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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to explain why he missed all of his affordable housing targets in 2023. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15880/24]

2. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the adequacy of Housing for All building targets; when revised targets will be published; his plans to speed up delivery of housing in line with established need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [15950/24]

3. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what he intends to do to address rising levels of homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15881/24]

4. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the introduction of a specific zoning for affordable housing will be considered by this Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [15883/24]

5. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the growing concerns among impacted home-owners with the defective concrete block grant scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15882/24]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is confident that all key housing indicators are continuing on a positive trajectory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [15672/24]

7. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a report on the initiatives being taken to bring vacant properties back into use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [15708/24]

8. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he intends to publish the report from the Housing Commission on the right to housing. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15610/24]

9. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans in relation to the provision of one-off housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [15709/24]

10. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the issue of future mortgage ability affecting homeowners affected by defective concrete blocks who avail of the DCB scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15705/24]

11. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has asked the SCSI to provide updated cost reports for the Expert Group to review in relation to the DCB scheme and when the recommended updated grant rates are expected to be presented to him and implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15757/24]

12. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will support the establishment of a consultation forum for the future development of Columb Barracks, Mullingar by the Land Development Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [15700/24]

13. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the progress being made by the Land Development Agency in providing affordable and social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [15665/24]

14. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many social homes are either on site or at design and tender stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [15667/24]

15. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the cost rental tenant-in-situ scheme and the Residential Tenancies (Right to Purchase) Bill. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15607/24]

16. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average length of time from initial inquiry regarding the tenant-in-situ scheme to completed purchase under the tenant-in-situ scheme in the Fingal County Council area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [15029/24]

17. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects the review into the differential rent scheme for local authority housing support will conclude; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [15685/24]

18. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the social housing target for Cork city was missed by almost 30% in 2023. — Thomas Gould. [15678/24]

19. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will amend the enhanced defective concrete blocks grant scheme to ensure that it provides the same 100% redress that was made available to the 3,000 families who have had their homes remediated under

the pyrite remediation scheme, in view of the attendance of over 1,000 homeowners at a public meeting in Bunrana, County Donegal on 26 March 2024, in support of genuine 100% redress for the victims of the defective concrete block scandal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [15023/24]

20. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many new affordable homes were delivered in 2023 and how this compares to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [15670/24]

21. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the recent report to area committee from DLR that only 140 affordable Purchase and 406 Cost rental are planned up to 2026 and does he agree this is wholly inadequate and what measures does he intend to take to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15656/24]

22. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can provide a breakdown of the number of croí cónaithe grants (including the vacant property refurbishment grant) paid out across Sligo and Leitrim since the beginning of the scheme. — Martin Kenny. [15675/24]

23. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline plans to utilise State owned land and modular homes to address the homeless crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [15701/24]

24. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that only 27 cost rental homes are in the pipeline for Cork city for delivery in 2024. — Thomas Gould. [15677/24]

25. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can provide a breakdown of the number of units across Sligo and Leitrim available under the cost rental scheme and affordable purchase scheme; if he can outline any plans to add units in the coming 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [15676/24]

26. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of modular or rapid build homes constructed in 2023 in County Louth and East-Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [15635/24]

27. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the results and plans for implementation of the review completed by his Department on local authority adaptation grants and when the new measures contained in the review will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15164/24]

28. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if staged payments will be introduced for the croí cónaithe home renovation grant scheme, given the difficulties being experienced by grant recipients in having to find the finance upfront before drawing back the grant; if the entire process will be streamlined to reduce red-tape and speed up processing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15695/24]

29. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the delivery of affordable homes in Poolbeg west SDZ. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15608/24]

30. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects works, funded by his Department, to develop sewage schemes in the villages of Broadford and Cooraclare (both in County Clare) to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [15641/24]

31. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for the delivery of affordable housing in Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [15703/24]

32. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when statistics for the vacant homes grant for Q4 of 2023 and Q1 of 2024 will be published; whether he is satisfied with the uptake of the grant to date, including the number of applications, the number of approvals and the number of grants paid; if he has any proposals to improve the terms of the scheme or its administration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15306/24]

33. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta cén fáth nár foilsíodh na dréacht-treoirínte pleanála don Ghaeltacht roimh an Cháisc, mar a gheall sé; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15538/24]

34. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he anticipates that legislation to support the remediation of apartments and duplexes with fire safety, structural safety and water ingress defects will be passed while he is still in office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [15693/24]

35. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his assessment of the number of commencement notices (residential construction starts) to date in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [15671/24]

36. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the progress his Department has made regarding Action 9.2 of the Action Plan for Disability Services to establish along with the HSE a dedicated project implementation team to work with residents, CHOs, service providers, local authorities and Approved Housing Bodies to accelerate decongregation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [15720/24]

37. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the current temporary waiver of development contributions and the refund scheme for Uisce Éireann water and wastewater connection charges will be extended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15719/24]

38. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable houses, cost rental and cost purchase, homes planned for Cork City and County Council and on the targets he has set for same. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15707/24]

39. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will examine the serious delays in the processing and approval of housing adaptation grants; the details of what measures if any can be taken to speed up the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [15636/24]

40. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many first time-buyers have been successfully applied under the first home scheme since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14274/24]

41. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the impending mandatory retirement of a retained firefighter in Louth (details supplied); if plans to raise the mandatory retirement age will be finalised in time to allow him to remain on working; if he will consider issuing a circular to local authorities about the raising of the retirement age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15163/24]

42. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what measures he has put in place to support renters seeking accommodation who are not eligible for local authority housing in the north-West. — Marian Harkin. [15766/24]

43. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered the provision of incentives towards the creation of safe secure living in town centres suitable for those seeking to rightsize and to gain access to homes where assisted living within the community could be facilitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [15265/24]

44. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 124 of 15 February 2024, the timeline for the publication of the draft planning guidelines for Gaeltacht areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14384/24]

45. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an overview of the rollout of the ‘Housing for All’ strategy in County Clare to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [15642/24]

46. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of his and his Department’s engagement with the Galway Social Housing Task Force to-date in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14383/24]

47. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of simultaneous social and affordable housing projects currently underway in Mayo; if he can provide their locations, the projected number of social and affordable homes to be completed at each site in 2024 and 2025, and the current stage of each project in the four-step approval process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15756/24]

48. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the legislation for the Celtic Tiger era defective home redress scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15609/24]

49. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homes that were completed in Cork in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [15653/24]

50. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the way in which his Department assists local authorities to compulsorily acquired derelict properties; the amount, if any, that he has made available to each local authority to acquire derelict properties in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [15717/24]

51. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which extra methods and means can be employed to provide extra housing in sufficient volume to meet requirements to address homelessness, child homelessness and family homelessness, if he

continues to identify extra measures likely to positively impact in this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15395/24]

52. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will comment on the provision of affordable housing in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15723/24]

53. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage that the tenant purchase scheme would be made available for Part V homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15651/24]

54. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to embed ageing in place options for older people into the planning system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15673/24]

55. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what is the legislative, statutory and regulatory framework for the provision of public green space in urban areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [15686/24]

56. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on social housing delivery in Carlow in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [15702/24]

57. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the income eligibility limits for social housing in areas such as Cavan and Monaghan will be increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15718/24]

58. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the 2023 Summary of Social Housing Assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [15663/24]

59. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he would consider introducing a scheme to bring a public water supply to all houses and businesses in the country, similar to the national broadband scheme for broadband, in view of the fact that approximately 10% of all households depend on private supplies of water; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15307/24]

60. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what steps his Department is taking to speed up the turn-around time for existing social housing which has been vacated by tenants. — Peadar Tóibín. [15527/24]

61. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider amending the vacant property refurbishment grant to allow applicants who are facing homelessness to move into the property prior to applying to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [15721/24]

62. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons from each municipal district in County Louth and East-Meath that are currently in receipt of a HAP payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [15634/24]

63. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of his engagements with local authorities in counties Longford and Westmeath regarding provisions for older person's dwellings. — Sorca Clarke. [15022/24]

64. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on how the vacant property refurbishment grant is addressing vacancy and making bringing existing properties back into use more affordable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [15662/24]

65. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many new social homes were delivered in 2023 and how this compares to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [15669/24]

66. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he agrees that inadequate HAP rates and social housing income limits and the lack of three and four-bed social housing are contributing to long-term homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15659/24]

67. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what immediate and urgent actions will be taken to address the high levels of homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [15624/24]

68. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage why the second meeting of the sub-group set up to examining issues relating the enhanced DCB scheme, which met on 11 January 2024, did not meet as planned on 21 February; why 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. [15704/24]

69. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he believes that considering the rapid increase in homelessness and the widespread unaffordability of rental and purchase property that the current Part V requirement for 10% social and 10% affordable are wholly inadequate and should be substantially increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15658/24]

70. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will comment on the success or otherwise of the enhanced defective concrete blocks grant scheme in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15724/24]

71. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the guidance, if any, given by his Department to local authorities to assist them with compulsory purchases orders/compulsory purchase acquisitions of derelict properties in their respective areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [15716/24]

72. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amount of money spent in Cork on housing adaption grants in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [15654/24]

73. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many first home scheme approvals have issued since its launch in July 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [15668/24]

74. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will use compulsory purchase vacant and derelict properties to address the worsening homelessness crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15713/24]

75. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many affordable purchase homes were delivered in 2023 via the local authority affordable purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [15664/24]

76. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses purchased by Fingal County Council under the tenant-in-situ-scheme since it was established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [15028/24]

77. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration will be given to stage payments for paying out the croí cónaithe grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [14385/24]

