24]

*718. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the next sub-group meeting regarding defective blocks will happen; if he will consider up-front payments to homeowners who are currently struggling with finance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [15476/24]

*719. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many people in Clare have died while homeless in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15499/24]

*720. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many people in Clare have died while in emergency accommodation in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15500/24]

*721. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will increase the homeless HAP for single parents who have received a notice to quit in the Mid-West region, as the current rate of homeless HAP for rural counties is not sufficient to meet rental costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15501/24]

*722. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if having rent arrears as a HAP tenant is a reason to withhold emergency accommodation for a person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15503/24]

*723. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the initial grant offered to homeowners impacted by the defective blocks scheme; the reason there will be variances in the amount of grant received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15504/24]

*724. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to examine a matter in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [15514/24]

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

*725. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the dietary supplement payment was stopped; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15052/24]

*726. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if child benefit payments can be extended for students in full-time education up to the age of 21 years, due to the escalating cost of living families are enduring at this present time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [13566/24]

*727. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on an invalidity pension application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [13581/24]

*728. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for a State pension (non-contributory) will be approved for a person (details supplied) as a matter of urgency. — John McGuinness. [13585/24]

*729. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to allowing the payment of children's allowance to all students over 18 who are still in school, from when they turned 18, and their children's allowance was stopped; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13659/24]

*730. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide the estimated savings that may accrue in a full year following recent changes to social protection payments to beneficiaries of temporary protection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13670/24]

*731. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if foetal alcohol spectrum disorder is considered a disability for disability payment purposes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [13676/24]

*732. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the blind pension is means tested while the invalidity pension is not; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13742/24]

*733. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount spent by her Department on travel and accommodation costs associated with Ministerial visits abroad to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13813/24]

*734. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of properties either owned or leased by her Department, which are currently vacant; the length of time the properties have been vacant for; and the location of the properties, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13831/24]

*735. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware that her Department is asking people who received an award under the Caranua Scheme to supply a letter from Caranua confirming the date and amount of the award, despite the fact that they signed a non-disclosure clause; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [13849/24]

*736. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will intervene in the case of a person (details supplied) to ensure that the person involved will have access to a social protection payment that will allow them to apply for social housing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [13889/24]

*737. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is satisfied that all calculations for the purpose of determining an entitlement to an increase for a qualified adult for the State pension (contributory) have been determined correctly in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13901/24]

*738. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if and when child benefit will be awarded to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13916/24]

*739. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the Pensions Council has failed to publish an independent evaluation report (details supplied) along with the approved minutes of its December 2023 meeting, as required by Rule 18 of its rules of procedure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [13918/24]

*740. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her Department's policy on protection of social insurance entitlements for parents who leave paid work to provide periods of care in the home, such as for young children; her plans to review situations where workers have lost social insurance entitlements as a result of exiting the workforce for periods to provide care in the home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [13968/24]

*741. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of an invalidity pension appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13980/24]

*742. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current situation regarding a social welfare appeal in respect of disability allowance for a person in County Cork (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [13986/24]

*743. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of a carer's allowance appeal (details supplied); when a decision is likely to be reached; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13988/24]

*744. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason an invalidity appeal (details supplied) is taking so long to obtain an answer. — Kathleen Funchion. [13990/24]

*745. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will issue on a working family payment application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [14066/24]

*746. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a pay claim by RSS and TÚS supervisors that was lodged with the Department some time ago; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14069/24]

*747. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to delays in the processing times of working family payment applications; what measures are being taken to have these times reduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [14080/24]

*748. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14137/24]

*749. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to carry out a review of the pension contributions of a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [14138/24]

*750. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision will issue on a carer's allowance application (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [14139/24]

*751. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision will issue on a disability allowance application (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [14151/24]

*752. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of 18-year-olds that will now qualify for child benefit on foot of the recent changes introduced, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14154/24]

*753. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department uses community radio for advertising and public awareness campaigns; if not, the reason, given the vital role community radio often plays in the dissemination of information to local communities; if her Department will consider using community radio for public awareness campaigns in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14173/24]

*754. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of students at primary and post-primary respectively provided with free school meals in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [14224/24]

*755. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated average cost of providing school meals per child in primary and post-primary schools respectively, in the academic years 2022-2023 and to date in 2023-2024, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [14225/24]

*756. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending the duration of paid maternity leave to facilitate more women to continue breastfeeding for longer than they otherwise would have had they returned to work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14235/24]

*757. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what options are available to a worker in a caring situation (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [14252/24]

*758. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the earnings disregard for disability allowance was last increased; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14263/24]

*759. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the capital disregard for disability allowance was last increased; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14264/24]

*760. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what the remaining length of time is in respect of the Department's contract for JobPath and when the contractual obligations with SeeTec and TurasNua expire; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14265/24]

*761. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 463 of 12 December 2023, if the estimated revenue that would be raised in each of the years 2024 to 2030 for the rate increases specified are cumulative, for example, the revenue raised of €913 million in 2028 from a 0.2 percentage point increase in the Class A rate of Employers PRSI includes the revenue generated from rate increases in prior years); and, if so, to provide the same table with revenue generated in each year on a non-cumulative basis. — Pearse Doherty. [14278/24]

*762. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to widen eligibility to the long-term caring contribution scheme, to allow for caring periods under 20 years to be eligible for long-term caring contributions for the purposes of the State pension (contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14281/24]

*763. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has considered providing a grant to businesses to increase accessibility in their premises for wheelchair users and other persons with mobility impairments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [14360/24]

*764. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details provided) is entitled to a six-week payment after the death of their father. — Michael Creed. [14366/24]

*765. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason foster carers are not acknowledged as being carers, and cannot claim for a stamp or credits towards a State pension (contributory) and other State supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [14387/24]

*766. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will increase the moving-in grant to €6,000 for new-build accommodation to reflect the reality of providing flooring, kitchen appliances, and bedroom and living room furniture; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [14395/24]

*767. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 463 of 12 December 2023, the estimated revenue that will be raised in each of the years 2024 to 2030 by the proposed increases in all classes of PRSI, disaggregated by PRSI class, employer, employee and self-employed, in each scenario (details supplied), in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [14401/24]

*768. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are plans to increase the current grant of €3,000 to cover costs such as flooring and white goods to help families moving out of homeless accommodation into new-build social homes which are often completely bare, in light of the increases in costs around the provision and installation of flooring, white goods etc.; if she will acknowledge that this amount is no longer adequate to provide the necessary items for families often leaving homelessness with nothing; if she will consider raising this grant substantially; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14402/24]

*769. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will confirm receipt of the necessary details in respect of an invalidity pension review (details supplied); and when a decision can be expected in this case. — Michael Creed. [14410/24]

*770. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if and when a PPS number will be issued in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14412/24]

*771. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in a review in the case of a person (details supplied); the extent to which they can qualify for carer’s allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14414/24]

*772. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which arrangements can be made for the recovery of overpayment in the case of a person (details supplied) who is awaiting update of tax-free allowances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14418/24]

*773. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if and when payment of illness benefit will be restored in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14430/24]

*774. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the entitlements to illness benefit for a person (details supplied); if their situation was addressed in the post-Brexit settlement between Ireland and the UK; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [14436/24]

*775. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current situation regarding an application for domiciliary care allowance by a person (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [14485/24]

*776. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the further options available to an individual (details supplied) who has had their IQA appeal disallowed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14526/24]

*777. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how a person who is expected to receive financial compensation due to having two faulty hip replacements implanted will be treated for their current social protection benefits mindful of the current means test for persons in receipt of disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14547/24]

*778. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update with regard to a person (details supplied) who has applied for invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14561/24]

*779. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether a diagnosis of myalgia encephalomyelitis would allow a person to access disability allowance. — Thomas Gould. [14584/24]

*780. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applicants refused for the domiciliary care allowance on first application; how many first applicants appealed this decision; how many first-time applicants were successful on appeal; how many were successful on a second application in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14604/24]

*781. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of notifications her Department has received from international protection applicants and beneficiaries of temporary protection in receipt of social protection payments who wished to leave the State for travel; in the case of IP applicants for each year from 2010 to date and for BOPT applicants from 2022 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14630/24]

*782. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what options are available to an individual, who has retired after 30 years of service but does not yet meet the minimum age requirement to be in receipt of a pension and does not want to draw jobseeker's payment; if she has any plans to not treat those who are retired after 30 years of service and are not aged 66 years as jobseekers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14662/24]

*783. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many increased qualified adult payments have been made to those living outside the State; how many recipients, the list of countries recipients are living in, and the total amount paid to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14718/24]

*784. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many living alone allowance payments have been made to those living outside the State; how many recipients, the list of countries recipients are living in, and the total amount paid to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14719/24]

*785. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many cost of living allowance payments have been made to those living outside the State; how many recipients, the list of countries recipients are living in; the total amount paid to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14720/24]

*786. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will increase the move in supplementary welfare allowance for those moving from homeless accommodation into new-build bare style housing, which has been allocated to them by their local council, from €3,000 to €6,000; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [14735/24]

*787. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has considered the costs for a homeless family being rehoused in unfurnished accommodation; whether the present ceiling of €3,000 for establishment costs adequately reflects the true cost of a family setting up home; and if she would consider establishing a higher limit. — Richard Bruton. [14742/24]

*788. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to an application for a disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [14752/24]

*789. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount her Department paid each external security company for security personnel at INTREO offices in the years of 2023 and to-date in 2024; and when the contract with each security company is due to expire, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [14790/24]

*790. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 230 of 29 February 2024, if a matter regarding a fuel allowance payment (details supplied) can be rectified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [14799/24]

*791. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the percentage of applications made for increased qualified adult payment refused to applicants living in Ireland; the percentage of applications for increased qualified adult payment refused to applicants living outside of Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14802/24]

*792. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the review/appeal for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14834/24]

*793. To ask the Minister for Social Protection is she will give due consideration to raising the full rate of the State pension (contributory) in order to restore it to its 2020 spending power, as a further step towards benchmarking the rate at 34% of average earnings, which should be achieved by 2026 as a ‘living pension’ alongside the introduction of the new national living wage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14862/24]

*794. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will give due consideration to raising the income thresholds for the State pension (non-contributory) to take account of inflation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14863/24]

*795. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider increasing the maximum rate of the State pension (non-contributory) to bring it to the same level as the State pension (contributory) and benchmark both the contributory and non-contributory State pension against 34% of average earnings, to reduce gender pension inequality; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14864/24]

*796. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will take the necessary steps to implement benchmarking and indexing of the State pension and reinforce this by commissioning a comprehensive analysis of the costs associated with ageing, and the cost-of-living for all older people; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14866/24]

*797. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will give due consideration to the provision of a €5 per week digital allowance to those older persons who cannot afford digital devices or internet subscriptions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14867/24]

*798. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify the position for employees who have recently set up pensions before the auto-enrolment scheme is introduced; if these people will be allowed to benefit from the scheme of employers matching contributions, and €1 Government contribution; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [14888/24]

*799. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware of an email she received (details supplied); if she will consider its contents and increase this grant payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14909/24]

*800. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a redundancy liability will be waived in respect of a former retired employer in County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15026/24]

*801. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision on a widower's pension application (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15039/24]

*802. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [15051/24]

*803. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [15170/24]

*804. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if grant assistance is available for a club (details supplied) to provide worker accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15203/24]

*805. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal to her Department (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15261/24]

*806. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the options available for self-employed persons paying a PRSI S Stamp but with underlying health issues for which insurance companies will not

issue with income protection cover, meaning they have no sick pay cover in event of illness; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15288/24]

*807. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision on a child benefit application by a person in County Kerry (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15290/24]

*808. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if all Ukrainian refugees who sought protection here and are in receipt of jobseeker's allowance are required to engage with Intreo in relation to seeking work, be available for work, and engage with activation services under the same conditions as all other JSA recipients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15309/24]

*809. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the checks that are in place to ensure all recipients of jobseeker's allowance, including Ukrainian refugees, are still resident in the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15310/24]

*810. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many people received the fuel allowance in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023; the cost of the scheme in each of these years; the details of any improvements being considered for this scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15334/24]

*811. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many people received the household benefit package in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023; the cost of this scheme to the state in each of these years; whether consideration is being given to increasing the payment under the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15335/24]

*812. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending the criteria of the one parent family payment to include the entire duration of an undergraduate course in circumstances where a child is still in full time education beyond the age of 22 years such as undergraduate medicine; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [15341/24]

*813. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the full-year outturn on illness benefit in 2022. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15348/24]

*814. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of the full rate of carer's allowance; the number in receipt of a reduced rate of carer's allowance; the number in receipt of the half-rate carer's allowance; the number of recipients of the carer's support grant; the steps which she is taking to ensure that all full-time carers avail of the carer's support grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15481/24]

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*815. To ask the Minister for Justice if she plans to bring forward changes to the public service pension to allow workers to work past their contracted retirement date, as per the recent announcement from the Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14564/24]

*816. To ask the Minister for Justice further to her commitment in raising the sourcing of a new site for an establishment (details supplied) during Questions on Policy or Legislation on 28

February 2024, what engagements has she had on this; and what progress has been made. — Sorca Clarke. [15308/24]

*817. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will establish an office of owner management company (OMC) regulator with a view to putting in place a code of conduct and register of OMC's, with the express function of addressing governance issues between owner occupiers and other owners of homes including potential conflicts of interest where OMCs are still controlled by the original builder-developers or large scale institutional investors inappropriate procurement practices being used in terms of awarding of contracts and payments being made to directors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [13562/24]

*818. To ask the Minister for Justice when she intends to move the remaining stages of the Criminal Justice (Incitement to Violence or Hatred and Hate Offences) Bill 2022. — Pa Daly. [13563/24]

*819. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the position in relation to an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [13569/24]

*820. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the legislative programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [13617/24]

*821. To ask the Minister for Justice the breakdown of the number of gardaí assigned to the Store St, Bridewell, Mountjoy, Fitzgibbon St, Cabra, Santry and Ballymun Garda stations in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [13637/24]

*822. 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. [13732/24]

*823. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date of a residency status application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13733/24]

*824. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress of a residency status application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13734/24]

*825. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date of a residency status application (details supplied). — Bernard J. Durkan. [13735/24]

*826. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date of a residency status application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13736/24]

*827. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date of a residency status application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13737/24]

*828. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date of a residency status application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13738/24]

*829. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications received for citizenship in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020; the number of applications received in the same years that are still pending; the efforts being taken to address any backlogs arising from these years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13746/24]

*830. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are any proposals for citizenship to automatically be given to residents who live in Ireland for over twenty years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [13758/24]

*831. To ask the Minister for Justice the number who have applied for asylum in each month from January 2019 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13766/24]

*832. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of Ukrainian citizens who have been welcomed to Ireland since the beginning of the Russian invasion of their country, and the number who are known to have subsequently left the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13767/24]

*833. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of new citizens who have been naturalised from 2010 to date; to provide a breakdown by nationality of their birth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13769/24]

*834. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount of money seized by the Criminal Assets Bureau in each of the past 15 years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [13778/24]

*835. To ask the Minister for Justice the monetary value of assets seized by the Criminal Assets Bureau in each of the past 15 years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [13779/24]

*836. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount in monetary value returned to the Exchequer by the Criminal Assets Bureau in each of the past 15 years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [13780/24]

*837. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times gardaí were called to the scene of a domestic violence incident in each county in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13781/24]

*838. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of speed checkpoints on Irish roads in each of the past ten years in each county in the State. — Peadar Tóibín. [13782/24]

*839. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of drink and drug driving check points in Irish roads in each of the past ten years in each county in the State. — Peadar Tóibín. [13783/24]

*840. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of crimes reported to gardaí in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if a breakdown can be provided per county. — Peadar Tóibín. [13784/24]

*841. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times gardaí were dispatched following 999 calls in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2024; and if a breakdown by county can be provided. — Peadar Tóibín. [13785/24]

*842. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of knives seized by gardaí in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2024; and if a breakdown can be provided per county. — Peadar Tóibín. [13786/24]

*843. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount spent by her Department on travel and accommodation costs associated with Ministerial visits abroad to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13810/24]

*844. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of properties either owned or leased by her Department, which are currently vacant; the length of time the properties have been vacant for; and the location of the properties, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13828/24]

*845. To ask the Minister for Justice if penalty points for speeding have been applied in specific circumstances in each of the past five years (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [13838/24]

*846. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is aware of the case of a person (details supplied); and if consideration will be given to their request for a decision. — Louise O'Reilly. [13958/24]

*847. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will ensure that the necessary paperwork for an approved Irish visa (details supplied) is issued as soon as possible to allow the person in question to take up their job here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14020/24]

*848. To ask the Minister for Justice the visa requirements for a non-EU/EEA citizen who wishes to work in Ireland (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [14039/24]

*849. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department or a body under the aegis of her Department has data available on the number of people charged or convicted under the provisions of section 38 of the Domestic Violence Act 2018 (details supplied) from 2019 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14067/24]

*850. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the work her Department has undertaken to develop policy proposals or evaluations of the effectiveness of domestic violence disclosure schemes in reducing the incidents of domestic and family violence or improving perpetrator accountability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14068/24]

*851. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the Carlow women's refuge; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14096/24]

*852. To ask the Minister for Justice an update on the refurbishment of Leighlinbridge Garda Station; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14097/24]

*853. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the process for naturalisation applications; the duration of this process; if there are any delays to current applications (details supplied); to clarify how some applications can take longer than others; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14160/24]

*854. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department uses community radio for advertising and public awareness campaigns; if not, the reason, given the vital role community radio often plays in the dissemination of information to local communities; if her Department will consider using community radio for public awareness campaigns in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14174/24]

*855. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on Garda Operation Limmat; the number of successful convictions obtained under this operation to date; if this operation is still ongoing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14190/24]

*856. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding has been approved in 2024 for the replacement of the inflatable boats within the Garda water unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14191/24]

*857. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of kennels currently in use within the Garda dog unit; the last time the number of kennels was increased; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14192/24]

*858. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of arrests from Pearse Street Garda station in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14193/24]

*859. To ask the Minister for Justice if she plans to invite the US Secretary for Homeland Security to Ireland this year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14194/24]

*860. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who have been detained when arriving into the State and charged with travelling on a false Chinese passport in the past 12 months, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14195/24]

*861. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount of drugs seized under Operation Pier; the number of persons successful charged under this operation to date; if this operation is still live; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14196/24]

*862. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of incidents of suspected needle spiking reported to gardaí in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14197/24]

*863. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of penal warrants outstanding in the Garda R district within DMR as of 31 March 2024; of the number of penal warrants outstanding, the number that have been outstanding for a period of in excess of six months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14198/24]

*864. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 413 of 20 February 2024, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this PQ answered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14199/24]

*865. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda family liaison officer courses held in DMR West division in the years of 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14200/24]

*866. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated cost of training an additional 200 gardaí in the competency-based driver level 3 Course in 2024, 2025 and 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14201/24]

*867. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of arrests from Store Street Garda station in the years of 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14202/24]

*868. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of competitions held for gardaí per rank to apply for posts within the Garda National Immigration Unit in the years of 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form; the number of gardaí by rank that applied for the vacancies within GNIB in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14203/24]

*869. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda cars and motorcycles attached to DMR North Roads Policing Unit as of 20 March 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14204/24]

*870. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new Garda command and control vehicles added to the fleet in 2023 and to-date in 2024; the number of command-and-control vehicles withdrawn from the fleet during this period in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14205/24]

*871. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of stinger training courses held for Garda RPU’s within DMR in 2023 and to date in 2024; the duration of this course; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14206/24]

*872. To ask the Minister for Justice when the decision to raise the retirement age for staff in the prison service will be implemented; if she is aware that many staff in the service are keen to work to the new increased age but cannot do so until the decision is implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [14248/24]

*873. To ask the Minister for Justice if visa applications will be expedited for persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14256/24]

*874. To ask the Minister for Justice when she intends to move the next stage of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Bill 2023. — Pa Daly. [14259/24]

*875. To ask the Minister for Justice if visa applications will be expedited for persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14311/24]

*876. To ask the Minister for Justice what steps are being taken to alleviate the backlog in visa applications for family reunification; what steps are being taken to streamline the process going forward; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14341/24]

*877. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 967 of 20 March 2024, in relation to the Criminal Court Complex and PPP Courts bundle, to provide the share of the anticipated total cost to the Exchequer that is assumed to cover services costs after construction; what share of the unitary payment is subject to review and increase to cover inflation; if the anticipated total cost to the Exchequer takes inflation related reviews of unitary payments into account; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14367/24]

*878. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application by a person (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [14377/24]

*879. To ask the Minister for Justice if the case of persons will be reviewed (details supplied) and if she will provide an update on the application. — Niamh Smyth. [14393/24]

*880. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of entitlements to residency, long-term residency, stamp 4 in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14420/24]

*881. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which application for long-term residency/citizenship will be considered in the case of a person (details supplied) who currently has stamp 4 status and is awaiting an upgrade; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14421/24]

*882. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in determination of residency entitlement in the case of a person (details supplied) who is awaiting a decision in respect of citizenship; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14422/24]

*883. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14424/24]

*884. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14425/24]

*885. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an extension of status/visa in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14426/24]

*886. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and/or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14434/24]

*887. To ask the Minister for Justice if a place at a citizenship award ceremony can be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [14441/24]

*888. To ask the Minister for Justice whether consideration will be given to the establishment of an owner management companies regulator for the purpose of regulating owner management companies which impact the lives of so many residents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14548/24]

*889. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is aware of the lengthy delays adversely impacting the conveyancing process; what steps she is taking to address these delays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [14557/24]

*890. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the community-based CCTV system; if there are plans to announce how local authorities can apply for funding to operate community-based CCTV systems; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14572/24]

*891. To ask the Minister for Justice what discussion her Department has had with the HSE and Carlow County Council and the Minister for Health regarding the provision of a building or a site for a women's refuge in Carlow; if the provision of a safe house has been secured in an interim measure; if her Department is aware of how many safe houses are available in Carlow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14609/24]

*892. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Irish citizenship by naturalisation applications received by her Department for 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; the number of applications which have reached a decision for each of these years; the number of applications that are still processing for each of these years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14615/24]

*893. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the work of the Prison Overcrowding Response Group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14628/24]

*894. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the increasing number of prisoners on remand in prisons here; the steps she is taking to tackle this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [14629/24]

*895. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on visa (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14656/24]

*896. To ask the Minister for Justice when a final decision in respect of an application for citizenship will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14664/24]

*897. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a timeline for the introduction of the online portal for the uploading of footage of road traffic offences; the cost of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [14681/24]

*898. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14737/24]

*899. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of prisoners under 21 years of age; the number in each institution in which they are held; the number of such prisoners who are on restricted regimes; the number of hours, each day, such prisoners are confined to their cells; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14763/24]

*900. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will confirm the status of the transfer of a person (details supplied); and if the request will be expedited considering the applicants deteriorating health. — John McGuinness. [14773/24]

*901. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will approve a stamp 4 status for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [14776/24]

*902. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 170 of 4 October 2023, if she will review the (details supplied) and advise in relation to the comment of 'Credit to be given for time served on these offences', and if she will confirm whether this credit has been considered. — Paul Murphy. [14777/24]

*903. To ask the Minister for Justice the total spent by the State on legal aid in the past ten years to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14781/24]

*904. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons arrested for driving while disqualified within Garda K district in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [14792/24]

*905. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí, by rank attached to each protestor removal team within DMR, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [14793/24]

*906. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the review of the Multi Unit Development Act 2011; and whether he has considered introducing an interim regulator on a non-statutory basis for owner management companies to ensure appropriate governance across this sector for companies to manage apartment defects, remediation works and ongoing maintenance requirements of the shared facilities in multi-unit developments. — Francis Noel Duffy. [14804/24]

*907. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a breakdown of road traffic offences detected, by county and offence committed, per year from 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [14838/24]

*908. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a breakdown of offences detected as part of the ‘Day of Action’ operations on public transport in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form, by year and offence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [14839/24]

*909. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a citizenship certificate of naturalization for a person (details supplied). — David Cullinane. [14937/24]

*910. To ask the Minister for Justice to consider an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [14946/24]

*911. To ask the Minister for Justice how many persons in respect of whom a “transfer decision” was made by an international protection officer to transfer in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 604/2013, which decision was not subsequently set aside on appeal or deemed to be invalid by the Courts, were not transferred in each calendar year since 2014. — Michael McNamara. [14957/24]

*912. To ask the Minister for Justice how many “transfer decisions” were made by international protection officers to transfer in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 in each calendar year since 2014. — Michael McNamara. [14958/24]

*913. To ask the Minister for Justice how many “transfer decisions” made by international protection officers to transfer in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 were set aside on appeal in each calendar year since 2014. — Michael McNamara. [14959/24]

*914. To ask the Minister for Justice how many “transfer decisions” made by international protection officers to transfer in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 were challenged in Court proceedings in each calendar year since 2014. — Michael McNamara. [14960/24]

*915. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of committals to challenging behaviour units in prisons in 2023; the number of these that represented repeat committals, by prison, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14969/24]

*916. To ask the Minister for Justice the maximum number of times any person was committed to a challenging behaviour unit (CBU) in 2023; the maximum amount of time that any prisoner spent in a CBU in 2023 in any one admission; the maximum amount of time that any prisoner spent in a CBU in 2023 across multiple admissions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14970/24]

*917. To ask the Minister for Justice the funding allocated to Garda youth diversion projects in the Dublin mid-west area; the funding for the Clondalkin area; for a breakdown of where this funding is allocated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14985/24]

*918. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 140 of 10 May 2023, to provide details on the comparative research on approaches to hate crime and hate speech legislation in neighbouring jurisdictions that was undertaken; if he will provide any documents containing the outcome of this research; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14997/24]

*919. To ask the Minister for Justice the actions being taken by her Department to alleviate overcrowding in the prison system; and the estimated timeline for returning the population to uniform single capacity cells and the use of community based sentencing to address this problem. — Patrick Costello. [15030/24]

*920. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide a breakdown of the following Garda numbers, by year, from 2007 to date; the number of serving members of An Garda Síochána in each year and to date in 2024; the number of new recruits to An Garda Síochána in each year and to date in 2024; the numbers of gardaí passing out from the Garda Training College in each year from 2007 and to date in 2024; the numbers of candidates offered places in the Garda College and the number who do not take them up for each year and to date in 2024; the numbers of gardaí retiring in each year and to date in 2024; the numbers of gardaí on sick leave for each year and to date in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [15034/24]

*921. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of reports of breaches of protection, safety and barring orders (including interim barring orders) that were made to An Garda Síochána in 2021, 2022 and 2023; the number of subsequent arrests that are made following such reports; the number of convictions in court on foot of these reports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15038/24]

*922. To ask the Minister for Justice whether legislation exists, or has been considered, to regulate solicitors acting for family members. — Thomas Gould. [15079/24]

*923. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of unmarked Garda vans attached to the Cavan-Monaghan division in the years 2023 and to date in 2024; and the number of these vans withdrawn from this division during same period. — Pauline Tully. [15095/24]

*924. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of detective sergeant posts that have been filled within the Cavan-Monaghan division in the years 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [15096/24]

*925. To ask the Minister for Justice the ages of the Garda vehicle attached to the Garda technical bureau as 2 April 2024, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [15097/24]

*926. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new Garda public order unit vans that came into the fleet in the years 2023 and to date in 2024; if further Garda public order unit vans will come into the fleet later this year; and the number of these vans that have been withdrawn during this period, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [15098/24]

*927. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will reply to email correspondence sent to her office and address the request as outlined (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [15351/24]

*928. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress that has been made to date on the new State-Of-The-Art Garda Dog Training Centre; the budget allocated for same; and the amount that has been spent on this project to date. — Paul Donnelly. [15385/24]

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

*929. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a breakdown of the lease agreements that Coillte has entered by category (e.g. agricultural); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [13570/24]

*930. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will detail, in tabular form, the number, type and outcome of Nitrate Action Plan derogation inspections for each year since 2022 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [13572/24]

*931. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a decision will be made in relation to a felling licence application in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Galway, given the fact that the initial application has been lodged with his Department since 2018; if he can assure that a decision will issue without further delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13610/24]

*932. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of times and the specific dates on which he or his Department has formally requested the European Commission to allow for a derogation or temporary derogation to facilitate the import of seed potatoes from the UK, in particular from Scotland, since the introduction of a post-Brexit ban on the import of UK seed potatoes after 1 January 2021; if he or his Department has further sought a derogation in light of the Windsor Framework in March 2023 which enabled the resumption of trade in seed potatoes into Northern Ireland; if he is aware that the Canary Islands currently imports UK and in particular Scottish seed potatoes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [13675/24]

*933. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a TAMS 3 solar capital investments scheme application for a farmer (details supplied) in County Donegal; when the application will be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13740/24]

*934. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Government has considered the reclassification of Magheraroarty pier in County Donegal as a pier for landing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13753/24]

*935. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the delay in payment of a grant details provided to a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Michael Creed. [13757/24]

*936. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the level of peat imported into Ireland from 2016 to 2024, broken down by country, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13776/24]

*937. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount spent by his Department on travel and accommodation costs associated with Ministerial visits abroad to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13799/24]

*938. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of properties either owned or leased by his Department, which are currently vacant; the length of time the properties have been vacant for; and the location of the properties, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13817/24]

*939. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a person (details supplied) is on a TAO panel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13904/24]

*940. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what options are available to a person that has been removed from TAO panels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13905/24]

*941. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is the current position that for farmers who are exporting slurry there is a requirement that both farms must employ an agricultural planner/advisor to facilitate the process; the number of farmers who have been penalised because of a failure to comply with this condition; if a degree of latitude can be applied to farmers who cannot afford to employ an agricultural planner/advisor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13961/24]

*942. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware that farmers along the Shannon Callows in Luskagh, County Offaly who were greatly impacted by flooding were not included in the recent compensation scheme; if he is taking steps to address this oversight; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13962/24]

*943. 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, participated in at least one official trial, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14008/24]

*944. 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, completed one or more races on an RCE licensed track, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14009/24]

*945. 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, were exported before completing at least one official trial, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14010/24]

*946. 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, were exported after completing at least one official trial, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14011/24]

*947. 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, were rehomed before completing at least one official trial, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14012/24]

*948. 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, were rehomed after completing at least one official trial, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14013/24]

*949. 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, participated in at least one official trial, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14014/24]

*950. 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, completed one or more races on an RCE licensed track, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14015/24]

*951. 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, were exported before completing at least one official trial, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14016/24]

*952. 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, were exported after completing at least one official trial, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14017/24]

*953. 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, were rehomed before completing at least one official trial, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14018/24]

*954. 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, were rehomed after completing at least one official trial, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14019/24]

*955. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the TAMS application made by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [14032/24]

*956. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a TAMS 3 grant will be paid to a farmer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [14045/24]

*957. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has any plans to introduce a scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [14054/24]

*958. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the awaited strategy to address ash dieback will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14077/24]

*959. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a decision will be made on an application (details supplied); the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [14135/24]

*960. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how many suckler herds there are currently; if a breakdown will be provided on how many herds there are with less than 15, between 16-30, between 31-100, and 101 cows and above, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14140/24]

*961. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the full year cost of the Suckler Carbon Efficiency Programme and the national beef welfare scheme in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14141/24]

*962. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the full year cost of the sheep improvement scheme for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14142/24]

*963. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated full year cost increasing the sheep improvement scheme rate of payment by €1 per ewe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14143/24]

*964. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the area covered by agricultural activities by overall hectares covered and as a percentage of land coverage, by farming types (details supplied), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14144/24]

*965. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the full year cost of payment under the areas of natural constraints scheme; how many farmers will receive the payment in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14145/24]

*966. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the full year cost of payments for the horticulture sector in 2023; the breakdown of relevant payments and cost for each; the anticipated cost for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14146/24]

*967. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the full year cost of payments for the tillage sector in 2023; the breakdown of relevant payments and cost for each; the anticipated cost for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14147/24]

*968. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount paid out under the low emission slurry spreading scheme in 2023 and to date in 2024; how many farmers received the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14148/24]

*969. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the progress of the Ag Nav platform; how many farmers have utilised the tool to carbon audit their farms to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14149/24]

*970. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the land use review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14162/24]

*971. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department uses community radio for advertising and public awareness campaigns; if not, the reason, given the vital role community radio often plays in the dissemination of information to local communities; if his Department will consider using community radio for public awareness campaigns in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14167/24]

*972. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if conversion of conifer crops to native woodland is permitted under the Native Woodland Conservation scheme 2023-2027 recently launched by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14210/24]

*973. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if applications for Native Woodland Conservation lodged with his Department under the previous forestry programme for the NWC scheme and entail the conversion of conifer forests to native woodland in areas of high ecological and water quality values, as encouraged by his Department, will be eligible under the native woodland conservation scheme 2023 – 2027 launched by his Department recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14211/24]

*974. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the schemes available at present to compensate farmers who have suffered substantial losses due to ash dieback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14254/24]

*975. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how many afforestation applications have been received to the Forestry Programme 2023-2027 to date; the details of the different afforestation schemes for which submitted applications have been made; how many have been approved and how many rejected, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14257/24]

*976. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will explain why the rules differ between two tree plant schemes that his Department is currently administering, the native tree area scheme and ACERS tree belts for ammonia capture from farmyards, where a farmer can plant up to 0.50 hectares for ammonia capture without requiring a registered forester, but choosing to plant the same land under the NTA requires a registered forester's involvement; and additionally, if the designated plot has peaty soil, the farmer is permitted to plant under the ammonia capture for farmyards initiative, but planting under the NTA scheme is not allowed in such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [14320/24]

*977. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason Greyhound Racing Ireland still has no strategic plan in place almost 15 months after the last one expired, almost a year after it was quoted in a national newspaper claiming that such a strategic plan was in the

process of being finalised by consultants (details supplied), and five months after he said a draft strategic plan had been submitted to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14324/24]

*978. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason Greyhound Racing Ireland is only now in March 2024 seeking submissions from stakeholders to help it in the process of drafting its strategic plan, almost 15 months after the last strategic plan expired, almost a year after it was quoted in a national newspaper claiming that such a strategic plan was in the process of being finalised by consultants (details supplied), and five months after he said a draft strategic plan had been submitted to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14325/24]

*979. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what indicators and targets as stipulated in the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies (details supplied) are being used to measure the performance of the Irish greyhound industry in the absence of a strategic plan for the past 14 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14326/24]

*980. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the monetary figure for the economic and financial contribution of the Irish greyhound industry to the Irish economy based on the figures contained in the industry-commissioned economics report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14327/24]

*981. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if force majeure will be granted and all penalties waived in respect of two GLAS contracts (details supplied) given the exceptional circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14396/24]

*982. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is giving consideration to providing flexibility around deadlines under ACRES, for measures such as such as submitting soil samples, establishing wild bird covers and fencing margins/riparian zones, given the challenging weather conditions causing difficulty for farmers in meeting current deadlines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14498/24]

*983. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider carrying out a scientific survey involving Irish inshore fishermen on pollack numbers in Irish inshore waters to give an alternative view to the stock assessment benchmark study by ICES; if he has given any consideration to re-examining the data used in the study that has led to the closure of the pollack fishery in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14535/24]

*984. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what actions he and his Department have and will take to support wild shellfish fishermen in loughs around Ireland to continue fishing given that new Brexit related regulations now have them in legal limbo due to having no physical site/processing facility for veterinarians to visit and issue health certificates for molluscs transiting the British Landbridge; what engagements he has had with other Irish seafood agencies to address this loophole; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14536/24]

*985. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the latest work of the Brown Crab Working Group that he established in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14537/24]

*986. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide the latest update on the total amount of monies drawn down and spent in the Irish fishing industry from the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund; to advise how much money he expects to return to the EU unspent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14538/24]

*987. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to advise how much of the 1,874 tonne quota of spurdog that he announced in December 2022 was caught, landed and processed; to confirm what markets were identified for selling this species into; to confirm what processing facilities are available for spurdog landings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14539/24]

*988. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a 2023 organics payment will issue to a farmer in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14565/24]

*989. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the ACRES tranche 3 will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14643/24]

*990. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for expanding deer management in the country; and if he plans to extend deer management areas to the Glenasmole Valley/Bohernabreena area in Dublin south west, where there is great interest in such a scheme. — John Lahart. [14649/24]

*991. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a decision on a herd number application by a person in County Mayo (details supplied) will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [14655/24]

*992. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has any plans to designate Magheroarty Pier, County Donegal as a landing point for UK-registered vessels, similar to other piers and harbours across the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14663/24]

*993. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are any plans to introduce a fodder scheme due to the bad weather at the moment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14676/24]

*994. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how many applications have been received to the succession planning advice grant; the number of payments made under tranche 1 of the scheme; the total amount paid to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14692/24]

*995. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration has been given to allowing fodder support scheme applications from farmers who did not participate in the 2022 scheme, given there are young farmers who were unable to apply for the 2022 scheme and who were locked out of the scheme in 2023 and subsequent years due to eligibility rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14722/24]

*996. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds registered on Rásaíocht Con Éireann Traceability System as exported to Great Britain in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [14738/24]

*997. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how an Irish greyhound (details supplied) with total prize money of €82,755 is registered on Rásaíocht Con Éireann Traceability System following reports of his export to China; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [14739/24]

*998. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a copy of the Members' Agreement entered into, on or about the date of 11 November 2021, between three organisations (details supplied), including any subsequent amendments to that agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14761/24]

*999. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an individual (details supplied) is currently listed with Rásaíocht Con Éireann as the registered owner or part-owner of any non-coursing greyhound(s); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [14772/24]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a decision will be made in the application submitted for the fodder support scheme by a farmer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [14780/24]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will personally intervene in the case of a farmer (details supplied) waiting on a payment under the young farm payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14805/24]

*1002. 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. [14811/24]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 155 of 6 March 2024, the reason an official from his Department is listed on a website (details supplied) as the FOI contact for the Irish Horse Board; what measures to comply with freedom of information (FOI) 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. [14812/24]

*1004. 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; to provide 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 names and grade of any other civil servants present or attending the evaluation meeting(s); any 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; any other "necessary skills" he considers each member of the panel to have; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [14813/24]

*1005. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 157 of 6 March 2024, to provide the names/confirm the officials and names of external persons involved in reviewing or scoring the equine marketing tender undertaken by his Department in April 2022; any memberships held by members, 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. [14814/24]

*1006. 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. [14815/24]

*1007. 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. [14816/24]

*1008. 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; what verifications he has that such adherence is independently verified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [14817/24]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 158 of 6 March 2024, if, given that no reasons were provided, he will now 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. [14818/24]

*1010. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 160 of 6 March 2024, if, given the overall value of the tender in questions and other tenders (details supplied), 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. [14819/24]

*1011. 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 expertise and governance expertise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [14820/24]

*1012. 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 studbooks above all others won a tender to promote all Department-approved studbooks (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [14821/24]

*1013. 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 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. [14822/24]

*1014. 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; 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. [14824/24]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine 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; and 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. [14835/24]

*1016. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a decision will be made on an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [14879/24]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise what measures are being taken to address low planting levels in 2024 as a result of a low number of approvals for afforestation licences in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14880/24]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise why felling licensing levels are lower than usual given there has been a drop of the number of felling licences being approved month on month so far in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14881/24]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1067 of 20 March 2024, if, given that in his reply he has stated that the pig farmers keep the records, and only submit to his Department on a voluntary basis, he will outline how his Department ensures that the data is an accurate portrayal of the usage, as it is not independently recorded or verified. — Paul Murphy. [14896/24]

*1020. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the fact that the masters report (details supplied) is incomplete/inaccurate; if he agrees that it is very concerning that these reports are not being filled in correctly, given that the date is not accurate and that it is highly unlikely that over 1,000 pregnant heifers experienced no illness or injury at all during the 8/9 days at sea; how will he improve this process to ensure accurate information is being recorded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14916/24]

*1021. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1065 of 20 March 2024, how many sanctions/fines have been imposed for

breaching the Pig Directive since 2020; how many farm inspections have occurred; and how often a farm is inspected. — Paul Murphy. [14924/24]

*1022. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1065 of 20 March 2024, the reason, in relation to the pig and poultry investment scheme, the provision of optimal enrichment is not mentioned as one of the improvements, as that is the biggest risk factor for tail biting (aside from the existence of a tail); and how he plans on monitoring that the specifications for pig housing under the scheme have been met. — Paul Murphy. [14925/24]

*1023. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his Department has not acted in relation to animal cruelty that has been reported on several occasions (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [14929/24]

*1024. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if all outstanding issues regarding the IT system supporting the ACRES scheme have been resolved; if so, when all outstanding payments will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [14933/24]

*1025. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the first payments under the ECO scheme issued; the number of payments still outstanding; the reason for the delay in issuing these payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [14934/24]

*1026. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an ECO scheme payment will be made to a person in County Mayo (details supplied), in view of the fact that his Department already acknowledged that this person's herd number was issued late due to the application being mislaid within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [14938/24]