78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if some consideration can be given to the development of a subsidised sites scheme on public or private lands with a view to making affordable or local authority housing more readily accessible; if any consideration has already been given to such a proposal and how it might meet current demands and as housing continues to be a most pressing issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15396/24]

79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the ongoing schemes his Department are currently considering to provide additional housing supply to a location (details supplied); the current construction of housing schemes in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [15760/24]

80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action he will take to increase the delivery of affordable purchase and cost rental housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [15627/24]

81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to endorse the recommendations of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Environment and Climate Action for a referendum that would acknowledge the rights of nature; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [11150/24]

82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage why Louth County Council was unable to acquire and allocate the five "surplus houses" not taken up within the affordable housing scheme for social housing, opting instead to return them to the developer for sale on the open market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [15633/24]

83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm that the review of housing targets currently underway between his Department and the ERSI will

explicitly include consideration of existing unmet housing demand including existing unmet demand for social, cost rental and affordable purchase homes. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15611/24]

84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in cases of complaints of unauthorised development or breaches of planning permissions if he believes the current enforcement legislation is adequately robust to prevent such breaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15657/24]

85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average wait length for planning permission for individual houses in each of the past ten years, 2024 inclusive. — Peadar Tóibín. [15528/24]

86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for the up to date position of advancing The Gearagh, County Cork as a national park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15652/24]

87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that at the heart of the housing crisis is an affordability crisis; if he is aware that only half of the houses in Louth County Council's affordable housing scheme were claimed due to stringent eligibility criteria, whether this necessitates some changes in the terms of access for support in order that no one is excluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [15632/24]

88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider further funding to tackle dereliction and conversion of units for housing in Youghal urban centre considering it now has the highest vacancy rate for commercial premises in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [15761/24]

89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the scale and costs associated with new housing schemes using modular building methods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [15616/24]

90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the progress of the regeneration of the Noonans Road and surrounding streets regeneration. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15706/24]

91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the details on how he and his Department will simplify and enhance the application process and application timelines on the croí cónaithe scheme considering the very worrying figures reported in a paper (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. [15674/24]

92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which the scheme for promoting the sale of apartments to owner-occupiers has been taken up; and if he would consider simplifying its terms so that higher take-up can be achieved. — Richard Bruton. [15264/24]

93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what is the timeline for raising the mandatory retirement age for retained firefighters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15161/24]

94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the impending mandatory retirement of a retained firefighter in County Louth (details supplied); if plans to raise the mandatory retirement age will be finalised in time to allow him to remain on working; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15162/24]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department will consider a public information campaign to advise passport applicants that consent forms downloaded and completed on mobile phone devices will not be accepted, as security features may not be present on the form; if advice as to how best to download, complete, submit and manage consent forms can be provided as part of this campaign; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [15792/24]

*96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to examine an issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [15793/24]

*97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [15880/24]

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

*98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will review the awarding criteria for the Bonn Comórtha Céad Bliain medal (2016) to ensure that long-serving members of the Defence Forces that left service prior to Easter 2016 will receive same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15952/24]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*99. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will block any plans to end direct rail services between Rosslare, County Wexford, and Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15755/24]

*100. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of penalty point court cases where it has not been possible to apply the penalty points to the appropriate driving licence record; and the number of driver disqualification court cases where it has not been possible to apply the disqualification to the appropriate driving licence record over the past ten years, since the Garda Inspectorate recommended that this shortcoming be addressed immediately (2014 Garda Inspectorate Report “Fixed Charge Processing System – A 21st Century Strategy”). — Paul Murphy. [15790/24]

*101. To ask the Minister for Transport the average spending on road construction or maintenance in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [15529/24]

*102. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will respond to correspondence (details supplied); his views on the concerns raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [15818/24]

*103. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the oversight of Active Travel spend; the role of his Department, NTA, local authority and others in same; the initial cost estimate of the Ashbourne R135 Cycle Network Design in Ashbourne, County Meath; the cost to date and the expected full cost at completion; the original expected date for completion of this project and the expected date for completion now; the way responsibility for cost overruns and delays are handled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [15925/24]

*104. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will advise on current waiting times for driving test centres in Roscommon and Galway county, including waiting times; how many individuals are awaiting a test, broken down by centre, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15951/24]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*105. To ask the Minister for Finance if recipients of the croí cónaithe home renovation grant scheme who are first-time homeowners will also be eligible for the help-to-buy-scheme, given that a new housing unit is being delivered but with the relative increased expense of renovation versus greenfield development in some cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15696/24]

*106. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered relaxing the rules on pension drawdown to permit drawdown for certain purposes which might contribute to positive ageing, such as home adaptations, installation of technology, or caring support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [15929/24]

*107. To ask the Minister for Finance the nominal value of VAT collected with respect to petrol and diesel in each of the years 2017 to 2023, respectively.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15936/24]

*108. To ask the Minister for Finance if farmers who are actively farming will be exempt from the residential zone tax (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15949/24]

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.