*1027. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how much money in total was the total CAP budget worth for pillar 1 and pillar 2 for the 2023 recording year; of the total CAP budget in 2023 for pillar 1 and pillar 2, how much money was allocated to - farmers, sub-contractors and administration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14966/24]

*1028. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider how any added benefit gained from the PGI logo can be fairly distributed along the supply chain (details supplied); if he will report any concerns of the use of the logo to the Beef Market Taskforce and the relevant authorities; if he will monitor the use of the PGI Irish grass fed beef in trade through assessment of market information; if he will consider if there is a need for advertising campaigns to communicate the value of grass-fed beef to consumers; if the PGI oversight committee was informed of/or consulted with before PGI status was awarded to beef placed on Italian shelves bearing a PGI label; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14967/24]

*1029. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a series of matters in relation to the 2023 BISS online system will be examined and rectified (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14968/24]

*1030. 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. [14975/24]

*1031. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 260 of 21 March 2024, to detail the two consignments of cattle shipped to Israel specifically when these shipments were made; the number of cattle involved and the private entity that arranged it; to further clarify if Department officials inspected these consignments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14977/24]

*1032. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the EU Regulation on deforestation-free products will be enacted, in full, by Ireland; the staffing and resources which have been ringfenced for its implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [14980/24]

*1033. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on a young farmers scheme application (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [14987/24]

*1034. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 483 of 9 May 2023, to provide an update on his Departments work in conjunction with the European Commission's Joint Research Centre to identify the relevant lands and to identify the appropriate means of protecting these carbon-rich soils, specifically as it relates to the prohibition or restriction of agricultural practices such as ploughing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14995/24]

*1035. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will compensate organic farmers for their financial losses (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15009/24]

*1036. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15040/24]

*1037. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15042/24]

*1038. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise on the development of the Agrisnap app for ACRES, including the IT development was a collaboration between Department of Agriculture staff, an organisation (details supplied), farmers and farm advisors; if he will provide details of the farmers and farm advisors involved in the design of the Agrisnap app; how these participants were remunerated for their involvement in the Agrisnap design process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15150/24]

*1039. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of his visit to Milan in March 2024 with farm organisation representatives and an organisation (details supplied) to launch a PGI logo; if he will advise on aspects of the trip; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15151/24]

*1040. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will make the Land Commission records public; the progress made to date in digitising these records; and his rationale for the delay in providing the public with access to these records. — Catherine Murphy. [15155/24]

*1041. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of requests made to view Land Commission records by academics in 2022 to date in 2024; and the number of requests that were declined and rationale for same. — Catherine Murphy. [15156/24]

*1042. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether he is considering a compensation package for potato farmers who cannot get their crop out of the ground due to weather conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [15194/24]

*1043. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will distribute the additional mackerel quota negotiated at the December Fisheries Council as a matter of urgency. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [15329/24]

*1044. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the introduction of the BVD eradication programme in January 2013 appears to have failed in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [15336/24]

*1045. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons that attended each day of the recent Easter Horse Racing event at Fairyhouse; and if he will provide same figures for 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [15384/24]

*1046. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is intended to introduce an EIP scheme specially for the Aran Islands, County Galway due to the extremely valuable natural heritage there and the fact that the ACRES scheme does not suit the very small farms on the island with its patchwork of very small fields which has meant that less than half the farmers are participating in the ACRES scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15391/24]

*1047. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara an bhfuil sé i gceist tairiscintí a lorg i leith foirgnimh (sonraí tugtha) atá le ceannach nó le tógáil ar léas; má tá aon chúis leis an moill maidir leis seo; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15392/24]

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

*1048. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of case involving a person (details supplied) who wishes to be relocated on personal, family and medical grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13580/24]

*1049. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 481 of 20 February 2024, if he will provide and publish in full the minutes and documents associated with the Interdepartmental Group that met to discuss the recent referenda on the Constitution; if he will 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. — Carol Nolan. [13584/24]

*1050. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures he is taking to address the growing number of people living in tents around the International Protection Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [13586/24]

*1051. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures he is taking to address growing concerns that the increasing number of people living in tents around the International Protection Office will become a flashpoint; the steps he is taking to ensure this does not occur; the engagement he has had with other Ministers and service providers, such as Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána, in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [13587/24]

*1052. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures he is taking to address the serious concerns being raised by the local community with regards to the increasing number of people living in tents around the International Protection Office; the steps he is taking to support local community services; the engagement he has had with other Ministers and service providers, such as Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána, in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [13588/24]

*1053. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures he is taking to address the concerns of local businesses whose trade has been impacted by concerns relating to the increasing number of people living in tents around the International Protection Office; the engagement he has had with other Ministers in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [13589/24]

*1054. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to report on his engagements with Dublin City Council regarding public health and sanitation concerns relating to the increasing number of people living in tents around the International Protection Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [13590/24]

*1055. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to report on his engagements with the Minister for Health or the Health Service Executive regarding public health and sanitation concerns relating to the increasing number of people living in tents around the International Protection Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [13591/24]

*1056. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what immediate action he is taking to increase the numbers of childcare places available; if he is aware that parents are being refused for waiting lists due to the high levels of oversubscription in some childcare facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [13592/24]

*1057. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 579 of 5 March 2024, the reason preventing him from making a provision for granting a second overage exemption in this exceptional case (details supplied); if the professional report supporting a second year has been considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [13605/24]

*1058. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how Tusla deploys personnel and resources; and if it is per head of population or area-based need. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13618/24]

*1059. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many referrals were received by Tusla for the Dublin 10 area for 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024; and what actions were taken for these referrals. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13619/24]

*1060. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when respite beds will be available for residents of SOS in Kilkenny (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [13630/24]

*1061. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 286 of 14 February 2024, if an application to the disability services for an individualised budget relative to the care needs of a person (details supplied) which has been approved will be increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [13657/24]

*1062. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total amount spent by the Health Service Executive on the regional assessment of need hubs in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [13690/24]

*1063. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of assessments of needs accepted by the regional assessment of need hubs in 2023; and the number of assessments completed by the regional hubs in 2023. — Martin Browne. [13691/24]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of assessments of need outsourced in 2023; the total cost of these outsourced assessments of need in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [13692/24]

*1065. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of disabled adults and disabled children who reside in their family home who were provided with respite services either inside or outside of the family home. — Pauline Tully. [13704/24]

*1066. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the decision was taken to move international protection applicants from near the IPO office in Dublin city centre to Crooksling; and to outline who took this decision. — Paul Murphy. [13725/24]

*1067. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the National Quality Standards Framework for Youth Work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [13743/24]

*1068. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has plans to develop a Youth Work workforce development strategy. — Catherine Murphy. [13744/24]

*1069. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of youth workers in employment via the UBU scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [13745/24]

*1070. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can provide appropriate respite services in a suitable location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [13760/24]

*1071. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason it is taking so long for a child (details supplied) who is nearly 5.5 years of age to have their AON completed. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13765/24]

- *1072. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the case of a child (details supplied) who, having been referred for an assessment of needs two years ago, has yet to receive an appointment date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [13798/24]
- *1073. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount spent by his Department on travel and accommodation costs associated with Ministerial visits abroad to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13800/24]
- *1074. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of properties either owned or leased by his Department, which are currently vacant; the length of time the properties have been vacant for; and the location of the properties, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13818/24]
- *1075. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Parliamentary Questions which he referred to Tusla for response, in the past year, which have yet gone unanswered; and if a specific figure can be provided in the case of Parliamentary Questions submitted by this Deputy. — Peadar Tóibín. [13846/24]
- *1076. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the annual cost to increase childcare wages as set by the ERO by €1, €1.25, €1.50, €1.75 and €2, annually for five years, in tabular form, for each grade; and the full year cost, per year, for each grade. — Kathleen Funchion. [13850/24]
- *1077. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the public funding received by each individual Early Years and School Age Childcare service by funding scheme (e.g., ECCE, Core Funding, NCS, CCSP, CCS), for the programme year 2022/2023, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [13851/24]
- *1078. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of places that have been provided in designated accommodation centres for the purposes of the temporary protection directive. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [13895/24]
- *1079. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if it remains the policy of his Department that those in ‘designated accommodation centres’ for the purposes of the temporary protection directive and the Social Welfare Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2024, shall only be newly arrived beneficiaries of the directive, and that no persons will be accommodated in these centres who arrived prior to the enactment of the Act. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [13896/24]
- *1080. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is any intention to open further designated accommodation centres; and how many places he intends to provide in this category of accommodation. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [13897/24]
- *1081. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether there were any persons residing in the designated accommodations centres prior to their designation; if they are going to remain there; and if not, where they will be accommodated subsequently. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [13898/24]

*1082. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the duration that such designated accommodation centres are expected to serve a person, by location if the dates in question are different. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [13899/24]

*1083. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children on waiting lists for an assessment of need for each quarter to date 2019-2024, by CHO inclusive, in tabular form; the number overdue for completion; and the number of estimated PTAs waiting for a complete AON, as reported in the Roadmap for Service Improvement 2023-2026: Disability Services for Children and Young People. — David Cullinane. [13920/24]

*1084. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what actions his Department will take to address and correct the misclassification of Neptune House, Temple Hill, Blackrock, County Dublin, as a ‘children’s hospital’, when it was at all times in practice, and commonly known as, a mother and baby home, such misclassification being in opposition to operational fact and preventing children placed there from gaining redress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13941/24]

*1085. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 484 of 20 February 2024, the terms of the IPAS contract offered to a hotel (details supplied) including the duration of same and the value of this contract; if IPAS have been informed of building extension works currently ongoing at this site and if any discussions or correspondence has been conducted in respect of increasing the IPAS capacity at this site when this has been completed; whether sufficient community engagement will take place prior to any decision in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13947/24]

*1086. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the case of a child (details supplied) who having been referred for an assessment of needs three years ago has yet to receive an assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [13953/24]

*1087. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the case of a person (details supplied); and if consideration will be given to their request for a decision. — Louise O’Reilly. [13957/24]

*1088. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when appropriate accommodation will be provided for those seeking international protection who are sleeping in tents; what immediate action he is taking to provide proper accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [13974/24]

*1089. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the process of securing alternative accommodation for the International Protection applicants who are living in an encampment at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [14025/24]

*1090. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps taken to address issues around the undersupply of childcare services for children under one year in the Dublin 1, 3, 7, 9 and 11 areas, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [14031/24]

- *1091. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth 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. [14037/24]
- *1092. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for a copy of the waiver that some recipients of the mother and baby institutions payment scheme will be required to sign; who drafted the waiver; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [14043/24]
- *1093. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the name of the company that has been given responsible for administering the mother and baby institutions payment scheme; the total cost to administer the scheme; the details of the tender process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [14044/24]
- *1094. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of funding to support community-based service providers in the provision of health services across the country for a service in County Carlow (details supplied). — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14055/24]
- *1095. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what measures have been put in place to ensure businesses in a location (details supplied) and the surrounding areas do not close as a result of the failure of the Government to deal with immigration, resulting in an encampment of international protection applicants living in tents. — Chris Andrews. [14094/24]
- *1096. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if urgent attention will be given to the situation at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [14095/24]
- *1097. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of commercial properties in County Carlow being used to provide accommodation under his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14109/24]
- *1098. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is a service hotline to be set up for the mother and baby redress scheme for Oireachtas Members to assist constituents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14110/24]
- *1099. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there will be reimbursement to mother and baby scheme applicants who incur costs to provide documentation relating to their application to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14111/24]
- *1100. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to clarify how much of the estimated €800 million earmarked for the mother and baby institutions payment scheme will be allocated to an organisation (details supplied) for the administration of the scheme; to clarify the estimated total amount that will be allocated under the scheme to former residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14129/24]

- *1101. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an organisation (details supplied) was the sole bidder in the procurement process for the administration of the mother and baby institutions payment scheme; and if not, to clarify the total number of bidders. — Catherine Connolly. [14130/24]
- *1102. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on provision for a neuro-rehabilitation unit in CHO7 which was due to be progressed in 2023; where the unit will be based; the roles that have been provided funding within the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14134/24]
- *1103. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many staff members have been allocated to administer the mother and baby institutions payment scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14150/24]
- *1104. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department uses community radio for advertising and public awareness campaigns; if not, the reason, given the vital role community radio often plays in the dissemination of information to local communities; if his Department will consider using community radio for public awareness campaigns in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14177/24]
- *1105. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to clarify whether early access to therapy and support services can be provided to a child when one guardian consents and one guardian refuses to consent; if any guidelines have issued in this particular area or are planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14179/24]
- *1106. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 514 of 23 January 2024, if, given the recent changes announced by Government, this property is now being considered for IPAS. — Sorca Clarke. [14214/24]
- *1107. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current CDNT WTE vacancies across each of the teams in CHO5; the number of administrative posts vacant; the number of approved posts in each of the teams; and the actions that are being taken to address those vacancies, in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [14258/24]
- *1108. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a formal report on how it is known that asbestos is present in the Royal City of Dublin Hospital building (details supplied); and if there are other defects with the building. — Bríd Smith. [14296/24]
- *1109. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether a building (details supplied) is being considered for refugee accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [14298/24]
- *1110. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth with regard to the 90 day limit on people seeking temporary international protection staying in specified accommodation centres such as that at Floods Cross, Newhall, the measures that have been put in place to deal with the resulting pressure this limit will put on already scarce housing

and accommodation resources in County Kildare and surrounding areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [14300/24]

*1111. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason he excluded Cherry Orchard Hospital and other hospitals from the redress scheme; if he will reconsider these exclusions with respect to the fact some babies born in qualifying mother and baby homes were hospitalised after birth for several months before returning to an institution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14323/24]

*1112. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons who previously have had rights of way to their property via a nursing home (details supplied) heretofore; the number of any such rights that have been affected by changes in operation of the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14340/24]

*1113. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason funding has not been provided to CHO1 for disability services. — Peadar Tóibín. [14363/24]

*1114. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason the increase in the foster carers allowance was delayed to November and did not take immediate effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14386/24]

*1115. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to protect the future of vulnerable children within the care of the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14388/24]

*1116. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress that is being made to opening the national childcare scheme to childminders who are not registered with Tusla; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [14400/24]

*1117. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a diagnosis will be forthcoming in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14413/24]

*1118. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which the children of a person (details supplied) can enjoy the protected offered through Tusla and An Teach Tearmainn during ongoing family law discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14423/24]

*1119. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to ensure that medical assessment for autism is provided for the son of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14433/24]

*1120. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child (details supplied) who has been on the waiting list to be seen by the school age team for over five years, is likely to be seen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [14437/24]

*1121. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 132 of 14 December 2023, the proposed location of the standalone

respite service for children (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14440/24]

*1122. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of residential places for people with a disability currently being provided as of 1 April 2024 or latest date available; and the number by CHO area, in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14475/24]

*1123. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of staff in community neuro-rehabilitation teams in each CHO; the specific medical or healthcare posts in each team in each CHO; and the estimated full-year cost of providing a full neuro-rehabilitation team in each CHO, in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14476/24]

*1124. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide the number of offers of accommodation received by the International Protection Procurement Service primarily through its e-mail portal; the number of such offers that were subsequently assessed as suitable premises to accommodate IP applicants; the number of such offers that were deemed unsuitable and rejected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14490/24]

*1125. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will respond to concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the International Protection Integration Fund; the steps he will take to ensure greater dissemination of information relating to the fund, in particular to ensure that community organisations are aware of the fund and its associated deadlines; the reason groups registered on the Public Participation Network were not notified of the details of, including the deadlines for, the fund; if community organisations who are keen to receive funding can apply to the fund at this point; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14495/24]

*1126. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason the children’s disability network team has re-categorised a complex need in children and children with autism are no longer categorised as having a complex need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [14496/24]

*1127. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the situation faced by the family of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14500/24]

*1128. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the adult and children overnight respite services currently operating in each county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14554/24]

*1129. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the childcare supports available to a person who works and resides within the State but who avails of childcare in the north of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14556/24]

*1130. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the lisbri unit in Cherry Orchard Hospital will be closing; if so, the reason the unit is closing; when this will take place; the plans for the residents of this unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14562/24]

*1131. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to replace a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14573/24]

*1132. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children on waiting lists for an assessment of need for each month to date 2019-2024, inclusive, in tabular form; the number overdue for completion; and the average length of wait in Cork, by LHO or administrative area. — Thomas Gould. [14605/24]

*1133. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the options, if any, available to childcare providers who cannot afford to engage the services of a chartered accountant for financial reporting requirements; if this requirement will be reconsidered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14625/24]

*1134. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the requirement for service providers to engage a chartered accountant for smaller playschools will be postponed; if his Department accepts the Revenue Commissioners accounts submitted directly by service providers as sufficient evidence of income reporting (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [14626/24]

*1135. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details of the amount of funding used to date from the asylum, migration and integration fund to fund the return of failed international protection applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14631/24]

*1136. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1156 of 20 March 2024, if the contracts awarded to these providers was directly awarded or whether a competitive tender took place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [14645/24]

*1137. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the EU legislation that unpins the change in gender protection (details supplied); and if it is this case that the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission is misleading people on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14650/24]

*1138. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will undertake an urgent and full inspection and audit of a situation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [14711/24]

*1139. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of occupants at each direct provision centre in the State on 1 March 2024; the contracted capacity at each direct provision centre in the State on 1 March 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [14716/24]

*1140. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department is concerned by the duration that children are spending in special emergency arrangements, as outlined in reports in a newspaper (details supplied); if his Department believes there should be the maximum duration any child should spend in such an arrangement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14727/24]

*1141. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department is concerned by the age range of children residing in special emergency arrangements, as outlined in reports in a newspaper (details supplied); if his Department believes that no child under twelve years of age should be residing in a special emergency arrangement unless in very exceptional circumstances, similar to residential care and if a derogation should be sought in that regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14728/24]

*1142. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department believes that every child in a special emergency arrangement should have an allocated social worker; if he is concerned by reports in a newspaper (details supplied) that suggest this is not the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14729/24]

*1143. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has investigated or will investigate the access to education for children residing in special emergency arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14730/24]

*1144. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has definitive plans and a timeline to end the usage of special emergency arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14731/24]

*1145. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many children, both children in mainstream services and separated children seeking international protection have been placed in special emergency arrangements each month over the past three years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14732/24]

*1146. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many separated children seeking international protection are currently taken into care under section 4 of the Child Care Act 1991 compared to those brought into care under other statutory care orders, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14733/24]

*1147. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will introduce or support measures whereby IPAS applicants who obtain employment after six months residency here and while resident in an accommodation centre will contribute to their accommodation costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14748/24]

*1148. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated full year cost to recruit 90 extra WTE social workers for TUSLA. — Paul Donnelly. [14791/24]

*1149. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can advise regarding a situation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14809/24]

*1150. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide, in tabular form, the full total spend by his Department to accommodate International Protection Applicants for the years ending 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14844/24]

*1151. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the sites his Department plans to lease from the HSE (details supplied); the status of these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14890/24]

*1152. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department provides supports for childcare providers to deliver transport to and from schools, particularly when providers were reliant on private operators that have withdrawn their service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14911/24]

*1153. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will engage with a crèche (details supplied) which has been informed by the private bus operator that provided collection and drop-off service with local schools intends to cease this service on 12 April 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14912/24]

*1154. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the financial support options available to parents of children awaiting assessment of need; if there is a process of reimbursement available to those who pay privately for assessments given the extreme waiting periods for assessments provided by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14930/24]

*1155. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current services in place catering for those with special needs in an area (details supplied); the current respite services available to parents in the same area, particularly overnight services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [14949/24]

*1156. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason a person (details supplied) has been excluded from the mother and baby institutions redress scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [15012/24]

*1157. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the average all-in cost of delivering modular homes through his Department in 2023. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15018/24]

*1158. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a response will issue to a section 39 funding application (details supplied); the reason a response has not been issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [15045/24]

*1159. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide the most up-to-date costs for the delivery of modular homes for people in receipt of temporary protection, including the all-in development costs (including site works, and so on); the cost per modular unit; and the size of the modular units set against their costs (in square metres). — Eoin Ó Broin. [15062/24]

*1160. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the budget allocation for the youth service grant scheme within his Department in the years 2022, 2023 and 2024, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [15092/24]

*1161. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE behavioural specialists, by location, working in children's disability network teams based in counties Cavan and Monaghan in the years 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [15093/24]

*1162. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of respite places available in Cavan-Monaghan area from 2021 to date in 2024 for patients aged under 65 years old, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [15094/24]

*1163. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth 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. [15130/24]

*1164. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth concerning the Building Blocks – Expansion Grant Scheme, which is part of a wider Building Blocks Capital Programme for Early Learning and Care and School Age Childcare, if he will confirm when an application from (details supplied) will be validated; if the applicant will be given the opportunity to submit additional documentation or provide clarity on their application if the same is required; when can the provider expect a decision to be issued on the same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [15134/24]

*1165. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what plans his Department is connected with in relation to a location (details supplied); what are the latest plans, if any, for another location in Brittas, County Dublin; and if there are plans for any other sites located in the constituency for Dublin South West. — John Lahart. [15140/24]

*1166. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 431 of 24 January 2023, what changes, if any, have been made to the scheme since last year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [15167/24]

*1167. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on outstanding payments to an accommodation provider centre (details supplied) for Ukrainian refugees; when payment is expected to issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [15193/24]

*1168. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can advise on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15252/24]

*1169. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the schemes available to people with disabilities to help them access the workforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15253/24]

*1170. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if, with regard to the 300 contracts that have been terminated with his Department for the accommodation of BOTPs since 2022, the cancellation was instigated by the service provider or his Department, in tabular form; if any follow-up investigations or audits were carried out by the An Garda Síochána and/or his Department; the details of same, if any; if any monies are still outstanding on any of the cancelled contracts; if so if the Department is actively chasing payments on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15280/24]

*1171. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the current plans for the provision of accommodation services within a location

(details supplied) in Drogheda; if this centre is now operating as a dispersal centre as reported; to provide an update on how he and his Department are now planning to support Drogheda, considering the impact of this decision which has taken Drogheda's only hotel of scale from the town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15289/24]

*1172. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the rates being charged to Ukrainian refugees living in State accommodation for their board and lodgings; the basis by which this was calculated; whether this is under review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15311/24]

*1173. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an ACC communication device can be provided for a child (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15323/24]

*1174. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child (details supplied) in County Donegal will received a CDNT appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15324/24]

*1175. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 832 of 20 September 2023, when a reply will issue to this Deputy from the HSE. — Pearse Doherty. [15326/24]

*1176. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will clarify what legal powers his Department, along with the gardaí, have to move along individuals at a location (details supplied). — Chris Andrews. [15353/24]

*1177. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what medical supports are available outside of normal business hours, 9am-5pm Monday to Friday, to enable disabled people to live independently in the community. — Pauline Tully. [15356/24]

*1178. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can confirm that part of a building at St. John's House, Block 8 and 9, Tallaght Retail Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24 is currently being used or in the process of being used to accommodate international protection applicants; if so, the date of commencement; the category of international applicants; the breakdown of the number of units in the building for such purpose; the total number of international applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [15366/24]

*1179. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child in County Donegal (details supplied) will receive services from CDNT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [15367/24]

*1180. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE psychologists, dietitians and occupational therapists that are CDNT based at (details supplied) in the years 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [15382/24]

*1181. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider providing travel passes for asylum seekers who are sleeping rough or in camps in order that they can commute back and forth from the city centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [15394/24]

- *1182. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children on disability service waiting lists for children's disability networks teams, by CHO/CDNT, at the end of each quarter of each year 2019-2024, inclusive, in tabular form; the average length of wait; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15434/24]
- *1183. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of people on disability service waiting lists for each service type, excluding children's disability network teams, at the end of each quarter of each year 2019-2024, inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15435/24]
- *1184. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children on waiting lists for an assessment of need for each quarter of each year 2019-2024, inclusive, in tabular form; the number overdue for completion; and the number of estimated PTAs waiting for a complete AON, in tabular form, as reported in the Roadmap for Service Improvement 2023-2026: Disability Services for Children and Young People. — David Cullinane. [15436/24]
- *1185. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the significant delay experienced in a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15485/24]
- *1186. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how long a child will be waiting for speech and language and occupational therapy services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15486/24]
- *1187. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the formal complaints process concerning assessments of need and the backlog with processing complaints; the number of complaints received; the number of those outstanding for resolution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15487/24]
- *1188. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on a complaint received in respect of assessments of need delays and the intended resolution for that complaint (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15488/24]
- *1189. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline the waiting lists in respect of assessments of need by CHO for the years 2019 to 2024 to date inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15489/24]
- *1190. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline how many occupational therapists and speech and language therapists are available in Clare for services for children with additional needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15490/24]
- *1191. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the need for four additional respite care homes for County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15491/24]
- *1192. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if parents can recoup any costs incurred by them in respect of having to source private assessments of need

due to extremely long waiting lists for their children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15492/24]

*1193. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that parents are now paying up to €1,600 for each element of a private multi-disciplinary assessment; his views on whether this is an acceptable practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15493/24]

*1194. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the progress his Department has made in creating a mechanism for the HSE to pay for the private assessment of children with additional needs off the back of work done by campaigners (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15494/24]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*1195. To ask the Minister for Health to outline who he met with during a visit (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15743/24]

*1196. To ask the Minister for Health the overall staff levels at St. Annes Community Nursing Home, Clifden and Clifden District Hospital, broken down by nursing staff, HCAs and other staff; the number of these staff on sick leave and for how long, broken down by nursing staff, HCAs and other staff; what steps are being taken to replace staff on long-term leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [13560/24]

*1197. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the proposed health centre for Carraroe; can he confirm that the project will still go ahead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [13561/24]

*1198. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated to Jigsaw for 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [13567/24]

*1199. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a funding reduction of approximately €900,000 for Jigsaw this year and why; if this will lead to a reduction in services and to provide clarity on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [13568/24]

*1200. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons the HSE is no longer funding the provision of dexcom g7 sensors for use by diabetics on insulin injections; if this short-sighted decision will be reversed; if the device will be supplied to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [13573/24]

*1201. To ask the Minister for Health when a child in County Donegal (details supplied) will receive a date to have an insulin pump fitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [13574/24]

*1202. To ask the Minister for Health if a child in County Donegal (details supplied) can get an insulin pump fitted in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [13575/24]

*1203. To ask the Minister for Health if a child in County Donegal (details supplied) can get an appointment in Letterkenny University Hospital to attend the diabetes team for a consultation with the dietician. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [13576/24]

- *1204. To ask the Minister for Health what services is currently available in Letterkenny University Hospital for adults and children that have diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [13577/24]
- *1205. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the status of a complaint made to the management of St. Lukes Hospital, Kilkenny by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [13579/24]
- *1206. To ask the Minister for Health if he can get the heating system repaired in the primary care and mental health centre in Carrick-on-Shannon (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [13594/24]
- *1207. To ask the Minister for Health the current situation regarding an issue (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [13595/24]
- *1208. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on all the engagements between the HSE and another party (details supplied) in relation to a project, including correspondence sent or received, messages sent or received, phone calls made or received, meetings held or other interactions; the dates of all these engagements; the nature of these engagements; the details covered in each of these engagements; if the information could be provided, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [13597/24]
- *1209. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set out the current waiting list for service assessment for CAMHS services in County Wexford; the number of children and adolescents currently receiving services from CAMHS in the county; the number of professionals set out by professional discipline currently working in CAMHS services in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [13600/24]
- *1210. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an application under the fair deal scheme (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [13629/24]
- *1211. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the 550 deaths associated with adverse events in 2022 in HSE hospitals and services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [13631/24]
- *1212. To ask the Minister for Health if he is concerned by the Health Protection Surveillance Centre's recently published report (26/02/24) on the uptake of the HPV vaccine for the academic years 2022/2023 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13634/24]
- *1213. To ask the Minister for Health what steps he will take to increase the uptake of the HPV vaccine in the school immunisation programme in consideration of the findings of the Health Protection Surveillance Centre's recently published report (26/02/24) on the uptake of the HPV vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13635/24]
- *1214. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the recently published Health Protection Surveillance Centre's report (26/02/24) on the uptake of the HPV vaccine does not include information regarding the percentage of uptake achieved through the Laura Brennan HPV catch-up vaccination programme in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13636/24]

*1215. To ask the Minister for Health if there are HIQA standards for homecare delivered by the State; and if homecare is regulated by HIQA. — Peadar Tóibín. [13647/24]

*1216. To ask the Minister for Health if a full assessment will be arranged through CAMHS or the disability services to ascertain the range of services required by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [13655/24]

*1217. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be admitted as a matter of urgency to Dun Laoghaire Rehabilitation clinic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [13656/24]

*1218. To ask the Minister for Health the amount being invested each year towards cancer research; the amount of this directed towards research into brain cancer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13661/24]

*1219. To ask the Minister for Health what arrangements are in place to ensure Irish brain tumour patients have access to advanced cancer treatments abroad not available in this jurisdiction funded by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13663/24]

*1220. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to ensure that a person (details supplied) will receive the treatment they need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13667/24]

*1221. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant posts, per CDNT, per post, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [13672/24]

*1222. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff members who are on maternity leave, paternity leave and parental leave, expected to last longer than 4 weeks, per CDNT, in tabular form; and the action that is being taken by these teams to ensure established needs of children are met. — Sorca Clarke. [13673/24]

*1223. To ask the Minister for Health what plans are in place to ensure GP cover, given the imminent closure for Coole medical centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [13674/24]

*1224. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital procedure for a person (details supplied); when the procedure will be carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13678/24]

*1225. To ask the Minister for Health if he was aware of the reported removal of five patients at UHL to other healthcare facilities locally in order to free up space during high presentations during March; if he can confirm the veracity of those reports and if such instances were confined to five patients; whether those patients were removed during night-time hours; if he can confirm whether those patients and their families were given adequate notice and information concerning the move; if the relocation of these patients in the manner concerned conforms with best clinical practice; if the matter is being investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [13683/24]

- *1226. To ask the Minister for Health the current WTE filled and vacant in each South Tipperary CAMHS team, broken down by discipline, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [13686/24]
- *1227. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals received by each CAMHS team in south Tipperary in 2023; the number of those referrals that were accepted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [13687/24]
- *1228. To ask the Minister for Health the numbers of referrals to the South East CAMHS-ID team in 2023; and the number of those referrals accepted. — Martin Browne. [13688/24]
- *1229. To ask the Minister for Health the WTE posts currently allocated and the number of those posts vacant, in the South East CAMHS-ID team, broken down by discipline, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [13689/24]
- *1230. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to be called for hearing aids; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13695/24]
- *1231. 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. [13696/24]
- *1232. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Gender Service believes that trans people need to be in their mid- to late twenties before they are mature enough to decide to pursue medical transition, as per a recent radio interview (details supplied). — Patrick Costello. [13698/24]
- *1233. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that in a recent radio interview (details supplied), National Gender Service staff considered the process to access hormones via Tavistock to be too easy. — Patrick Costello. [13699/24]
- *1234. To ask the Minister for Health if, following a recent radio interview (details supplied), the National Gender Service staff believe asexuals are entitled to the same medical care and at the same age as all other sexualities. — Patrick Costello. [13700/24]
- *1235. To ask the Minister for Health if, when writing the Chief Clinical Officer's business case "Model of Care and Implementation Plan for Transgender care", it was intended that service users could be excluded from the Advisory Group due to their interest in their own healthcare being considered purely ideological. — Patrick Costello. [13701/24]
- *1236. To ask the Minister for Health what consultation was done with the trans community before abandoning the Programme for Government's commitment to WPATH as per a recent article (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [13702/24]
- *1237. To ask the Minister for Health how people in the healthcare system that suffer from long-Covid will be supported post 31 March 2024 if they are still unable to work after the temporary special scheme for leave concludes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [13705/24]

- *1238. To ask the Minister for Health when funds will be made available so that a surgery can be carried out (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13706/24]
- *1239. To ask the Minister for Health the number of planned primary care centre projects that the HSE intends to lease which are currently stalled, suspended or otherwise in abeyance due to the need to review leasing costs; and the date that the HSE intends to initiate that review for each, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [13711/24]
- *1240. To ask the Minister for Health when a response will issue to an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [13712/24]
- *1241. To ask the Minister for Health when a formal response will issue to the application by the Royal Hospital Donnybrook to the HSE for capital funding toward a new public community nursing unit on its grounds (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [13713/24]
- *1242. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to make a speech and language therapy clinic available in Ospidéal Pobail Chorca Dhuibhne, County Kerry, to enable children in local area to access same rather than travelling to Tralee. — Pa Daly. [13741/24]
- *1243. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the current system in place for the provision of prostheses and bras to breast cancer patients (details supplied); if he is aware of any significant delays and difficulties in obtaining a prosthesis and bras following breast cancer treatment for breast cancer patients; the average waiting time for the approval of these items; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13755/24]
- *1244. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancelled hospital appointments in the State, broken down by individual hospital, in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13787/24]
- *1245. To ask the Minister for Health the average and longest waiting time for a child to see a CAMHS professional in each county in the past three years; and the number of children on waiting lists for CAMHS, by county, in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [13788/24]
- *1246. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons diagnosed with cancer in the State in each of the past ten years, by cancer type, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13789/24]
- *1247. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time between cancer diagnosis and the commencement of chemotherapy treatment (details supplied), in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13790/24]
- *1248. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons screened by CervicalCheck at either primary care or colposcopy in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13791/24]
- *1249. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients to receive radiation oncology in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [13792/24]
- *1250. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients to receive surgical oncology in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [13793/24]

- *1251. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GP referrals to cancer rapid access clinics, in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [13794/24]
- *1252. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons screened by BreastCheck in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [13795/24]
- *1253. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Parliamentary Questions which he referred to the HSE for response, in the past year, which have yet gone unanswered; and if a specific figure can be provided in the case of Parliamentary Questions submitted by this Deputy. — Peadar Tóibín. [13796/24]
- *1254. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by his Department on travel and accommodation costs associated with Ministerial visits abroad to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13808/24]
- *1255. To ask the Minister for Health the number of properties either owned or leased by his Department, which are currently vacant; the length of time the properties have been vacant for; and the location of the properties, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13826/24]
- *1256. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Gender Service can share where the protocols that involve leaving transgender youth on puberty blockers alone for ten years until age 23 as their staff mentioned on the radio last week (details supplied) are published, and the names of clinics which do this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [13835/24]
- *1257. To ask the Minister for Health if the appearance on the radio last week by one of their staff (details supplied) was authorised by the National Gender Service; if he and the National Gender Service fully supports the statements made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [13836/24]
- *1258. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Gender Service regularly meets with trans community groups; when they last met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [13837/24]
- *1259. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13844/24]
- *1260. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given to extending the payment for those healthcare workers suffering from long Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [13845/24]
- *1261. To ask the Minister for Health if he will continue to fund an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [13861/24]
- *1262. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE respiratory physiologists attached to Letterkenny University Hospital in 2023 and to date in 2024. — Duncan Smith. [13862/24]
- *1263. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE orthodontists, by grade, working in St. Finbarr's Hospital, Cork, in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [13863/24]

*1264. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children seen by dentists on the school dental screening services within CHO9 in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [13864/24]

*1265. To ask the Minister for Health the average times persons have to wait in County Monaghan before learning their biopsy histology results; and the HSE policy on waiting times for histology results. — Duncan Smith. [13865/24]

*1266. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE secretaries allocated to consultant orthopaedic surgeons at Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown, in the years of 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [13866/24]

*1267. To ask the Minister for Health the number of x-ray machines currently available for usage in Croom Orthopaedic Hospital in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [13867/24]

*1268. To ask the Minister for Health if a new specialist endometriosis centre for complex care will be established in Galway. — Duncan Smith. [13868/24]

*1269. To ask the Minister for Health for an outline of the CAMHS service in County Wexford.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [13869/24]

*1270. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE HSE addiction nurses in CHO6 in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024; and the locations where these addiction nurses are located, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [13870/24]

*1271. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the new Kilbarrack primary care centre; and what new services will be provided when this PCC opens. — Duncan Smith. [13871/24]

*1272. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to establish a postnatal hub in Cavan. — Duncan Smith. [13872/24]

*1273. To ask the Minister for Health the total spent on agency staff in the HSE CHO2 area in 2023. — Duncan Smith. [13873/24]

*1274. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently on a waiting list for breast reconstruction surgery in each of the years 2021 to 2023 in each hospital, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [13874/24]

*1275. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for dementia specific nursing home care in Limerick in 2023. — Duncan Smith. [13875/24]

*1276. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons aged 0-18 years of age who travelled outside of the State for specialist neurosurgery treatment not available within the State in 2023 via the HSE treatment abroad scheme. — Duncan Smith. [13876/24]

*1277. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant musculoskeletal radiologists at Tallaght University Hospital in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [13877/24]

- *1278. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE audiologists, by grade employed, by HSE working in CHO4 in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [13878/24]
- *1279. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant gastroenterologists with a special interest in inflammatory bowel disease based in Galway University Hospital in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [13879/24]
- *1280. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on a hospital appointment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13881/24]
- *1281. To ask the Minister for Health how many times the critical lack of care for diabetes patients in Letterkenny University Hospital has been notified onto the HSE national risk register in each of the past four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [13882/24]
- *1282. To ask the Minister for Health when it is planned to restore physiotherapy clinics to St. Joseph's Hospital, Stranorlar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [13886/24]
- *1283. To ask the Minister for Health the actions his Department has taken to establish if all workers eligible for the pandemic payment have been paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [13891/24]
- *1284. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that an organisation (details supplied) contracted to distribute pandemic payments, has yet to distribute all payments to section 39 providers; what actions his Department has taken to ensure completion of the terms of the contract with the organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [13892/24]
- *1285. To ask the Minister for Health what exactly were the actions of hormones a decade later the National Gender Service staff were referring to in a recent radio interview (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [13907/24]
- *1286. To ask the Minister for Health the names of the clinics in the United States who continue to prescribe puberty blocker monotherapy up to age 28 or 29 which were mentioned by National Gender Service staff in a radio interview (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [13908/24]
- *1287. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Gender Service can confirm they believe that the Tavistock and Antwerp clinics radio had prescribed hormones on the basis of a single phone call as indicated in a recent radio interview (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [13909/24]
- *1288. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify if the National Gender Service staff believe that you need to fully know your sexual orientation in order to access transgender medical interventions as indicated in a recent radio interview (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [13910/24]
- *1289. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Gender Service can share the evidence base for sexual attraction being delayed in neurodiverse individuals and its relevance in trans medicine as indicated in a recent radio interview (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [13911/24]

*1290. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify exactly what the “clear evidence of harm from current practice to significant numbers of vulnerable children” that was referenced by National Gender Service staff in a recent radio interview (details supplied) is. — Paul Murphy. [13912/24]

*1291. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Gender Service considers trans patient groups to be expressing an ideological position when advocating for informed consent healthcare in line with WPATH. — Paul Murphy. [13913/24]

*1292. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the lifting of the recruitment freeze within the HSE. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13914/24]

*1293. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the current recruitment pause within the HSE, if information is available regarding when individuals who have been advised they have successfully interviewed for positions but are impacted by the pause will be able to begin their employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13915/24]

*1294. To ask the Minister for Health what steps people with medical cards should take to get reimbursed for blood test costs charged by GPs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [13943/24]

*1295. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 61 of 14 February 2024, the assistance available to Irish citizens who require repatriation via air ambulance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13944/24]

*1296. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that a person (details supplied) will receive an urgent consultation with CAMHS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [13948/24]

*1297. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that can be taken to assist a person (details supplied) to access specialist treatment for a condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13969/24]

*1298. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an outline on the current status of the Implementation Group examining the operation of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; to provide an outline of the number of occasions it has met to date; a timeline for when it is to report to Government; if an outline of its remit can be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13973/24]

*1299. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding the case of person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [13995/24]

*1300. To ask the Minister for Health if additional supports and funding will be provided for treatment centres and specialist community services to support those with eating disorders across community healthcare organisations. — Louise O'Reilly. [13996/24]

*1301. To ask the Minister for Health what steps are being taken to provide more specialised facilities for eating disorder sufferers; what steps are being taken to provide more outpatient facilities; and what steps are being taken to provide eating disorder specialists in all public hospitals. — Louise O'Reilly. [13997/24]