*109. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the distribution of retirees from the public service, by age of retirement; and his estimate of the number of public servants at work aged 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, and 70 or over. — Richard Bruton. [15928/24]

*110. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update on the site tests which were due to be carried out between 22 February to 3 March 2024 on the HSE-owned land at a location which is being considered under the Ukrainian rapid build programme (details supplied); the current position in relation to

this site; when a decision is expected to be made on this land; if the current farmer leasing the land has been given notice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15939/24]

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

*111. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the actions of a bank (details supplied) with reference to its intentions to lay off more than 168 workers in its Dublin headquarters; if he has met with the bank to ensure that they are fully compliant with all relevant redundancy legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15887/24]

*112. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide, in tabular form, the capital costs and initial set-up costs for the Low Pay Commission from set-up in 2020. — Patricia Ryan. [15913/24]

*113. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide, in tabular form for the years 2020 to 2024, the costs of staffing the offices of the Low Pay Commission, to include initial start-up costs, office costs, CEO appointments and all other relevant costs. — Patricia Ryan. [15914/24]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*114. To ask the Minister for Education if she can clarify the situation and operation of the professional masters in education incentive scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [15891/24]

*115. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an updated list of new autism classes opening in Dublin in September 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [15775/24]

*116. To ask the Minister for Education the number of reading classes at primary school level in Dublin; the number of children on waiting lists to enrol in a reading class at primary school level in Dublin; her policy on the establishment of reading classes; her plans to extend this service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [15788/24]

*117. To ask the Minister for Education the number of speech and language classes at primary school level in Dublin; the number of children on waiting lists to enrol in a speech and language class at primary school level in Dublin; the number of speech and language therapists working in primary schools in Dublin; the number of pupils entitled to intervention by a speech and language therapist; her policy on the establishment of speech and language classes; her plans to extend this serviced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [15789/24]

*118. To ask the Minister for Education if she will assess the position of a school (details supplied) which lost out last year through the cancellation of the Covid grant, the IT grant and the minor works grant and fears that the IT grant will again not be paid, thereby undermining its funding position. — Richard Bruton. [15791/24]

*119. To ask the Minister for Education to consider a review of the Drogheda school planning area, with consideration of the population sprawl in Drogheda rural, which in many cases is leaving students in Drogheda rural unable to attend their nearest primary/secondary schools in the town; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15794/24]

*120. To ask the Minister for Education to confirm that the family of a child (details supplied) on a HSE waiting list for an occupational therapist since 2022, who requires assisted technology for their exams and requires rest breaks, will be permitted to request this assisted technology from SENCO for their Junior Certificate if referred by their teacher; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [15799/24]

*121. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cathain a bheidh an plean maidir le soláthar gaelcholáiste nó gaelcholáistí nua i gceantar Átha Cliath Theas réidh ag an Roinn Oideachais agus a thagair tú dó nuair a d'fhreagair tú ceist 476 le freagra 428 ar 20 Márta 2024. — Patrick Costello. [15801/24]

*122. To ask the Minister for Education to provide immediate additional SNA allocation to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15802/24]

*123. To ask the Minister for Education when a review being undertaken by her Department in respect of a Stage 2B submission will be finalised and the school (details supplied) contacted about the outcome of this review, as it has been confirmed that it has been near completion for some time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [15806/24]

*124. To ask the Minister for Education when it will be possible for a school (details supplied) to make a decision to go ahead with a tender for a school extension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [15807/24]

*125. To ask the Minister for Education if a parents/guardian may educate their children in a school which is not recognised in accordance with section 10 of the Education Act 1998; the number of such schools, or so-called homeschools that were approved from 2010 to date; the financial supports available from her Department to assist parents or guardians who wish to home school; the amounts paid from 2010 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15864/24]

*126. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén fáth nár ceadáíodh iarratas ar mhúinteoir/Chúntóir Riachtanais Speisialta (CRS) a shannadh do rang speisialta i scoil (sonraí tugtha) le freastal ar pháiste a bhfuil riachtanais speisialta air, atá ag freastal ar Scoil Ghaeltachta agus atá i dteideal na ndeiseanna céanna oideachais a fhaigheann gach páiste eile; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15871/24]

*127. To ask the Minister for Education when approval will be given for emergency works at a school (details supplied); the reason for the delay with this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15873/24]

*128. To ask the Minister for Education the progress made to date with processing payment of a grant to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15874/24]

*129. To ask the Minister for Education the reasons an ASD class funding that was approved by her Department for a school (details supplied) is not progressing, as it would seem that her Department has stopped providing a modular building or cabin as temporary accommodation whilst the school gets the extra space built; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [15942/24]

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

*130. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán líon na mBailte Seirbhíse Gaeltachta atá ainmnithe go dtí seo agus ainm gach baile acu sin; an líon acu atá sa Ghaeltacht; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15869/24]

*131. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when a decision will be made on an application under the Sports Capital Programme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15875/24]

*132. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when a decision will be made on an application under the Sports Capital Programme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15876/24]