- *1302. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide more in-patient facilities for eating disorder sufferers or to facilitate a reduction of catchment restrictions. — Louise O'Reilly. [13998/24]
- *1303. To ask the Minister for Health the posts which are sanctioned and remain vacant currently in CHO8. — Robert Troy. [14000/24]
- *1304. To ask the Minister for Health the posts that are vacant and awaiting sanction. — Robert Troy. [14001/24]
- *1305. To ask the Minister for Health the numbers on the waiting lists across each discipline under their remit; and the actions that are being taken to address these lists. — Robert Troy. [14002/24]
- *1306. To ask the Minister for Health what measures are being taken to recruit staff to vacant posts; if international recruitment campaigns have commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [14003/24]
- *1307. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a department which investigates issues of safeguarding of a vulnerable adult; and if he will provide the details of supports available to a person (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [14023/24]
- *1308. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to an urgent medical case (details supplied); the action he will take to ensure adequate care is put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [14024/24]
- *1309. To ask the Minister for Health if and when an appropriate appointment and treatment in early date can be offered to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14026/24]
- *1310. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for a primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14027/24]
- *1311. To ask the Minister for Health if he will initiate the (European Infrastructure For Translational Medicine Research) membership process for Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14028/24]
- *1312. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider extending special leave with pay for those who worked on the frontline during the pandemic and contracted long-Covid and whose health and lives have been badly damaged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [14034/24]
- *1313. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE Dublin south primary care teams provide occupational therapy report services for housing assessment needs; the avenues for a local authority tenant to access HSE primary care teams OT services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14042/24]
- *1314. To ask the Minister for Health what short-term and long-term plans are in place to care for those awaiting eye surgery at Letterkenny University Hospital. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14058/24]

*1315. To ask the Minister for Health the spring due to be removed from a patient (details supplied) at Temple Street Hospital will be retained for examination; and if so, what examination will be conducted. — Paul Murphy. [14059/24]

*1316. To ask the Minister for Health if the meeting of the National Termination of Pregnancy Service Improvement Group held on 4 October 2023 recorded any minutes; if so, if a copy can be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [14083/24]

*1317. To ask the Minister for Health what steps will be taken to achieve accountability, transparency, and parliamentary oversight with regards the work of the National Termination of Pregnancy Service Improvement Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [14084/24]

*1318. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for current and continued investigations on providing approval for a medication (details supplied) on the drugs payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [14085/24]

*1319. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the Government's response to the recently launched policy paper by an organisation (details supplied); if he intends to adhere to the promises for reform of dentistry in Ireland; if so, what specific steps will be taken to ensure these reforms are implemented; if he will meet with representatives of the organisation to discuss its strategy for reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14089/24]

*1320. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the primary care centre in Tullow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14101/24]

*1321. To ask the Minister for Health if there is to be an injury clinic provided in Carlow town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14102/24]

*1322. To ask the Minister for Health if there is to be a primary care centre provided in Borris, County Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14103/24]

*1323. To ask the Minister for Health for a status update on the provision of a health service building and the occupants of same in Carlow (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14104/24]

*1324. To ask the Minister for Health what supports his 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 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14118/24]

*1325. To ask the Minister for Health to address an issue regarding the medical card review scheme whereby persons with disabilities are subjected to arduous regular reviews which can be difficult and taxing for these persons to carry out; if this scheme can be examined and perhaps changed in some way; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [14158/24]

*1326. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department uses community radio for advertising and public awareness campaigns; if not, the reason, given the vital role community radio often plays in the dissemination of information to local communities; if his Department will consider

using community radio for public awareness campaigns in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14166/24]

*1327. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment with a psychologist for a minor (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [14184/24]

*1328. To ask the Minister for Health for a progress update on the Programme for Government commitment to examine the possibility of introducing a national immunisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [14185/24]

*1329. To ask the Minister for Health the total spent by the HSE on contractors for maintenance work (details supplied) in 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14207/24]

*1330. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the growing concern in the Drimmagh area of Dublin 12 regarding the provision of public PHNMs (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [14212/24]

*1331. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on a new primary care centre (details supplied) including completion date; and a timeline for the commencement of the various services that will be offered at this location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [14213/24]

*1332. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given to increasing the travel allowance for homecare support workers given the increased cost of fuel has not been matched with an increase in the travelling allowance; his views on the situation at present regarding the impact of this shortfall on workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [14217/24]

*1333. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the provision of an out-of-hours CareDoc facility in Athy, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14222/24]

*1334. To ask the Minister for Health what steps he will take to address delays in diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases in light of the fact that more than a third of people with such conditions go for more than five years without a diagnosis and in recognition of the 300,00 people living with such diseases in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14226/24]

*1335. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the up-to-date position regarding the location for the new genetics and genomics laboratory in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14227/24]

*1336. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm if the new genetics and genomics laboratory will be located at the new National Children's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14228/24]

*1337. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm what interim measures are in place, if any, to ensure genetics testing continues to be carried out during relocation from its current home in CHI Crumlin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14229/24]

*1338. To ask the Minister for Health when the addition of screening for SMA and SCID to the newborn bloodspot screening programme will commence given the fact that screening for SMA and SCID is not scheduled to take place at the current lab in Temple Street, but rather at the new National Children's Hospital. As the new NCH is not due to open until at least Q2 2025, and an interim location has not been announced, this has led to confusion around when implementation will begin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14230/24]

*1339. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm when newborn babies will be screened for SMA and SCID as part of the newborn bloodspot screening programme; and where the testing for these conditions will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14231/24]

*1340. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give due consideration to the establishment of an infant feeding communication forum across departments that is, with responsibility for children, health, and marketing of commercial formula milks and the Health Service Executive to align government policy, funding and Health Service Executive practices for the purposes of increasing breastfeeding initiation rates and the duration of breastfeeding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14232/24]

*1341. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take the necessary steps to standardise breastfeeding education for healthcare professionals in maternity units and support in-service, role-specific breastfeeding education and training to enable implementation of the Baby Friendly Initiative in all 19 maternity units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14233/24]

*1342. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take the necessary steps to fully implement the World Health Organization Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes and its subsequent World Health Assembly Resolutions in legislation and ensure that this legislation is monitored and enforced in a transparent manner independent of industry, with particular attention paid to advertising and marketing online via baby clubs and social media influencers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14234/24]

*1343. To ask the Minister for Health to provide independent, evidence-based breastfeeding-related education and training to all healthcare professionals likely to encounter breastfeeding mothers or infants/young children in their clinical practice (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14236/24]

*1344. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take the necessary steps to provide for greater availability of breastfeeding preparation classes and breastfeeding support groups, and modes of delivery of same (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14237/24]

*1345. To ask the Minister for Health if he will develop effective strategies for increasing awareness of infant and young child feeding materials within other sectors outside of the health service, for example, workplace settings, county councils, and allocate resources as required by the Health Service Executive to implement breastfeeding campaigns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14238/24]

*1346. To ask the Minister for Health if he will develop an up-to-date infant feeding policy for those with HIV in Ireland, in line with recent British HIV Association guidance, that would facilitate shared decision-making between healthcare professionals and service users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14239/24]

- *1347. To ask the Minister for Health if he will develop an infant and young child feeding in emergencies preparedness plan specific to the Irish context in line with international guidance, incorporating and building on the operational guidance prepared by the Infant Feeding in Emergencies Core Group of the Emergency Nutrition Network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14240/24]
- *1348. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take the necessary steps to develop an electronic child health record to collect and report on breastfeeding metrics (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14241/24]
- *1349. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14243/24]
- *1350. To ask the Minister for Health the number of long-term beds which are open in each of the community hospitals in County Donegal, for each of the years from 2019 to 2024, in tabular; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [14247/24]
- *1351. To ask the Minister for Health if he directed the HSE to temporarily use the new unopened Nenagh Community Nursing Home as a step down facility for acute care based on the overcrowding in UHL; if he was asked by any member of the Houses of the Oireachtas to do the same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [14255/24]
- *1352. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 47 of 7 March 2024, if he can publish the legal advice given to the Minister for Mental Health in relation to regulating CAMHS under section 34 of the Mental Health Act, 2001; the person or body that gave this legal advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14279/24]
- *1353. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1397 of 18 April 2023, his plans to allocate additional funding and resources to genetics services in Our Lady's Hospital Crumlin, in light of the ongoing delays in waiting times for diagnosis; the details of his plans to reduce the waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14284/24]
- *1354. To ask the Minister for Health if he will investigate the case of a planned surgery, which did not go ahead, and ensure a new appointment is issued to the person (details supplied) as soon as possible.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [14285/24]
- *1355. To ask the Minister for Health the psychology waiting-list numbers and exact wait-times in months for children and adolescents in the North Lee, South Lee, North Cork and Kerry primary care services, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [14286/24]
- *1356. To ask the Minister for Health the psychology waiting-list numbers and exact wait-times in months for children and adolescents in the North Lee, South Lee, North Cork and Kerry CAMHS services, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [14287/24]
- *1357. To ask the Minister for Health the number of grievance and dignity at work cases currently under consideration by management within the South West Regional Health Area; and the duration of time between submission of each case by the complainant, the arrangement of hearings and the issuing of decisions. — Holly Cairns. [14289/24]

- *1358. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that there are consistent scheduling issues at St. Vincent's Hospital where patient appointments are being delayed for significant lengths of time due to a lack of interdepartmental co-ordination leading to scheduling overlaps and delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14291/24]
- *1359. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children, per county, who are waiting on scoliosis treatment; and if he will provide a breakdown of the time spent on the waiting lists, per county. — Peadar Tóibín. [14292/24]
- *1360. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the Secretary General of his Department met with an alcohol industry representative body (details supplied); the discussions that took place at this meeting; the reason this was not disclosed in an FOI request; the reason no minutes were kept; to provide any available records of this meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14299/24]
- *1361. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to amend section 59(3) of the Health Act 1970, to extend the long-term illness scheme to encompass sufferers of mitochondria disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [14308/24]
- *1362. To ask the Minister for Health how many positions have been offered to individuals in the HSE that cannot be taken up as a result of the recruitment freeze; the breakdown of same, by CHO area; when the recruitment freeze will be lifted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14313/24]
- *1363. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review a situation (details supplied) regarding a contracted bed provided by the HSE as part of the nursing home subvention scheme; if the new rental income change to the fair deal scheme of 1 February 2024 will apply in this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14315/24]
- *1364. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect to receive a date for an operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14322/24]
- *1365. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied), particularly concerns regarding financial stability when the current scheme concludes on 31 March 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14328/24]
- *1366. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people, within the past five years, that have been discharged from nursing homes who are recipients of fair deal support (details supplied); and the reasons for these discharges. — Chris Andrews. [14332/24]
- *1367. To ask the Minister for Health when a review (details supplied) will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [14337/24]
- *1368. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1369 of 18 April 2023, for an update on plans to address the issue of carcinogenic substances present in oranges (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14345/24]
- *1369. To ask the Minister for Health if a hardcopy of the breakdown of a means assessment as part of a medical card application can be provided to a person (details supplied) as they did not receive one following multiple requests; if they will be granted a time extension to request a

review and an appeal as they await the provision of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14346/24]

*1370. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will guarantee that the financial supports for women with breast cancer, proposed to be cut with the proposals now reversed, will in fact remain without further threat to funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [14348/24]

*1371. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on proposals for an enhanced community care facility in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14349/24]

*1372. To ask the Minister for Health if a surgery appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [14389/24]

*1373. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be paid the pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14392/24]

*1374. To ask the Minister for Health when a person will receive a medical appointment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [14397/24]

*1375. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a report (details supplied) about dying, death and bereavement during Covid-19; his plans in respect of the four recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14405/24]

*1376. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect to receive an appointment with the orthopaedic department in Galway University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14411/24]

*1377. To ask the Minister for Health if and when a full medical card will be approved in the case of a person (details supplied) who has eight dependent children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14416/24]

*1378. To ask the Minister for Health if and when provision can be made for a person (details supplied); if adequate facilities remain available to meet such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14427/24]

*1379. To ask the Minister for Health if and when a medical card might issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14431/24]

*1380. To ask the Minister for Health if and when a medical card will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14432/24]

*1381. To ask the Minister for Health if and when appropriate knee surgery will be offered in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14435/24]

*1382. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and when they can expect an appointment with the haematology department, Midland Regional Hospital in Tullamore; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [14439/24]

*1383. To ask the Minister for Health to provide further details on the current status of the HSE recruitment freeze; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [14442/24]

*1384. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied), who has been diagnosed with cataracts, can expect to receive surgery to remove same in Cork University Hospital, as it is severely affecting their day-to-day living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [14443/24]

*1385. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 556 of 13 February 2024, if he will address the issue in relation to the reason intellectual disability student nurses have still yet to receive the subsistence pay rise; if he will expedite the matter and provide a timeframe as to when this pay rise will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14445/24]

*1386. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 April 2024 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the Children's Hospital Group, the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group, the Ireland East Hospital Group, the RCSI Hospital Group, the Saolta University Health Care Group, the South/South West Hospital Group and the University of Limerick Hospital Group, for waiting periods of less than 6, 6-12, 12-18 and more than 18 months, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14449/24]

*1387. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 April 2024 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the Children's Hospital Group, the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group, the Ireland East Hospital Group, the RCSI Hospital Group, the Saolta University Health Care Group, the South/South West Hospital Group and the University of Limerick Hospital Group, for waiting periods of less than 6, 6-12, 12-18 and more than 18 months, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14450/24]

*1388. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 April 2024 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the Children's Hospital Group, the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group, the Ireland East Hospital Group, the RCSI Hospital Group, the Saolta University Health Care Group, the South/South West Hospital Group and the University of Limerick Hospital Group, for waiting periods of less than 6, 6-12, 12-18 and more than 18 months, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14451/24]

*1389. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 April 2024 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the Children's Hospital Group, the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group, the Ireland East Hospital Group, the RCSI Hospital Group, the Saolta University Health Care Group, the South/South West Hospital Group and the University of Limerick Hospital Group, for waiting periods of less than 6, 6-12, 12-18 and more than 18 months, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14452/24]

*1390. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 April 2024 or the nearest available date for an Electroencephalogram in the Children's Hospital Group, the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group, the Ireland East Hospital Group, the RCSI Hospital Group, the Saolta University Health Care Group, the South/South West Hospital Group and the University

of Limerick Hospital Group, for waiting periods of less than 6, 6-12, 12-18 and more than 18 months, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14453/24]

*1391. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 April 2024 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) in the Children's Hospital Group, the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group, the Ireland East Hospital Group, the RCSI Hospital Group, the Saolta University Health Care Group, the South/South West Hospital Group and the University of Limerick Hospital Group, for waiting periods of less than 6, 6-12, 12-18 and more than 18 months, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14454/24]

*1392. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 April 2024 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the Children's Hospital Group, the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group, the Ireland East Hospital Group, the RCSI Hospital Group, the Saolta University Health Care Group, the South/South West Hospital Group and the University of Limerick Hospital Group, for waiting periods of less than 6, 6-12, 12-18 and more than 18 months, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14455/24]

*1393. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting as of 1 April 2024 or the nearest available date for an electrocardiogram in the Children's Hospital Group, the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group, the Ireland East Hospital Group, the RCSI Hospital Group, the Saolta University Health Care Group, the South/South West Hospital Group and the University of Limerick Hospital Group, for waiting periods of less than 6, 6-12, 12-18 and more than 18 months, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14456/24]

*1394. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people with disabilities in receipt of home support hours in each LHO area as of 1 April 2024 or latest date available; the number of people currently on the waiting list for same in each LHO area; and the number waiting less than 6, 6-12, 12-18 and the number waiting more than 18 months, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14457/24]

*1395. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people with disabilities in receipt of personal assistance Hours in each LHO area as of 1 April 2024 or latest date available; the number of people currently on the waiting list for same in each LHO area; and the number waiting less than 6, 6-12, 12-18 and the number waiting more than 18 months, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14458/24]

*1396. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new emergency places provided to people with a disability as of 1 April 2024; and if he would provide a breakdown by each LHO area of same, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14459/24]

*1397. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children as of 1 April 2024 or latest date available that were awaiting a first assessment from the HSE for each LHO area under the Disability Act 2005, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14460/24]

*1398. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on the physiotherapy waiting list for each LHO area as of 1 April 2024 or latest date available; the number waiting less than 6 6-12 12-18 and more than 18 months; and if he would indicate also for each category the number waiting aged 0-4, 5-17, 18-64 and aged 65 plus, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14461/24]

*1399. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list for each LHO area as of 1 April 2024 or latest date available; the number

waiting less than 6 6-12 months; 12-18 months; more than 18 months; the number waiting less than 6 6-12 12-18 and more than 18 months; and if he would indicate for each category the number waiting aged 0-4, 5-17, 18-64 and aged 65 plus, in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14462/24]

*1400. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on the speech and language therapy initial treatment waiting list; the number waiting less than 6 6-12 12-18 and more than 18 months; and if he would indicate for each category the number waiting aged 0-4, 5-17, 18-64 and aged 65 plus, in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14463/24]

*1401. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on the speech and language therapy further treatment waiting list for each LHO area as of 1 April 2024 or latest date available; the number waiting less than 6, 6-12, 12-18 and more than 18 months; and if he will indicate for each category the number waiting aged 0-17 years and those aged 18 and above, in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14464/24]

*1402. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on the occupational therapy first time assessment waiting list for each LHO area as of 1 April 2024 or latest date available; the number waiting less than 6, 6-12, 12-18 and more than 18 months; and if he would indicate also for each category the numbers waiting aged 0-4, 5-17, , 18-64 aged 65 plus, in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14465/24]

*1403. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in each LHO area waiting for a podiatry appointment in primary care as of 1 April 2024 or the latest date available; and the number waiting less than 6, 6-12, 12-18 and more than 18 months. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14466/24]

*1404. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in each LHO area waiting for an ophthalmology appointment in primary care as of 1 April 2024 or the latest date available; and the number waiting less than 6, 6-12, 12-18 and more than 18 months. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14467/24]

*1405. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in each LHO area waiting for an audiology appointment in primary care as of 1 April 2024 or the latest date available; and the number waiting less than 6, 6-12, 12-18 and more than 18 months. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14468/24]

*1406. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in each LHO area waiting for a dietetics appointment in primary care as of 1 April 2024 or the latest date available; and the number waiting less than 6, 6-12, 12-18 and more than 18 months. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14469/24]

*1407. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in each LHO area waiting for a psychology appointment in primary care as of 1 April 2024 or the latest date available; and the number waiting less than 6, 6-12, 12-18 and more than 18 months. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14470/24]

*1408. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in each LHO area waiting for a counselling appointment in primary care as of 1 April 2024 or the latest date available; and the number waiting less than 6, 6-12, 12-18 and more than 18 months. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14471/24]

*1409. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in each LHO area waiting for a child and adolescent mental health services appointment as of 1 April 2024 or the latest date available; and the number waiting less than 6, 6-12, 12-18 and more than 18 months. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14472/24]

*1410. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours currently being provided in each LHO area as of 1 April 2024 or the latest date available; how that compares to target in each LHO for the same time period; the number of people currently on the waiting list for home support hours in each LHO area; and the number waiting less than 6, 6-12, 12-18 and more than 18 months, in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14473/24]

*1411. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting placement under the fair deal scheme as of 1 April 2024, or latest date available; the average waiting time; for each LHO area the numbers of persons currently awaiting placement under the scheme; and the length of time waiting, in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14474/24]

*1412. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children admitted to adult mental health units to date in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14477/24]

*1413. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients that have been removed from outpatient lists in 2024 as a result of a validation exercise and not as a result of having an appointment with a consultant for each public and voluntary hospital, in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14478/24]

*1414. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical cards as of 1 April 2024; the number of general practitioner cards on the same date; and the number for each type of card issued on a discretionary basis on that date. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14479/24]

*1415. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges at the end of March 2024 for each public/voluntary hospital; and the total number to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14480/24]

*1416. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost owing to delayed discharges to date in 2024 for each public/voluntary hospital, in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14481/24]

*1417. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients aged 75 years or over that experienced an emergency department wait time more than 24 hours during Q1 2024; the total number to date in 2024; and the hospitals where the wait occurred. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14482/24]

*1418. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance attendances at each emergency department nationwide in Q1 2024; the number of such ambulances that waited longer than 20 minutes to hand over patients, get their trolleys back and return to responding to calls; the number that waited longer than 40 minutes for same; the number that waited longer than 60 minutes for same; the number that waited longer than 90 minutes for same; the number that waited more than 120 minutes for same; and the number that waited more than 180 minutes for same, in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14483/24]

*1419. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reopen the HSE homebirth service to serve the Leitrim area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [14489/24]

*1420. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Strategic Review of General Practice; the timeline for completion of the final report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14493/24]

*1421. To ask the Minister for Health the projected total costs arising from the purchase and renovation of two properties in Midleton by the HSE to accommodate six people with severe and enduring mental illness; for an estimate of costs where finalised figures cannot yet be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [14494/24]

*1422. To ask the Minister for Health to review a case (details supplied); if he will provide an update on this case; and if the person in question can be placed on a cancellation list and a place secured in this rehabilitation centre for them urgently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14501/24]

*1423. To ask the Minister for Health If a decision has been made on the location for the main laboratory for genetic testing in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [14502/24]

*1424. To ask the Minister for Health where the testing for the recently announced new conditions to be added to the national bloodspot screening programme, namely SMA and SCID, will take place (details supplied); whether CHI Crumlin is the interim solution to ensure testing for babies commences this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [14503/24]