*133. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán líon na mbailte sa nGaeltacht a bhfuil daonra os cionn 1,000 duine iontu; ainm gach baile acu sin, an bhfuil i gceist aici leasú a dhéanamh ar an Acht cuí chun an bundaonra sin a laghdú ionas go bhféadfaí bailte ar nós na Ceathrún Rua a ainmniú mar Bhailte Seirbhíse Gaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15879/24]

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

*134. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Government is putting a fund in place to support farmers in the implementation of the nature restoration fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [10697/24]

*135. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a mechanism available to deal with a sight line issue during the construction of a major road project in Dundalk (details supplied), if it is under consideration by his Department; if his Department has been in contact with other Government departments in order to find a solution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13269/24]

*136. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration is being given to provide a grant scheme, independent of the disabled persons grants administered by local authorities, for building or capital works for homeowners who have family members with significant disabilities that mean their homes are not suitable for the person to live in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [9353/24]

*137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the role his Department has taken into the review of the mortgage to rent scheme. — Thomas Gould. [15218/24]

*138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will intervene in a compensation dispute between two local authorities by appointing a new group to examine and make a determination (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [15877/24]

*139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the proposed right-to-buy legislation will include tenant-in-situ purchases. — Thomas Gould. [15899/24]

*140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which the provision of accommodation for persons on local authority housing lists and those seeking affordable housing can be accommodated in the short term alongside the competing requirements of refugees and the number on the housing lists; if modular housing or wooden chalet-type housing will be urgently provided to meet the need for housing at an early date; the estimated number of potential units that could be made available given manufacturers of modular or wooden housing in Ireland are exporting their products while this serious crisis exists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15903/24]

*141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which housing developments are in hand in each local authority throughout the country, as well as in County Kildare, with a view to alleviating the waiting list for local authority and affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15904/24]

*142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which efforts are being made to control house price inflation, including the possibility of having the local authorities engage builders to build public housing on State-owned lands to facilitate local authority and affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15905/24]

*143. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the further steps that can be taken to dramatically increase the housing output to meet the requirements of both the public and private housing programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15906/24]

*144. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the degree to which the various forms of assistance available for first-time house buyers are upgrading satisfactorily without contributing to house price inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15907/24]

*145. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of planning permissions applied for and refused by county in each of the past three years to date; the way such figures will inform housing policy going forward, with particular reference to giving the local population a chance to live in their local area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15908/24]

*146. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an audit has been carried out to determine the best value for money to his Department of direct build local authority houses compared with housing assistance payment, or rent support, given that neither of the latter schemes present a permanent resolution to the applicants' housing needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15909/24]

*147. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average price of a house deemed to be in the affordable category; the number built, acquired or under construction

at present throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15910/24]

*148. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of heritage projects currently in hand or listed for attention in terms of projection and restoration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15911/24]

*149. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of new houses provided by the local authorities, by county, for prospective tenants in 2023 and 2024 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15912/24]

*150. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what policy tools have been put in place to support rightsizing of accommodation for those, particularly older people to move to a smaller home or to adapt their existing home into two residential units, releasing unneeded space upgrading the energy use and comfort of the home; and if he will indicate his estimate of the number of such moves which are being made annually. — Richard Bruton. [15930/24]

*151. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the directives which are in place requiring local authorities to make adequate provision for a positive environment to support a ageing population in their area; and whether any audit of the adequacy of planning policy to meet this challenge has been undertaken. — Richard Bruton. [15931/24]

*152. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has set any target for the development of purpose-built housing for older people by the councils or Approved Housing Agencies, distinguishing the level of wrap-around service for those designated for people who require assisted living. — Richard Bruton. [15932/24]

*153. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a person who owned two bogs on a designated bog (details supplied) can access the turf cutting and compensation scheme in relation to both bogs, as opposed to one only, as the compensation of €1,500 does not cover the household fuel outlay and does not reflect the fact that this household was forced to cease cutting on two bog plots as opposed to one; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [15937/24]

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

*154. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a school will be included in a programme (details supplied) with effect from September 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15805/24]

*155. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of a €1 increase in each of the social insurance schemes, social assistance schemes, other weekly schemes and other scheme payments, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15916/24]

*156. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing the current young jobseeker's rate of €129.70 by €1 per week. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15917/24]

*157. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of introducing a child benefit double payment. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15918/24]

*158. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of extending child benefit to 18-year-olds still in secondary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15919/24]

*159. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost to the Exchequer of the JobPath scheme. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15920/24]

*160. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of including the working family payment as a qualifying payment for fuel allowance. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15921/24]

*161. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing the annual carer's support grant by €1. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15922/24]

*162. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing the qualified child increase by €1 for children under the age of 12 years and €1 for children over the age of 12 years, respectively. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15923/24]

*163. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of extending carer's benefit to the self-employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15924/24]