*1425. To ask the Minister for Health to review a case (details supplied); if he will provide an update on this appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14525/24]

*1426. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on a case (details supplied); and when the person concerned can expect an appointment. — Barry Cowen. [14540/24]

*1427. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the procedure by which cover is introduced, managed and guaranteed for maternity and other extended leave sought by psychologists and other mental-health practitioners in order to ensure continuity of services and so people on already-long waiting lists do not have to wait even further particularly as management of cover applies to children's care. — Réada Cronin. [14542/24]

*1428. To ask the Minister for Health what steps are being taken to initiate discussions around the EATRIS membership process for Ireland considering the potential benefits for Ireland's translational research sector such as enhanced collaboration and access to specialised resources across Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14543/24]

*1429. To ask the Minister for Health the Government's position on Ireland's potential membership of the European Infrastructure for Translational Medicine; whether he intends to engage with the translational research sector in Ireland about such members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14544/24]

- *1430. To ask the Minister for Health to provide insight into the Government's perspective on Ireland's possible membership with EATRIS given its expected advantages for Ireland's translational research community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14545/24]
- *1431. To ask the Minister for Health if he will approve funding for the upgrade of audiology services at Sligo University Hospital which are in urgent need of funding for new equipment and the upgrade of clinic rooms (details supplied). — Frankie Feighan. [14549/24]
- *1432. To ask the Minister for Health if any additional units within Cherry Orchard Hospital will be closing over the next 12 months, given that the willow, sycamore and lisbrí units are closing; the plans for the remaining open units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14563/24]
- *1433. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline, in respect of multidisciplinary meetings at St. James's Hospital, how the oversight of the National Clinical Guidelines No. 19 August 2019 on oesophageal cancer is conducted; if any independent review is conducted; and if so, if this review is published. — Brian Stanley. [14566/24]
- *1434. To ask the Minister for Health in respect of multidisciplinary meetings at St. James's Hospital with those deemed unfit over 70 years to undergo treatment through radiotherapy or chemotherapy how is this assessed; how this is communicated to the patient; and if protocols are in place to regulate how patients are informed they are unfit for treatment due to age, from each of the conferences held at St. James's Hospital. — Brian Stanley. [14567/24]
- *1435. To ask the Minister for Health in respect of multidisciplinary meetings (MDMs) at St. James's Hospital how oversight is ensured for the application of the ethical treatment of the elderly in census decisions; if there is any independent review; and if there are any publications to demonstrate analyses of ethical treatment for the elderly by MDMs in decision making. — Brian Stanley. [14568/24]
- *1436. To ask the Minister for Health in respect of multidisciplinary meetings at St. James's Hospital, if it is normal procedure to inform patients their cancer cannot be treated and need palliative care by letter; and what specific protocols are in place to prevent this from occurring. — Brian Stanley. [14569/24]
- *1437. To ask the Minister for Health in respect of multidisciplinary meetings (MDMs) at St. James's Hospital and the gastro-intestinal conference and a census decision on a patient, how dissenting opinions or views are acknowledged; and if patients are informed of these opinions. — Brian Stanley. [14570/24]
- *1438. To ask the Minister for Health in respect of multidisciplinary meetings at St. James's Hospital, how the oversight is conducted of the ethical guidelines of the Medical Council; and how is this reported. — Brian Stanley. [14571/24]
- *1439. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be made available to provide for a dedicated consultant neurologist at Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14574/24]

*1440. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be a recruitment process within the National Ambulance Service this year for paramedics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14577/24]

*1441. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14587/24]

*1442. To ask the Minister for Health if, in relation to CAMHS in south Kerry, the scheme is going to be expanded to ensure all children in Kerry who receive apologies for deficits in care, will be entitled to join the south Kerry compensation scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14591/24]

*1443. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will review the files of all patients that came under the care of the consultant in north Kerry under the CAMHS review (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14592/24]

*1444. To ask the Minister for Health if a review (details supplied) will be expanded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14593/24]

*1445. To ask the Minister for Health how many files are expected to be reviewed in phase 2 of the north Kerry CAMHS lookback review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14594/24]

*1446. To ask the Minister for Health if the decision is made to review all north Kerry files since the consultant began treating patients; if the review will be in the form of the extensive Maskey review; if not, if it will be carried out in blocks of 300 files; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14597/24]

*1447. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the review of the north Kerry CAMHS taking so long; when it is expected to be concluded (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14598/24]

*1448. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) was asked to undertake the north Kerry CAMHS review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14599/24]

*1449. To ask the Minister for Health how many payments of the initial €150 were made in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, by termination of pregnancy provider; how many payments of the final €300 were made in these years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14600/24]

*1450. To ask the Minister for Health the number issues identified in the non-conforming report close out plan for the new national children's hospital; the costs associated in full, with each issue identified; the status of same as of 26 March 2024; and if any issues have been disputed by the contractor (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [14602/24]

*1451. To ask the Minister for Health what discussion his Department has had with the HSE and Carlow County Council and the Minister for Justice regarding the provision of a building or a site for a women's refuge in Carlow; if the provision of a safe house has been secured in an interim measure; if his Department is aware of how many safe houses are available in Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14608/24]

- *1452. To ask the Minister for Health the current primary care waitlists for children under 18 years in CHO5, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [14633/24]
- *1453. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update in relation to expediting the emergency department at Mayo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14634/24]
- *1454. To ask the Minister for Health to review further correspondence from a doctor (details supplied) on an issue; if he will address the points outlined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14640/24]
- *1455. To ask the Minister for Health if extra home help hours will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [14648/24]
- *1456. To ask the Minister for Health if one parent or guardian objects to therapy for a child, if this means that the child is not permitted to see a therapist; if so, if he will consider issuing a guideline similar to the NHS that is, that the consent of only one parent is necessary (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14658/24]
- *1457. To ask the Minister for Health if, with regard to the regulation and registration of counsellor and psychotherapy professionals, he will outline the latest position and development in relation to this, which has been ongoing for many years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [14670/24]
- *1458. To ask the Minister for Health what steps are being taken to expedite the appointment of six shift leaders at the intensive care unit of Mayo University Hospital, in line with the HSE National Clinical Programme for adult critical care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14671/24]
- *1459. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Mayo University Hospital currently does not have approval to recruit shift leads in ICU, despite the critical role they play in ensuring patient safety, quality of care, and safe staffing levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14672/24]
- *1460. To ask the Minister for Health what measures are being taken to ensure that Mayo University Hospital is not an outlier compared to hospitals in Sligo, Letterkenny, and Galway, which have shift lead staff in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14673/24]
- *1461. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for resolving the issue relating to the appointment of six shift leaders at the intensive care unit of Mayo University Hospital and ensuring the safe running of the ICU department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14674/24]
- *1462. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE will not provide specialised footwear to a person (details supplied), in view of the fact that they will be 70 years old in October and the provision of insoles is completely inadequate in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [14690/24]

*1463. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the long waiting lists to access the HIV preventative drug PrEP for those who cannot afford to obtain it privately or via the drug payment scheme; if there are plans to improve public access; if so, if he will outline these plans and provide a timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14691/24]

*1464. To ask the Minister for Health to review a case (details supplied); if he will provide an update on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14698/24]

*1465. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the appointment of a consultant neurologist in Bantry Hospital; and if so, the estimated timeline for this appointment. — Holly Cairns. [14701/24]

*1466. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the issues faced by Bantry Hospital in regard to its neurological services (details supplied); and to outline the measures he and his Department are taking to ensure reliable neurological services are provided to West Cork. — Holly Cairns. [14702/24]

*1467. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will publish its 2024 capital plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14704/24]

*1468. To ask the Minister for Health if the NTPF has set out an activity plan for 2024 setting out the outpatient appointments, in patient procedures and diagnostic evaluations and scopes that will be carried out in the course of the year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [14708/24]

*1469. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person who was previously diagnosed with type 2 diabetes but is now diagnosed with type 1 diabetes cannot receive a continuous glucose monitor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14710/24]

*1470. To ask the Minister for Health the additional development funding allocated to each of the National Clinical Programmes in Mental Health in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [14743/24]

*1471. To ask the Minister for Health if the mother-and-baby inpatient peri-natal mental health unit will be in place in Q4 of 2024, as outlined in Sharing the Vision; when it is expected to open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [14744/24]

*1472. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline an itemised list of funding allocated to the voluntary and community sector mental health services, both Section 38 and Section 39 organisations, in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [14745/24]

*1473. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Sharing the Vision Implementation Plan; which of the 100 recommendations are delayed and the reasons for those delays, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [14746/24]

*1474. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a child (details supplied) who having been referred by their GP in February 2023 to the paediatric clinic a University Hospital Limerick is yet to receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [14747/24]

- *1475. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE collects data on the incidence rate at national or CHO area level of women who obtained a medical abortion and who were subsequently found to have had an ectopic pregnancy; if so, will he seek to provide that data for the years 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14749/24]
- *1476. To ask the Minister for Health to review correspondence (details supplied); the status of this appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14755/24]
- *1477. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (detail supplied) will be reviewed; if advice will be provided regarding their condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14756/24]
- *1478. To ask the Minister for Health the action being taken to address the long wait times for transgender adults wishing to access gender-affirming healthcare through the National Gender Service at Loughlinstown; if increased funding and resources have been allocated to clear the current ten-year backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14759/24]
- *1479. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the English version of the medical card application form is currently not available for download from the Health Service Executive (HSE) website and checked on 24, 25, 26 and 27 March 2024; the reason these forms were unavailable on these dates (details supplied); the measures that are being taken to ensure the availability of these forms in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14766/24]
- *1480. To ask the Minister for Health the process for online applications for medical cards (details supplied); if the HSE will make arrangements to provide an option to have these documents printed by the HSE and then have them posted to the applicant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14767/24]
- *1481. To ask the Minister for Health if he will urgently re-examine the transfer of the physiotherapy/occupational therapy service to Longford for parts of Westmeath who previously attended Clonbrusk in Athlone (details supplied); and if these services must remain in Longford if his Department will discuss the provision of transport links with the Department of Transport as a matter of urgency. — Robert Troy. [14771/24]
- *1482. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the plan to provide a new ambulance base at Kelvin Grove, Carlow, if plans have been submitted to Carlow County Council; if the project includes a training centre; and the indicative timeframe for delivery of the project. — John McGuinness. [14774/24]
- *1483. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the status of a complaint made to the management of St. Lukes Hospital, Kilkenny by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [14775/24]
- *1484. To ask the Minister for Health if the x-ray unit in St. Dymphna's hospital, Carlow has been reopened; the hours of service for the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14782/24]

*1485. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that the use of librelink sensory technology to monitor blood levels is approved for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [14783/24]

*1486. To ask the Minister for Health the number of minor and major treatment bays within the accident and emergency department of Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown. — Paul Donnelly. [14796/24]

*1487. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE paediatric neurology registrar at CHI Temple Street in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [14797/24]

*1488. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on a case (details supplied); and when the person concerned can expect an appointment with the haematology department at Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore. — Barry Cowen. [14803/24]

*1489. To ask the Minister for Health if an ADHD assessment can be secured for a person (details supplied) who requires same to be completed as soon as possible, whose family are concerned for their well-being, who was in State care aged 5 to 18, and whose GP has now referred them to the appropriate services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14808/24]

*1490. To ask the Minister for Health to outline an itemised list of how the 2023 mental health budget allocation was spent, in tabular form, including the costs for existing levels of service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14825/24]

*1491. To ask the Minister for Health to report on the total amount of funds moved from the health budget to the children, equality, disability, integration and youth budget; to report on how the transfer of monies for the Department of Disability will be recorded in health budgets going forward; to report on how the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth will now report on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14826/24]

*1492. To ask the Minister for Health when the new Implementation Plan for Sharing the Vision will be developed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14827/24]

*1493. To ask the Minister for Health when the updated suicide prevention strategy will be developed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14828/24]

*1494. To ask the Minister for Health to report, in tabular form, the location of each of the national clinical programmes in mental health, namely ADHD, dual diagnosis, early intervention in psychosis, eating disorders, perinatal mental health, self-harm/suicide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14829/24]

*1495. To ask the Minister for Health to report, in tabular form, which of the national clinical programmes in mental health, namely ADHD, dual diagnosis, early intervention in psychosis (eip), eating disorders, perinatal mental health, self-harm/suicide are available to under-18s; to indicate the location of these; to report on the number of under-18s who accessed each of these; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14830/24]

*1496. To ask the Minister for Health to report, in tabular form, the number of suicide crisis assessment nurses employed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14831/24]

*1497. To ask the Minister for Health to report, in tabular form, on the number of people accessing outpatient mental health services in each of the community health organisations (CHOs) in each of the years 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14832/24]

*1498. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for adults seeking ADHD mental health supports in north County Dublin/CHO9; if there are plans to develop a dedicated pathway for adult ADHD assessment services in north County Dublin/CHO 9; if there are initiatives to increase resources for adult mental health assessments in north County Dublin/CHO 9, including a focus on ADHD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14840/24]

*1499. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider establishing an office for alcohol harm reduction to operate within his Department which would take the lead across Government Departments in developing the policy measures needed to address alcohol harm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14858/24]

*1500. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ringfence dedicated funding for the provision of alcohol care teams within all major hospitals and which would be linked to community services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14859/24]

*1501. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ringfence dedicated funding to the relevant bodies to support the national Hidden Harm framework that recognises the adverse childhood experience of growing up with parental problem substance use; if he will take the necessary steps to ensure current funding for services for children and families who are impacted by parental drug and alcohol use is doubled for five years with a review of the services provided evaluated at the end of that time, as recommended by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14860/24]

*1502. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to ensure that the mental health allocation of 10% of the overall health budget is reached by 2030, as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14861/24]

*1503. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ringfence dedicated funding of €2 million estimate to create a Commissioner for Ageing and Older Persons as part of a package of measures to counter ageism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14865/24]

*1504. To ask the Minister for Health if he is confident that all contracts put to tender are awarded to companies who meet the tender criteria; and if it was to be identified where one clearly did not meet the stated criteria in the tender specs, what the recourse would be. — Robert Troy. [14868/24]

*1505. To ask the Minister for Health if he will grant an immediate allocation of €7 million to hire 76 HSE wholetime equivalent dentists to bring service levels back to 2007 levels, thereby cutting waiting lists for service and treatments in the public system that is, the children's school screening programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14869/24]

*1506. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set aside funding to hire 30 specialist orthodontists to address the up to three-year waiting lists for orthodontic care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14870/24]

*1507. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take the necessary steps to deliver a reformed medical card scheme through the provision of a voucher or credit towards dental care of between €100 to €500, respectively (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14871/24]

*1508. To ask the Minister for Health to set aside funding to reintroduce a foundation training scheme to facilitate new dental graduates to gain experience in a mentored environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14873/24]

*1509. To ask the Minister for Health what new proposals will be put in place to assist in the delivery of the new dental hospital in UCC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14874/24]

*1510. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set aside additional funding of €20 million for the two dental schools at UCC and TCD to increase the number of dental graduates that will practice in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14875/24]

*1511. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients with type 1 diabetes who transitioned from the paediatric diabetes service to adult diabetes services in Letterkenny University Hospital in 2023 and 2024; how many of those use CGM technology; how many of those are using insulin pumps; how many of them have had one OPD diabetes review appointment in the adult service; how many of them had more than one appointment; how many are still awaiting their first appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [14891/24]

*1512. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults with type 1 diabetes attending Letterkenny University Hospital (LUH); the number of those patients awaiting an annual OPD diabetes review appointment for less than 6, 6-12, 12-24 and over 24 months; and the longest patient waiting time for an appointment to see an endocrinologist in LUH; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [14892/24]

*1513. To ask the Minister for Health how many people living with type 2 diabetes have been treated in the HSE ECC specialist ambulatory care hub in Letterkenny to date; the number of appointments provided in 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [14893/24]

1514. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1334 of 20 March 2024, if the National Gender Service does not follow the 2017 “Endocrine Treatment of Gender-Dysphoric/Gender-Incongruent Persons: An Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guideline” when considering dosages and hormone levels. — Paul Murphy. [14898/24]

*1515. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1334 of 20 March 2024, if the National Gender Service does not use any biochemical reference ranges for hormones for patients in their care. — Paul Murphy. [14899/24]

*1516. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1334 of 20 March 2024, if there are any circumstances where National Gender Service would consider oestradiol levels in a trans woman below 100 pmol/L or above 600 pmol/L to be of any concern. — Paul Murphy. [14900/24]

- *1517. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1334 of 20 March 2024, if the National Gender Service can provide an example scenario, including specific hormone levels, where “hormone levels can be measure to guide treatment decisions in some scenarios, such as requests to increase hormone doses. — Paul Murphy. [14901/24]
- *1518. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1334 of 20 March 2024, if the National Gender Service agrees that advising GPs not to provide hormone blood tests will prevent other medical teams from having information they might need for dosage increases. — Paul Murphy. [14902/24]
- *1519. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1334 of 20 March 2024, if the National Gender Service agrees that clinicians outside their services can use their own clinical judgement when it comes to target to treat approaches and biochemical reference ranges. — Paul Murphy. [14903/24]
- *1520. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1334 of 20 March 2024, what the National Gender Service advises for trans patients on hormones with other services who are unable to access hormone level blood tests. — Paul Murphy. [14904/24]
- *1521. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 560 of 20 February 2024, to ask the National Gender Service if the referenced paper underlies their model of care. — Paul Murphy. [14905/24]
- *1522. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Gender Service is aware of EMA/147755/2020 “restrictions in use of cyproterone due to meningioma risk” and the 2021 paper “Toward a Lowest Effective Dose of Cyproterone Acetate in Trans Women: Results From the ENIGI Study”; and what initial dose they use for cyproterone acetate. — Paul Murphy. [14906/24]
- *1523. To ask the Minister for Health when his Department requested the formation of the 2018 IEHG Steering Group for the Development of a National Gender Service; and if he will provide a copy of the request to do so. — Paul Murphy. [14907/24]
- *1524. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of recent newspaper reports that staff of the Office of the Chief Clinical Officer are supporting a UK legal case which seeks to make it harder for transgender adults to access healthcare (details supplied); and if he agrees that this compromises the impartiality of the planned development of a new transgender model of care. — Paul Murphy. [14908/24]
- *1525. To ask the Minister for Health when the lookback review on CAMHS will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14918/24]
- *1526. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients with type 1 diabetes who transitioned from the paediatric diabetes service to adult diabetes services in Letterkenny University Hospital in 2023 and 2024; how many of those use CGM technology; how many of those are using insulin pumps; how many have had one OPD diabetes review appointment in the adult service; how many of them had more than one appointment; how many are still awaiting their first appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14919/24]

*1527. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults with type 1 diabetes attending Letterkenny University Hospital; the number of those patients awaiting an annual OPD diabetes review appointment for less than 6, 6-12, 12-24 and over 24 months; the longest patient waiting time for an appointment to see an endocrinologist in the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14920/24]

*1528. To ask the Minister for Health how many people living with type 2 diabetes have been treated in the HSE ECC specialist ambulatory care hub in Letterkenny to date; the number of appointments provided in 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14921/24]

*1529. To ask the Minister for Health if a matter regarding a drug which is not covered under the drugs payment scheme for a person (details supplied) will be investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14922/24]

*1530. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who having been referred four years ago to the neuro surgery unit at Cork University Hospital has yet to receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [14928/24]

*1531. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of primary care centres operating within counties Louth and Meath, by location, itemised services, and the areas that they serve, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14932/24]

*1532. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 393 of 7 March 2024, if recruitment of the posts labelled “stopped temporarily” have been paused as a result of the HSE recruitment freeze (details supplied); if not, the reason recruitment has been paused for these posts; if the recruitment freeze has had any impact on posts labelled “campaign underway”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14939/24]

*1533. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a medication (details supplied) for children is not covered under the drugs payment scheme; if there is a plan to add it to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [14941/24]

*1534. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered a Dublin premium for health workers where there is a high level of attrition from posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [14943/24]

*1535. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on plans to complete the phased opening of the Central Mental Hospital and increase the operational bed capacity to its intended capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14971/24]

*1536. To ask the Minister for Health if a dedicated outpatient neurology service provided by a consultant neurologist will be introduced in Bantry Hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14976/24]

*1537. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [14981/24]

- *1538. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated to the National Office of Suicide Prevention, by year for 2019 to 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14982/24]
- *1539. To ask the Minister for Health if an individual can receive funding towards a private assessment of needs; if they can apply for this in advance of the assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14983/24]
- *1540. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14986/24]
- *1541. To ask the Minister for Health if he will list the agencies under his aegis; and the appropriate email address for Oireachtas liaison. — Matt Carthy. [14992/24]
- *1542. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will provide urgent mental health care for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14998/24]
- *1543. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to add amyloidosis as a condition to the schedule of long-term illnesses in the context of being eligible for public healthcare supports. — Catherine Murphy. [15003/24]
- *1544. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to add a medicine (details supplied) to the schedule of items covered by the long-term illness card. — Catherine Murphy. [15015/24]
- *1545. To ask the Minister for Health what plans the HSE has for the building in Laytown, County Meath that previously housed the Laytown Healthcare Unit; if the building could be released by the HSE for community use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [15027/24]
- *1546. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will receive a hospital appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15046/24]
- *1547. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will get an appointment with the pain team in the Mater Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15061/24]
- *1548. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CAMHS public patients that have been seen since January 2024 to date by consultants (details supplied) in their own respective outpatient clinics within their own catchment areas in Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15064/24]
- *1549. To ask the Minister for Health how many patients were seen extra contractually during a consultant's (details supplied) period of leave in 2023; the name of each consultant that covered the consultant's leave; the full cost of each consultant providing this cover, per consultant; if he will specify if these extra contractual payments were in addition to their salary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15065/24]
- *1550. To ask the Minister for Health how many patients of TEAM 1 CAMHS in South Tipperary are still being seen extra contractually following a consultant's (details supplied) return

from leave; to outline the consultants continuing to provide extra contractual cover to CAMHS Team 1 following the consultant's return; the cost of this extra contractual cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15066/24]

*1551. To ask the Minister for Health if, as per the Mental Health Commission's Recommendation, practice managers have been put in post in South Tipperary CAMHS; to list the improvements that have been made to the CAMHS teams in South Tipperary; the reasons families have been sent away from out patient clinics appointments due to lost files; the number of appointments that have been cancelled for this reason; the steps that will be taken to rectify this matter immediately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15067/24]

*1552. To ask the Minister for Health the reason parents report difficulties getting to speak with clinical staff on the CAMHS teams in South Tipperary and can only speak with admin or reception staff; what steps are being taken to improve access to clinical staff on the CAMHS teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15068/24]

*1553. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children connected to each of the two CAMHS teams in South Tipperary; the current wait lists for each team; the number of public outpatient clinics per team per week; the number of patients being seen at each outpatient clinic on each team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15069/24]

*1554. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a clinic in Cork (details supplied) is currently not staffed; if provisions will be made to allocate another staff member; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [15077/24]

*1555. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address details in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [15078/24]

*1556. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take the necessary measures to ensure that the paediatric diabetes service in the Regional Hospital, Mullingar will be kept open for those 145 children who avail of this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [15088/24]

*1557. To ask the Minister for Health what plans he has in place to address the staffing crisis impacting the paediatric diabetes service in Regional Hospital, Mullingar, thereby ensuring the children of the Midlands are afforded the option to receive the best care close to home and not put under unnecessary stress. — Sorca Clarke. [15089/24]

*1558. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE critical care nurses in both CHI Temple Street and CHI Crumlin in the years 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased this year. — Pauline Tully. [15101/24]

*1559. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE radiation therapists working in each of the public hospitals at the end of March in the years 2021 to 2024, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [15102/24]

*1560. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant nephrologists and nephrologist registrars working in each hospital part of the RCSI Group in the years 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [15103/24]

- *1561. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of WTE vacancies of public health nurses, by health centre and primary care centre, within the Cavan-Monaghan area; and the expected timeframe for which these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [15104/24]
- *1562. To ask the Minister for Health what will happen to the high-risk diabetes patients that are currently attending the podiatrist in the Gate Lodge at Letterkenny University Hospital when that position is vacated later in April 2024. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [15107/24]
- *1563. To ask the Minister for Health when beds will be open (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15110/24]
- *1564. To ask the Minister for Health if a visa application can be expedited (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [15112/24]
- *1565. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline, in light of the article published on 21 March 2024 in the Irish Medical Journal which described the case of a woman treated for an ectopic pregnancy three days after a medical termination of pregnancy, how many cases there have been in Ireland from 2019 to date where an ectopic pregnancy was treated in an Irish hospital following a termination-of-pregnancy procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [15113/24]
- *1566. To ask the Minister for Health the number and categorical heading of adverse incidents on record which has followed termination of pregnancy from 2019 to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [15115/24]
- *1567. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he is taking to ensure employers of Section 39 organisations receive the same pay and conditions as their counterparts employed by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [15116/24]
- *1568. To ask the Minister for Health the reason money was allocated to provide only for a lump sum payment in respect of money due to Section 39 workers in the past year and no funds allocated to sustain the increase going forward. — Michael Collins. [15121/24]
- *1569. To ask the Minister for Health the reason pay parity for section 39 employees is taking so long (details supplied). — Michael Collins. [15122/24]
- *1570. To ask the Minister for Health what assistance can be offered to a day centre (details supplied); when Section 91 for practising chiropody will reopen for registration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [15124/24]
- *1571. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15125/24]
- *1572. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a fair deal application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15126/24]
- *1573. To ask the Minister for Health if a child (details supplied) will be given a primary medical certificate, given the circumstances. — Michael Collins. [15128/24]
- *1574. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to legal advice regarding Section 23 (4) of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018 and S.I. No. 4/2020 Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018 (Sale

and Supply of Alcohol Products) Regulations 2020 (details supplied); his views on same; if he will respond to correspondence from an organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [15135/24]

*1575. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on whether a primary health care centre is planned for the Douglas area in Cork. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15138/24]

*1576. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is not entitled to getting hearing aids; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15153/24]

*1577. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make provision for the payment of PSRP payment to persons that acted as healthcare assistants in view of their working title of programme assistant during the various chapters of the Covid pandemic response by the State; and the rationale for not making payment to this cohort to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [15154/24]

*1578. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the hip operation for a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [15180/24]

*1579. To ask the Minister for Health when urgent spinal surgery will be scheduled in Beaumont Hospital for a County Donegal-based person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [15181/24]

*1580. To ask the Minister for Health the supports his Department will put in place for health workers who contracted long-Covid while carrying out their frontline services during the Covid-19 pandemic, who continue to be impacted by their condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [15189/24]

*1581. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on plans for the new day care centre at Abbeyleix Hospital; if the preliminary design has been completed; and what commitments there are to finance it. — Brian Stanley. [15190/24]

*1582. To ask the Minister for Health if beds in Abbeyleix Hospital that are designated for 'Portlaoise Hospital transitional care' in the A side of the unit and unused for a period of time, can be utilised for community respite care. — Brian Stanley. [15191/24]

*1583. To ask the Minister for Health whether public health nurses in Wexford can apply for and be considered for job sharing; if not, the reasons this is not considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [15195/24]

*1584. To ask the Minister for Health to ask the HSE to provide an update on the status of the their negotiations to reinstate GPs services to the health centres at Kilmacrennan and Churchill in County Donegal; and if he is aware of the widespread concern in these communities at the loss of such services. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [15205/24]

*1585. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of specialist orthodontists, consultant orthodontists and orthodontist assistants currently working within HSE dental services in County Louth for both adults and children from 2020 to date, by location, areas served, current wait times and current vacant open posts for same; if the HSE recruitment embargo has impacted on these posts; if so, if he will undertake to have the embargo removed immediately for this sector to ensure adults and children receive appropriate orthodontic care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15206/24]

- *1586. To ask the Minister for Health the names of organisations funded by the Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme; the total amount received yearly from 2019 to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15216/24]
- *1587. To ask the Minister for Health if devices will be expedited for a person (details supplied) given the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15220/24]
- *1588. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has any plans to reopen a health centre in County Donegal (details supplied) as a working GP's surgery; if it will be advertised for a doctor to take over the practice or if he will enter talks with the previous GP who previously had a practice in the building to get a GP back in the village again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [15221/24]
- *1589. To ask the Minister for Health when a communications device, ordered by the HSE on 11 March 2024 (details supplied) is likely to be supplied to a person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [15237/24]
- *1590. To ask the Minister for Health to immediately interject to ensure that all remaining beds at the new wing within a nursing home (details supplied) are immediately released for use, considering the pressure in the area and the significant public investment that was put into delivering the units which now lie semi-vacant due to the embargo; and if he will provide absolute clarity on this issue. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15279/24]
- *1591. To ask the Minister for Health if an out of hours GP service (details supplied) can be extended; his plans to extend the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [15298/24]
- *1592. To ask the Minister for Health if a situation could be examined (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [15302/24]
- *1593. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on HIQA's Health Technology Assessment of infant immunisation against RSV; his plans to ensure the development of an RSV immunisation programme prior to the next winter season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [15303/24]
- *1594. To ask the Minister for Health if it is his intention to propose a ban on smoking and vaping in outdoor areas attached to pubs and restaurants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [15319/24]
- *1595. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that some GPs are continuing to issue six-month repeat prescriptions for long-term medicines and medical devices, despite the new rules introduced from 1 March, allowing them to issue these prescriptions for 12 months; what he and his Department are planning to do to ensure that GPs comply with the new rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [15327/24]
- *1596. To ask the Minister for Health the number of recipients of the HSE treatment abroad scheme over 24 years of age who have travelled outside of Ireland for specialised cancer treatment not available in Ireland in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; the total number of applicants to the scheme seeking to avail of specialised cancer treatment for each of those years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15331/24]

- *1597. To ask the Minister for Health the number of recipients of the HSE treatment abroad scheme aged 0-24 years of age who have travelled outside of Ireland for specialised cancer treatment not available in Ireland in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; the total number of applicants to the scheme seeking to avail of specialised cancer treatment for each of those years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15332/24]
- *1598. To ask the Minister for Health whether he is considering expanding the treatment abroad scheme to include an allowance for accommodation, and other such essential expenses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15333/24]
- *1599. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons employed within the health service, by categories (details supplied) for each year from 1 January 2014 to 29 February 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [15363/24]
- *1600. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans for the largest town in Ireland to develop a new ambulance station/base to meet the considerable ever growing pressures in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15371/24]
- *1601. To ask the Minister for Health to outline his engagement with trade unions regarding the cessation of the special scheme for healthcare workers with long-Covid, including any meetings, correspondence received, and correspondence issued; if his representatives have attended any related Labour Court sessions or meetings with other Departments regarding same; if he will make any further provision for those who were injured on the frontline during the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15375/24]
- *1602. To ask the Minister for Health the present status of HSE estates development of business case and associated tender developments with respect to new operating theatre in Kilcrene, County Kilkenny to support the Waterford and South East orthopaedic activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [15380/24]
- *1603. To ask the Minister for Health to provide contract timelines for the build and development of the new operating theatre in Kilcrene, County Kilkenny to service outreach, orthopaedic surgery from UHW; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [15381/24]
- *1604. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant plastic surgeons at Beaumont Hospital in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [15388/24]
- *1605. To ask the Minister for Health the new primary care centres that will be opened in CHO9 in 2024; and the services that will be provided in each of these primary care centres, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [15389/24]
- *1606. To ask the Minister for Health the number of National and UK based health recruitment fair officials from Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown were present seeking to recruit nurses, physiotherapists, doctors, speech and language therapists in the years 2023 and to-date in 2024; and the number of jobs offered per recruitment fair, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [15390/24]
- *1607. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on all the engagements between the HSE and a third party (details supplied) in relation to a project including correspondence sent or received, messages sent or received, phone calls made or received, meetings held or other interactions; the dates of all these engagements; the nature of these engagements; the details

covered in each of these engagements; if the information could be provided in table form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [15400/24]

*1608. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on all the engagements between the HSE and an individual (details supplied) in relation to a project, including correspondence sent or received, messages sent or received, phone calls made or received, meetings held or other interactions; the dates of all these engagements; the nature of these engagements; the details covered in each of these engagements; if the information could be provided in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [15403/24]

*1609. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on all the engagements between the HSE and any corporate entities associated with an individual (details supplied) in relation to a project, including correspondence sent or received, messages sent or received, phone calls made or received, meetings held or other interactions; the dates of all these engagements, the nature of these engagements, the details covered in each of these engagements, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [15404/24]

*1610. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed transfers of care for each quarter for each year 2019-2024, inclusive, at each location, in tabular form; the number of delayed discharges and the number as a percentage of all discharges; the number of bed days lost and the number as a percentage of all bed days available for the period. — David Cullinane. [15420/24]

*1611. To ask the Minister for Health the bed occupancy rates of each public and public voluntary hospital, by hospital group, for each quarter for each year 2019-2024, inclusive, in tabular form; the national average; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15421/24]

*1612. To ask the Minister for Health for each model 3 and model 4 hospital, the number of days that full capacity protocols have been active, for each quarter for each year 2019-2024 to date, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15422/24]

*1613. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against patients at HSE facilities for each quarter for each year 2019-2024, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15423/24]

*1614. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against staff at HSE facilities for each quarter for each year 2019-2024, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15424/24]

*1615. To ask the Minister for Health the average patient experience time to admission via an emergency department for all patients for each quarter of each year 2019-2024, inclusive, Statewide and for each location, in tabular form; and the average for all patients and for patients aged 75 or older. — David Cullinane. [15425/24]

*1616. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who attended an emergency department for each quarter of each year 2019-2024, inclusive, Statewide and by location, in tabular form; the number and percentage of patients who were admitted via an emergency department; the number and percentage who were waiting 0-6 hours, 0-9 hours, 9-24 hours, and 24+ hours; and the number and percentage for all patients and patients aged over 75. — David Cullinane. [15426/24]

*1617. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who left an emergency department without being seen for each quarter of each year 2019-2024, inclusive, by hospital, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15427/24]

*1618. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, for each quarter of each year 2022-2024, inclusive, by hospital group and hospital, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15428/24]

*1619. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer-related appointments and procedures which were cancelled for each quarter for each year 2022-2024, inclusive, by hospital, for adults and for children, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15429/24]

*1620. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on Children's Health Ireland waiting lists at each location, including suspensions, waiting for spina bifida and/or scoliosis-related procedures at the end of each quarter 2016-2024, by wait type for active waiters, planned procedures, and suspensions, and totalled in tabular form; and the number of children waiting longer than Sláintecare wait times. — David Cullinane. [15430/24]

*1621. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on primary care and community healthcare waiting lists, for each care service, at the end of each year 2019-2024, in tabular form; the breakdown by length of wait and by age; the numbers waiting for initial assessment, initial therapy/intervention, and follow up therapy/intervention for each specialty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15431/24]

*1622. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on home support waiting lists for a carer at the end of each quarter of each year 2019-2024, inclusive in tabular form; and the breakdown, by length of wait. — David Cullinane. [15432/24]

*1623. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who are receiving less than their full allocation of home support hours at the end of each quarter of each year 2019-2024. — David Cullinane. [15433/24]

*1624. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on CAMHS waiting lists by CHO and length of wait at the end of each quarter of each year 2019-2024, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15437/24]

*1625. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on waiting lists for Jigsaw by CHO and length of wait at the end of each quarter of each year 2019-2024, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15438/24]

*1626. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on diagnostic waiting lists at the end of each quarter of 2022-2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15439/24]

*1627. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists on the dental treatment services scheme at the end of each quarter for each year 2019-2024 by LHO, in tabular form; the number of dentists who submitted claims and the total number of claims in quarter 1 of each year and each full year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15440/24]

- *1628. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on HSE dental and orthodontic waiting lists at the end of each quarter for each year 2019-2024, broken down by standard waiting times, by area, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15441/24]
- *1629. To ask the Minister for Health the number of fully and permanently funded inpatient beds open on average at each acute hospital in May 2016; and the number of open beds which were only temporarily or otherwise not fully funded at that time. — David Cullinane. [15443/24]
- *1630. To ask the Minister for Health the number of fully and permanently funded inpatient beds open on average at each acute hospital in March 2020; and the number of open beds which were only temporarily or otherwise not fully funded at that time. — David Cullinane. [15444/24]
- *1631. To ask the Minister for Health the number of fully and permanently funded inpatient beds open on average at each acute hospital in June 2020; and the number of open beds which were only temporarily or otherwise not fully funded at that time. — David Cullinane. [15445/24]
- *1632. To ask the Minister for Health the level of staff, by grade, employed by the Health Service in May 2016, in tabular form; and the change and new level to March 2020; the change and new level to June 2020. — David Cullinane. [15446/24]
- *1633. To ask the Minister for Health the original Health Service Executive Current and Capital budget set in each year 2016-2020, inclusive, in tabular form; and the actual outturn for each year and the difference between outturn and original budget. — David Cullinane. [15447/24]
- *1634. To ask the Minister for Health the number of operating theatres available in May 2016, by hospital group in tabular form; and the change and new level to March 2020; the change and new level to June 2020. — David Cullinane. [15448/24]
- *1635. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public community beds, by type, available in May 2016, by community health organisation in tabular form; the change and new level to March 2020; and the change and new level to June 2020. — David Cullinane. [15449/24]
- *1636. To ask the Minister for Health the spend on agency staffing in each quarter of 2016-2020, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15450/24]
- *1637. To ask the Minister for Health the spend by hospitals on outsourcing of procedures to private practice in public hospitals and to private hospitals in each quarter of 2016-2020, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15451/24]
- *1638. To ask the Minister for Health the spend by hospitals on outsourcing of diagnostics in each quarter of 2016-2020, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15452/24]
- *1639. To ask the Minister for Health the spend by the national treatment purchase fund on outsourcing of appointments and procedures to private practice in public hospitals and to private hospitals in each quarter of 2016-2020, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15453/24]
- *1640. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on hospital inpatient, day case, and outpatient waiting lists by active waiter, suspension, and planned in May 2016, in tabular form; and the number waiting 0-6, 6-12, 12-18, and 18+ months. — David Cullinane. [15454/24]

- *1641. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on hospital inpatient, day case, and outpatient waiting lists, by active waiter, suspension, and planned, in March 2020, in tabular form; and the number waiting 0-6, 6-12, 12-18, and 18+ months. — David Cullinane. [15455/24]
- *1642. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on hospital inpatient, day case, and outpatient waiting lists, by active waiter, suspension, and planned, in June 2020, in tabular form; and the number waiting 0-6, 6-12, 12-18, and 18+ months. — David Cullinane. [15456/24]
- *1643. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on community waiting lists by service in May 2016, in tabular form; and the number waiting 0-6, 6-12, 12-18, and 18+ months. — David Cullinane. [15457/24]
- *1644. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on community waiting lists by service in March 2020, in tabular form; and the number waiting 0-6, 6-12, 12-18, and 18+ months. — David Cullinane. [15458/24]
- *1645. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on community waiting lists by service in June 2020, in tabular form; and the number waiting 0-6, 6-12, 12-18, and 18+ months. — David Cullinane. [15459/24]
- *1646. To ask the Minister for Health the spend by the Health Service Executive on private recruitment firms in each quarter of 2016-2020, inclusive, in tabular form; and the breakdown by recipient. — David Cullinane. [15462/24]
- *1647. To ask the Minister for Health the spend by each independent hospital contracted by the Health Service Executive on agency staffing and private recruitment firms in each quarter of 2016-2020, inclusive, in tabular form; and the breakdown, by recipient. — David Cullinane. [15463/24]
- *1648. To ask the Minister for Health the awards made following a tender process to external non-medical consultants, by firm, by the Health Service Executive, for each of the years 2016-2020, inclusive, in tabular form; the purpose and a brief description of the awards; the value of the awards and the total amounts paid; the timeline or timeframe of the contracts; and the desired or completed output. — David Cullinane. [15464/24]
- *1649. To ask the Minister for Health the awards made following a tender process to external non-medical consultants, by firm, by each independent hospital funded by the Health Service Executive, for each of the years 2016-2020, inclusive, in tabular form; the purpose and a brief description of the awards; the value of the awards and the total amounts paid; the timeline or timeframe of the contracts; and the desired or completed output. — David Cullinane. [15465/24]
- *1650. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on debt collectors by the Health Service Executive in each year from 2016-2020; the number of occasions on which debt collectors were used; and the level of charges recovered by debt collectors. — David Cullinane. [15466/24]
- *1651. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on debt collectors by the Health Service Executive in each year 2021-2024, by quarter; the number of occasions on which debt collectors were used; and the level of charges recovered by debt collectors. — David Cullinane. [15467/24]

*1652. To ask the Minister for Health the spend by the Health Service Executive on agency staffing and private recruitment firms in each quarter of 2023-2024, inclusive, in tabular form; and the breakdown by recipient. — David Cullinane. [15468/24]

*1653. To ask the Minister for Health the spend by each independent hospital contracted by the Health Service Executive on agency staffing and private recruitment firms in each quarter of 2023-2024, inclusive, in tabular form; and the breakdown by recipient. — David Cullinane. [15469/24]