*164. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of individuals who have contacted the community welfare office on account of the fact that they could not receive the mortgage interest tax credit due to having insufficient income and income tax credits; the number of such individuals that have received a payment as a result; the total value of such payments made as a result; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15938/24]

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

*165. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will reflect on the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022 and take into consideration the potential effects it will have on charities, non-profits, and sporting organisations and their ability to fundraise; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [15752/24]

*166. To ask the Minister for Justice to respond to correspondence and proposals set out by an organisation (details supplied) in respect of the Family Courts Bill 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15768/24]

*167. To ask the Minister for Justice what options are available to a woman allowed into Ireland under the EU Ukraine Directive to have their mother and brother (who are from Gaza but are now in Cairo in an MSF facility) join them in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15772/24]

*168. To ask the Minister for Justice the complaints procedure that exists in relation to the role of coroners; if a procedure is not in existence, if she would consider introducing one; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [15786/24]

*169. To ask the Minister for Justice how the Garda age extension announced in March 2024 will affect current serving members due to retire in the coming months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15798/24]

*170. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the work of the Joint Review Group established by her Department and the Office of the Revenue Commissioners to examine the role of sheriffs, as currently constituted, in respect of State work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15866/24]

*171. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times Ireland has been invited to participate at the Frontex Management Board in a non-voting capacity; the number of times Ireland has asked to participate in training and joint operations co-ordinated by Frontex on behalf of EU Member States; to provide details with respect to Ireland's participation in areas such as the use of IT systems, escort leaders in return operations, escort officers in return operations and detection of false documents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15867/24]

*172. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason the proposed Gambling Regulation Bill 2022 imposes maximum stakes limits and prize-winning limits on certain games including bingo, local lotteries and charity fundraisers, but no such restrictions will apply to general sports betting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15888/24]

*173. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason schedule 2 of the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022, which provides for certain limits and restrictions, is necessary when the proposed legislation will allow the gambling regulator the powers to amend these limits, and if it would be more appropriate that the said regulator should set any limits or restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15889/24]

*174. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is satisfied that Government policy is consistent and coherent in relation to the proposed ban on certain forms of gambling advertising when no such ban will apply to the advertising of National Lottery games; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15890/24]

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

*175. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will expedite an application for the 2024 horticulture grant scheme (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [15753/24]

*176. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware that the entirely insufficient rate of forestry planting in recent years will result in a severe deficit of native timber supply for house construction and other environmentally friendly purposes in the medium term; if he will acknowledge that additional timber imports will be required for many years to supplement the reduced Irish supply; if he will outline his proposals to significantly expand forestry planting as a matter of national urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [15926/24]

*177. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason farmers participating in the organic farm scheme cannot draw down the maximum organic payment entitlement for the entire area of their farm in cases where they are also participating on ACRES and in turn can only receive the lower payment rate; if this was outlined in the terms and

conditions in either ACRES or the organic farm scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15953/24]

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

*178. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child (details supplied) in County Kerry will be called for an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15804/24]

*179. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether he will give a commitment that funding will be maintained for therapeutic interventions for survivors of abuse at an institution (details supplied), regardless of the institution's financial situation. — Paul Murphy. [15809/24]

*180. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in respect to the HSE National Service Plan 2023 which places the projected outturn 2022 for the number of people with a disability in receipt of respite services ID/autism and physical and sensory disability at 5,170 if this figure accounts for both adults and children (details supplied). — Pauline Tully. [15815/24]

*181. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what engagement he has had with the Taoiseach on providing direct supports for childminders in the home and what stage the legislation is at to ensure that pledge by the Taoiseach. — Sean Sherlock. [15868/24]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*182. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the review of a patient (details supplied); if the CAMHS team had a failure of duty of care to this individual; if consent was needed from the parents for their son to go on medication; if this was received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [15754/24]

*183. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time that children have to wait through their teenage years to receive their free treatment for orthodontic problems following on from being assessed from when they are in the national schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15767/24]

*184. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the current requirements for companies to label certain food products as choking hazards for children under five years; if his Department has considered introducing standardised labelling requirements for such products; and if his Department has engagement with the EU on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15769/24]

*185. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on all the engagements between the HSE and any of the developers or corporate bodies who have been involved in the construction of a project (details supplied) including correspondence sent or received, messages sent or received, phone calls made or received, meetings held or other interactions; the details of the names of the corporate body or corporate bodies and/ or individuals involved; 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. [15770/24]

*186. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE became aware that a project (details supplied) would not meet its original completion date of October 2020; who communicated that information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [15771/24]

*187. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied); when they can expect an appointment with a consultant orthopaedic surgeon, in the Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore. — Barry Cowen. [15773/24]

*188. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reconsider classifying Covid-19 as an occupational illness, as has been recommended in many EU countries; what supports are in place for people who were in receipt of special leave with pay due to long-Covid; what will replace this payment for front-line workers who are still unable to return to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [15774/24]

*189. To ask the Minister for Health if an organisation receives State funding through his Department (details supplied). — Chris Andrews. [15776/24]

*190. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of teams for each 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, the current staffing levels of each of these teams and the shortfall in staff within each team as per the required number in the respective Models of Care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [15778/24]

*191. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who accessed each 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, in the year 2023 and to-date in 2024 in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [15779/24]

*192. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in mental health community residences in each of the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [15780/24]

*193. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on a case (details supplied); and when the person concerned can expect an appointment with a consultant. — Barry Cowen. [15784/24]

*194. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the plans to address parking charges in hospitals, especially for those who attend hospital regularly due to ongoing treatment; following the receipt of recommendations of the HSE review group on same; the next steps that will be taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15785/24]

*195. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the current service in relation to the provision of physiotherapy and occupational therapy in a location (details supplied) for adults and separately for children; how many whole-time equivalent staff are providing this service and the number of people on the waiting list and the time of the longest waiter on the list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15787/24]

*196. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which the CEO of Children's Health Ireland went on an extended period of leave; the reason given for this extended period of leave; the salary and remuneration terms applicable for such a duration of leave; the expected return date of the CEO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15795/24]

*197. To ask the Minister for Health to report, in tabular form, on the costs of accommodating people in mental health community residences in each of the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [15800/24]

*198. To ask the Minister for Health how many patients of the National Gender Service have died by suicide since the inception of the service, broken down by year. — Paul Murphy. [15808/24]

*199. To ask the Minister for Health if the much-needed mental health services assistance will be given to a person (details supplied) who has been dealing with mental health issues for many years. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15810/24]

*200. To ask the Minister for Health if the adult ADHD clinic, which was set up in November 2023, is still operating; and if so, if it is taking appointments. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15811/24]

*201. To ask the Minister for Health if, further to a previous Parliamentary Question on this matter and the erroneous response issued by the HSE, in which it was said that the person concerned did not avail of the services (which is incorrect), he will now provide a set of non-obtrusive hearing aids as a matter of urgency for a child (details supplied); and if an appointment will be arranged immediately through the parent of the child to deal with the issues involved. — John McGuinness. [15812/24]

*202. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline plans within his Department for the future use of the St. Vincent's Hospital site in Athlone. — Robert Troy. [15813/24]

*203. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline plans by his Department for an ambulance base in Athlone. — Robert Troy. [15814/24]

*204. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm a date for an appointment for orthodontic treatment required by a person (details supplied); if he will ensure that the treatment required is provided immediately through the public service or private practice; and if he will explain the delay in dealing with this urgent matter. — John McGuinness. [15816/24]

*205. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated population catchment of HSE Dublin and North East, in tabular form; the number of hospital beds, for each hospital in the region, by hospital model; and the number of sub-acute stepdown, recovery, and rehabilitation beds in any other location, by location. — David Cullinane. [15820/24]

*206. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE primary care centres in HSE Dublin and North East, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15821/24]

*207. To ask the Minister for Health the number of active GMS contract holders in HSE Dublin and North East, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15822/24]

*208. To ask the Minister for Health the number of active DTSS contract holders in HSE Dublin and North East, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15823/24]

*209. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public and Fair Deal nursing home beds in HSE Dublin and North East, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15824/24]

*210. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated population catchment of HSE Dublin and the Midlands, in tabular form; the number of hospital beds, for each hospital in the region, by hospital model; and the number of sub-acute stepdown, recovery, and rehabilitation beds in any other location, by location. — David Cullinane. [15825/24]

*211. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE primary care centres in HSE Dublin and the Midlands, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15826/24]

*212. To ask the Minister for Health the number of active GMS contract holders in HSE Dublin and the Midlands, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15827/24]

*213. To ask the Minister for Health the number of active DTSS contract holders in HSE Dublin and the Midlands, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15828/24]

*214. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public and Fair Deal nursing home beds in HSE Dublin and the Midlands, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15829/24]

*215. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated population catchment of HSE Midwest; the number of hospital beds, for each hospital in the region, by hospital model; and the number of sub-acute stepdown, recovery, and rehabilitation beds in any other location, by location, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15830/24]

*216. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE primary care centres in HSE Midwest, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15831/24]

*217. To ask the Minister for Health the number of active GMS contract holders in HSE Midwest, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15832/24]

*218. To ask the Minister for Health the number of active DTSS contract holders in HSE Midwest, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15833/24]

*219. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public and Fair Deal nursing home beds in HSE Midwest, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15834/24]

*220. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated population catchment of HSE Dublin and South East, in tabular form; the number of hospital beds for each hospital in the region, by hospital model; and the number of sub-acute stepdown, recovery, and rehabilitation beds in any other location, by location. — David Cullinane. [15835/24]

*221. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE primary care centres in HSE Dublin and South East, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15836/24]

*222. To ask the Minister for Health the number of active GMS contract holders in HSE Dublin and South East, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15837/24]