*1654. To ask the Minister for Health the awards made following a tender process to external non-medical consultants, by firm, by the Health Service Executive, in 2023 and 2024 to date, inclusive, in tabular form; the purpose and a brief description of the awards; the value of the awards and the total amounts paid; the timeline or timeframe of the contracts; and the desired or completed output. — David Cullinane. [15470/24]

*1655. To ask the Minister for Health the awards made following a tender process to external non-medical consultants, by firm, by each independent hospital funded by the Health Service Executive, in 2023 and 2024 to date, inclusive, in tabular form; the purpose and a brief description of the awards; the value of the awards and the total amounts paid; the timeline or timeframe of the contracts; and the desired or completed output. — David Cullinane. [15471/24]

*1656. To ask the Minister for Health the awards made which did not follow a tender process to external non-medical consultants, by firm, by the Health Service Executive, in 2023 and 2024 to date, inclusive, in tabular form; the purpose and a brief description of the awards; the value of the awards and the total amounts paid; the timeline or timeframe of the contracts; and the desired or completed output. — David Cullinane. [15472/24]

*1657. To ask the Minister for Health the awards made which did not follow a tender process to external non-medical consultants, by firm, by each independent hospital funded by the Health Service Executive, in 2023 and 2024 to date, inclusive, in tabular form; the purpose and a brief description of the awards; the value of the awards and the total amounts paid; the timeline or timeframe of the contracts; and the desired or completed output. — David Cullinane. [15473/24]

*1658. To ask the Minister for Health the awards made which did not follow a tender process to external non-medical consultants, by firm, by the Health Service Executive, for each of the years 2016-2020, inclusive, in tabular form; the purpose and a brief description of the awards; the value of the awards and the total amounts paid; the timeline or timeframe of the contracts; and the desired or completed output. — David Cullinane. [15474/24]

*1659. To ask the Minister for Health the awards made which did not follow a tender process to external non-medical consultants, by firm, by each independent hospital funded by the Health Service Executive, for each of the years 2016-2020, inclusive, in tabular form; the purpose and a brief description of the awards; the value of the awards and the total amounts paid; the timeline or timeframe of the contracts; and the desired or completed output. — David Cullinane. [15475/24]

*1660. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1458 of 24 March 2024, the reason a building (details supplied) has not yet opened as a mental health facility since it received planning permission from An Bórd Pleanála in October 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [15483/24]

*1661. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the details of his recent visit to University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15495/24]

*1662. To ask the Minister for Health the work being done to manage peak-time ED attendances at UHL; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15496/24]

*1663. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the prioritisation of population and gaps in geographical coverage in the Mid-West region, especially in respect of acute services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15497/24]

*1664. To ask the Minister for Health how many people have left each ED in Ireland in each of the past 12 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15498/24]

*1665. To ask the Minister for Health relating to former Directors of the National Ambulance Service, the length of time each Director served and the grounds on which their term ceased (that is, whether they retired early, reached the end of their contract, or were otherwise requested to leave); if they received a severance or redundancy payment or similar exit payment on leaving the NAS; if so, the value and terms of the payment; if they received a lump sum payment, if so, the value of the payment; the grounds on which they left or otherwise on which their employment ceased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15505/24]

*1666. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any rules governing the period from which an official at such a high level leaves the National Ambulance Service before they can take up employment at a private ambulance operator; and if this would be in contravention of HSE and Public Service policy on taking up employment with companies affiliated with the HSE or NAS. — David Cullinane. [15506/24]

*1667. To ask the Minister for Health the reason, following reports (details supplied), there are two controls centres still operating in the Dublin area, despite one report finding that “We should be clear that the current arrangements in Dublin are sub-optimal and potentially place patients at risk; this has now been recognised repeatedly over many years. The control arrangements in particular cannot be allowed continue in their present configuration”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15507/24]

*1668. To ask the Minister for Health the governance arrangements in place within the HSE to ensure that the monies given to Dublin City Council for the provision of emergency ambulance services are fully accountable and transparent on an annual basis; if he is satisfied with this approach. — David Cullinane. [15508/24]

*1669. To ask the Minister for Health the level of monies outstanding or owed to Dublin City Council for the provision of emergency ambulance services. — David Cullinane. [15509/24]

*1670. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff at the National Ambulance Service who have received premia payments who did not meet eligibility criteria further to a Labour Court Determination (details supplied) in each of the years 2019-2024, by payment type, by staff grade, in tabular form; the total value of overpayments; the highest value overpaid to any one individual; the number of staff in receipt of overpayments in bands of €1,000; the number of

ineligible staff in receipt of such payments for three or more years and five or more years; and the value of overpayments over the past 15 years. — David Cullinane. [15510/24]

*1671. To ask the Minister for Health the number of National Ambulance Service staff who were absent due to long-term sick leave or suspension during the period 2019-2024 who were still in receipt of payment as per their roster; the number of staff in receipt of such payments for three or more years and five or more years; and the value of overpayments over the past 15 years. — David Cullinane. [15511/24]

*1672. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times shift allowance was authorised for staff in the National Ambulance Service who were redeployed during the pandemic; and if these payments were sanctioned by national financial regulations or other senior officials in the HSE. — David Cullinane. [15512/24]

*1673. To ask the Minister for Health if, in relation to a Labour Court Determination (details supplied), all National Ambulance Service staff who received payments for which they were inevitable have been informed of these overpayments; if the NAS has begun the process of recuperating overpayments or otherwise addressing incorrect payments; if the payment of such premia payments to ineligible staff has ceased; if so, the date on which it ceased; if not, if a date has been set for the cessation of such payments; the accountable officer for this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15513/24]

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

*1674. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he plans to align the number of days per year in Youthreach with second level schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [13621/24]

*1675. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the ratio of pro rata teachers and resource persons for each of the 16 ETBs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [13622/24]

*1676. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if Garda vetting is required for Youthreach students undertaking work placements/experience; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [13623/24]

*1677. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to implement and direct Youthreach centres to deliver QQI modules that are work experience focused and guidelines on work placement for students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [13624/24]

*1678. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will acknowledge that in Youthreach Centres students are, allowed “movement breaks” as advocated by the National Council for Special Education NCSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [13625/24]

*1679. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he accepts that students in Youthreach require midterm pedagogical breaks at least every six to seven weeks as is the case in second level schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [13626/24]

*1680. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what actions he intends to take to address the massive imbalance in days of attendance (208) for Youthreach students in comparison to student attendance (166) in upper secondary schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [13627/24]

*1681. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of the findings of the Youthreach Wellbeing Report 2022; the steps he will take to address the staff retention issues identified in the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [13628/24]

*1682. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount of money being invested each year by his Department or agencies funded by his Department into cancer research; the amount of this directed towards research into brain tumours and brain cancer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13662/24]

*1683. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will recognise a course (details supplied) as a Level 9 course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [13684/24]

*1684. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 48 of 27 February 2024, if there is an update on the updated proposal submitted by his Department and the Department of Education to the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform concerning the pay scale of tutors employed in ETBs to deliver FET programmes. — Pauline Tully. [13709/24]

*1685. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [13748/24]

*1686. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount spent by his Department on travel and accommodation costs associated with Ministerial visits abroad to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13807/24]

*1687. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of properties either owned or leased by his Department, which are currently vacant; the length of time the properties have been vacant for; and the location of the properties, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13825/24]

*1688. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his reaction to the Youthreach Employee Wellbeing Report 2022, an independent report from academics in Maynooth University, which found significant challenges facing Youthreach staff; what action is being taken on foot of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [13843/24]

*1689. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how many planners are employed by his Department; and how many architects are employed by his Department. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [13902/24]

*1690. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider abolishing the financial threshold for the access to Access to Apprenticeship Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14040/24]

*1691. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of Technological Universities that have the capacity to deliver student accommodation; the TUs that have proposals waiting on the new funding model to be approved and how many beds this will deliver; and when he anticipates this funding model to be approved. — Robert Troy. [14064/24]

*1692. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department uses community radio for advertising and public awareness campaigns; if not, the reason, given the vital role community radio often plays in the dissemination of information to local communities; if his Department will consider using community radio for public awareness campaigns in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14172/24]

*1693. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress being made into the review of the provision of services to students with disabilities at further and higher education centres; the areas that are being reviewed; when the review is expected to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [14187/24]

*1694. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason there is no movement on apprentices (details supplied) who are waiting on their next phase of training. — Niamh Smyth. [14331/24]

*1695. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps his Department is taking to ensure that the funding bodies of Solas and Education and Training Boards ensure that funding is made available for employers to make agreed backdated payments to their staff under the Section 39 WRC Pay Agreement (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [14406/24]

*1696. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the Atlantic Technological University plans to, or will consider, opening a campus in Ballina. — Paul Murphy. [14447/24]

*1697. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures being taken to ensure the back-dating of pay increases for Section 39 workers funded outside of the HSE, in particular those which come under the Department including education and training boards. — Emer Higgins. [14627/24]

*1698. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department is aware of the progress of the EU Partnership in 'Innovative Advanced Materials for Europe (IAM4EU)' which is being discussed by AMI20230 and the European Commission, if they are aware of the exclusion of materials for health/biomedical devices and bioengineering as a priority sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [14644/24]

*1699. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of electrical, plumbing, stone laying and carpentry apprenticeships respectively

waiting to progress their off-the-job training in phase 2, phase 4 and phase 6 respectively across SOLAS, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [14785/24]

*1700. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagement he and the Higher Education Authority have had with the president of a university (details supplied) in respect of the existence of a financial deficit; and if the HEA or himself, on behalf of the Government, is satisfied by the seriousness, urgency and responsiveness of the governing body to address this matter in a timely and constructive manner. — Sean Sherlock. [14807/24]

*1701. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if evidence of independent residency provided to SUSI for a student grant application (details supplied) from a former HSE public health nurse's employer which is a State agency will be accepted as proof of independent living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14926/24]

*1702. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a person (details supplied) is getting the maximum grant; if not, the reason for this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [14940/24]

*1703. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason a SUSI grant was refused for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14993/24]

*1704. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what steps are being taken to initiate discussions around the EATRIS membership process for Ireland considering the potential benefits for Ireland's translational research sector such as enhanced collaboration and access to specialized resources across Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [15131/24]

*1705. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to clarify the Government's position on Ireland's potential membership of the European Infrastructure for Translational Medicine; whether he intends to engage with the translational research sector in Ireland about such members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [15132/24]

*1706. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide insight into the Government's perspective on Ireland's possible membership with EATRIS, given its expected advantages for Ireland's translational research community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [15133/24]

*1707. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide details of communications he has had or if he has met in person with a University President (details supplied) to address the financial deficit in the university; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [15301/24]

*1708. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are plans for the further expansion of apprenticeship courses in Louth and Meath for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15328/24]

*1709. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the plan to address the financial deficit at a university (details supplied) will be submitted to the Higher Education Authority; and when that plan will be published. — Sean Sherlock. [15350/24]

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

*1710. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the up to date position with a project in south Kildare (details supplied); if an application has been received for additional funding from the council; when a decision will be made on such funding; and the expected finish date of the project. — Sean Sherlock. [15300/24]

*1711. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development in light of the Policy Our Living Islands, her plans to bring parity to the administration funding provided to Sherkin Island Development Company to run services on Sherkin Island, to bring it in line with the funding provided to other inhabited islands around the coast between now and the promised review of the services later in 2024 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [15379/24]

*1712. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to outline in detail the stage process of allocating LEADER funding to local action groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13612/24]

*1713. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the procedure for selecting the independent selection committee that reviews all strategies developed by local action groups for LEADER funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13613/24]

*1714. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the appeals procedure for local action groups following an unsuccessful application for LEADER funding following the completion and submission of a strategy to the Independent Selection Committee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13614/24]

*1715. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if local action groups are entitled to all information on the assessment of their application particularly in relation to the work of the Independent Selection Committee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13615/24]

*1716. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to confirm that neither South West Mayo Development Company nor Mayo North East LEADER Partnership met the necessary threshold for a successful application for LEADER funding following their submission of a strategy of the Independent Selection Committee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13616/24]

*1717. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the estimated cost of providing extra funding under the community services programme to enable them to pay workers the new national living wage rate. — Paul Donnelly. [13723/24]

*1718. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development how long the community centre investment will run; and if extra funding will be made available if there are other applicants. — Paul Donnelly. [13724/24]

*1719. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount spent by her Department on travel and accommodation costs associated with Ministerial visits abroad to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13812/24]

*1720. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of properties either owned or leased by her Department, which are currently vacant; the length of time the properties have been vacant for; and the location of the properties, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13830/24]

*1721. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the town and village allocations will be made; if a group (details supplied) is being considered for the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [13919/24]

*1722. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the engagement she has had with Carlow County Council on the provision of a community hub in Carlow on the Tullow Road (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14112/24]

*1723. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the current progress and eventual timeline for the provision of an extension for Carlow library (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14114/24]

*1724. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding currently available to each local authority for dog wardens and animal welfare inspectors; when dog wardens and an animal welfare inspector will be appointed in Limerick; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14314/24]

*1725. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of funding provided by her Department to County Mayo since January 2020; the list of projects supported under the rural regeneration and development fund, town and village renewal scheme, outdoor recreation infrastructure fund, building acquisition fund and CLÁR fund during this time in County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14336/24]

*1726. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if, in relation to the high-level stakeholder group on the control of dogs, she will provide information (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [14351/24]

*1727. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development whether she is aware that Pobal requires verified audited accounts from community groups to access funding but does not provide financial assistance to support such organisations in funding these audits. — Thomas Gould. [14585/24]

*1728. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding available to community centres struggling with increased gas and electricity bills. — Thomas Gould. [14586/24]

*1729. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when she expects village renewal scheme funding to be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14666/24]

*1730. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when and how the public and public representatives can engage with the new stakeholder group established to deal with dangerous breeds of dogs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [14693/24]

*1731. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the newly established dog control stakeholder group will be open to submissions from the public; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [14736/24]

*1732. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of WTE compliance concerns managers at the grade of HEO working in the Charities Regulator in the years 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [15105/24]

*1733. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if grant assistance is available for a club (details supplied) to provide worker accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15204/24]

*1734. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will seek an update on the purchase of a building (details supplied) in Dunleer for use as a multi-purpose community space through the building acquisition measures; if any further request has been received from Louth County Council for any further buildings in the county under the BAM scheme; if so, the details of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15345/24]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL, 2024**

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

1. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered how the tax system might make a better contribution towards adjustment to a longer and more fruitful retirement through supporting rightsizing, early release of pension savings in certain circumstances, more flexibility in continued working from employers, better recognition of family carers and in other ways; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [15262/24]

2. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider deferring the planned excise duty increase on petrol and diesel due for August; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [15013/24]

3. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update regarding the issue of mortgageability as it relates to homeowners affected by defective concrete blocks, including his Department's engagement with the Department of Finance and the proposal of a bridging finance products by the banking sector under the enhanced DCB scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15231/24]

4. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is concerned that the BIK exemption for employer contributions to PRSAs, legislated through Section 22 of Finance Act 2022, is facilitating aggressive tax planning; if his Department received recommendations from an organisation (details supplied) in June 2022 warning that such a risk would materialise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15232/24]

5. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the review of the disabled drivers scheme; and the new criteria being considered line with international best practice. — Marian Harkin. [15225/24]

6. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the progress in reducing inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [15224/24]

7. To ask the Minister for Finance if, following the recent film industry stakeholder forum, he is planning any future changes to section 481 the film tax credit, to ensure greater security of employment and incomes for workers in the film industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15245/24]

8. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the Future Ireland Fund and Instructure, Climate and Nature Fund Bill 2024; the reason for restricting access to the climate and nature fund until 2026; the process by which projects may apply for the fund; the expected timeline for decision-making and the intervals at which funds can be applied for or if they will be on a rolling basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [15183/24]

9. To ask the Minister for Finance the total tax take from fuel in 2023, broken down by category; how this figure compares with the estimated amount of total tax take from fuel as set out in Budget 2023 in October 2022; the total estimated tax take from fuel for 2024 as set out in Budget 2024 in October 2023, with a breakdown of each category; the estimated and actual figures for Quarter 1 2024; how much additional tax the planned excise increases in August are estimated to generate by year end; how much the recent excise increases on 1 April 2024 will generate by year end; if the planned August increase will be scrapped in light of the overall tax take performance and the negative impact of excise increases on individual motorists and the wider economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15213/24]

10. To ask the Minister for Finance if the projection for corporate tax revenue in 2024 and 2025 is €24.5 billion and €25.8 billion (details supplied) respectively; the estimated gross trading profit before taxation in 2024 and 2025; to provide a monetary breakdown of projected total capital allowances and deductions before taxation in 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [15248/24]

11. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on consideration of changes to legislation to address the inability of consumers to make complaints to the Financial and Services Pensions Ombudsman with respect to vulture funds as a result of gaps in their regulation. — Pearse Doherty. [15234/24]

12. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether tax policy on luxury emissions can play a more active role in incentivising climate action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [15184/24]

13. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on the work of the Office for the Promotion of Competition in the Insurance Market, particularly in relation to reducing the

cost of public liability insurance; to outline his Department's recent engagement with insurance companies, including new insurance companies, about the high cost of public liability insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15158/24]

14. To ask the Minister for Finance when the new primary medical certificate criteria will be introduced; if he can provide any update on the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [15285/24]

15. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of people who claimed mortgage interest tax relief last year; and the average payment. — Thomas Gould. [15219/24]

16. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered the extent of unclaimed tax allowances and other benefits; if he would consider establishing a cross-Government initiative to promote better take-up of such benefits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [15263/24]

17. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he is putting in place so that future banking changes are managed in a controlled, fair and transparent manner for consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [14273/24]

18. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the National Payments Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [14271/24]

19. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the powers of the Central Bank in relation to the regulation of ATMs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [14267/24]

20. To ask the Minister for Finance how many rent tax credit claims have been made as of 31 March 2024, or the latest date available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [14272/24]

21. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is planning any further taxation measures to address the problem of vacant and derelict properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [15246/24]

22. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has undertaken any study on the fluctuation in the price of petrol and diesel in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [15071/24]

23. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has plans for a range of supports to help the hospitality industry, including VAT reductions, to help businesses in difficulties and incentivise customers to support local outlets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [15243/24]

24. To ask the Minister for Finance if he or his Department are considering increasing the rate of and threshold for the 10% stamp duty with respect to the bulk purchase of residential property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15235/24]

25. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount taken in corporation tax in each of the past 18 months, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [15072/24]

26. To ask the Minister for Finance if he or his Department are considering increasing the rate of and threshold for the 10% stamp duty with respect to the bulk purchase of residential property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [15242/24]

27. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will detail the estimated cost to the Exchequer of the reinstatement of fuel excise relief in April 2024; and the estimated cost of the reinstatement in August 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [15286/24]

28. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on his Department’s latest assessment of public indebtedness in Ireland. — Seán Haughey. [14266/24]

29. To ask the Minister for Finance the changes that are being considered to the debt warehousing scheme to support private businesses availing of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [5746/24]

30. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on the mortgage interest tax relief scheme and its operation to date in 2024. — Willie O’Dea. [14268/24]

31. To ask the Minister for Finance the total tax take from the restaurant sector in 2023, broken down by category; how this figure compares with the estimated amount of total tax take from the restaurant sector as set out in Budget 2023 in October 2022; the total estimated tax take from the restaurant sector for 2024, with a breakdown of each category; how much additional tax the increased VAT rate of 13.5% for the entire year is estimated to generate by year end; if he is concerned with the closure of restaurants nationwide; if estimated tax take figures need to be revised as a result; if he is reconsidering the reintroduction of the 9% VAT rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15214/24]

32. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will commit to a review in 2024 of the remittance basis of tax and the domicile levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [15014/24]

33. To ask the Minister for Finance for an overview of tax receipts to date in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [14270/24]

34. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the survey that was carried out related to cross Border workers and the issues they face in relation to working from home, income tax and social protection; if his Department has had any recent engagement with the Assembly or the British Government on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15157/24]

35. To ask the Minister for Finance how he proposes to protect the role of cash in our society and economy in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [14269/24]

36. To ask the Minister for Finance for a status update on his Department’s work to develop a new scheme to replace the disabled drivers and disabled passenger’s scheme with a modern, fit for purpose vehicle adaptation scheme as recommended by the National Disability Inclusion Strategy Transport Working Group; the number of meetings held by the senior officials group to-date, and the dates of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14380/24]

37. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on the number of people who have claimed the renters tax credit, in 2023 and 2024 respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [15223/24]

38. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 110 of 01 February 2024, his plans for the phasing out of the help-to-buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14379/24]