*223. To ask the Minister for Health the number of active DTSS contract holders in HSE Dublin and South East, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15838/24]

*224. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public and fair deal nursing home beds in HSE Dublin and South East, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15839/24]

*225. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated population catchment of HSE South West, in tabular form; the number of hospital beds for each bed type in each acute hospital in the region, and by hospital model; the number of operating theatres for same; and the number of sub-acute stepdown, recovery, and rehabilitation beds in any other location, by location. — David Cullinane. [15840/24]

*226. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE primary care centres in HSE South West, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15841/24]

*227. To ask the Minister for Health the number of active GMS contract holders in HSE South West, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15842/24]

*228. To ask the Minister for Health the number of active DTSS contract holders in HSE South West, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15843/24]

*229. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public and fair deal nursing home beds in HSE South West, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15844/24]

*230. To ask the Minister for Health the number of community Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service teams in HSE Dublin and North East, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15845/24]

*231. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service inpatient beds in HSE Dublin and North East, by location, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15846/24]

*232. To ask the Minister for Health the number of community Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service teams in HSE Dublin and Midlands, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15847/24]

*233. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service inpatient beds in HSE Dublin and Midlands, by location, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15848/24]

*234. To ask the Minister for Health the number of community Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service teams in HSE Midwest, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15849/24]

*235. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service inpatient beds in HSE Midwest, by location, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15850/24]

*236. To ask the Minister for Health the number of community Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service teams in HSE Dublin and South East, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15851/24]

*237. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service inpatient beds in HSE Dublin and South East, by location, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15852/24]

*238. To ask the Minister for Health the number of community Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service teams in HSE South West, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15853/24]

*239. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service inpatient beds in HSE South West, by location, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15854/24]

*240. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated population catchment of each HSE health region, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15855/24]

*241. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of diagnostic waiting lists by HSE health region, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15856/24]

*242. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated population catchment of HSE West and North West; the number of hospital beds, for each hospital in the region, by hospital model; the number of sub-acute stepdown, recovery, and rehabilitation beds in any other location, by location, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15857/24]

*243. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE primary care centres in HSE West and North West, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15858/24]

*244. To ask the Minister for Health the number of active GMS contract holders in HSE West and North West, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15859/24]

*245. To ask the Minister for Health the number of active DTSS contract holders in HSE West and North West, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15860/24]

*246. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public and Fair Deal nursing home beds in HSE West and North West, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15861/24]

*247. To ask the Minister for Health the number of community Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service teams in HSE West and North West, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15862/24]

*248. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service inpatient beds in HSE West and North West, by location, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15863/24]

*249. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the work of his Department with respect to the WHO International Treaty on Pandemic Preparedness, Response and Recovery (Pandemic Treaty); if he will make available the text of Ireland's suggestions, and amendments to comments proposed by the EU negotiator as part of the EU coordination process run by the EU delegation in Geneva; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15865/24]

*250. To ask the Minister for Health if an early date will be arranged for the resumption of eye treatment at WUH for a person (details supplied); and if the matter will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [15878/24]

*251. To ask the Minister for Health the number of needle exchange facilities, by type and county, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [15895/24]

*252. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of a supervised injection facility; and the capital cost for establishing same. — Thomas Gould. [15896/24]

*253. To ask the Minister for Health the proposed staffing levels of a supervised injection facility; and the number WTE of each clinician and staff member required. — Thomas Gould. [15897/24]

*254. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the recruitment process which has taken place in respect of a person in County Cork (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [15898/24]

*255. To ask the Minister for Health how many adults with type 1 diabetes attending Letterkenny University Hospital use CGM technology and how many use insulin pump therapy. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [15901/24]

*256. To ask the Minister for Health how many patients attending the adult diabetes service in Letterkenny University Hospital declared their interest in commencing insulin pump therapy in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; how many of those commenced insulin pump therapy in each of those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [15902/24]

*257. To ask the Minister for Health if he will indicate the growth in the acute hospital budget in each year since 2000; and the growth in the budgets for primary care and for community care services over the same period. — Richard Bruton. [15933/24]

*258. To ask the Minister for Health what the lessons have been for public health policy of managing a pandemic in nursing home settings; and whether new protocols are being put in place to embed these lessons. — Richard Bruton. [15934/24]

*259. To ask the Minister for Health whether he has plans to implement safeguarding legislation of the sort advocated by the Law Reform Commission and others seeking reform in the area. — Richard Bruton. [15935/24]

*260. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to allowing amputees without a medical card apply for the long-term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [15940/24]

*261. To ask the Minister for Health the progress of the review of the two proposed national procedures for allowances towards post-mastectomy products (prostheses and specialist bras), along with hair loss products initially published in February; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [15941/24]

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

*262. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will permit technological universities the same borrowing privileges as National University of Ireland constituent colleges, in particular to access lower-cost funding for the construction of student accommodation, rather than being reliant on private development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15796/24]

*263. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the new engineering building for the South East Technological University; the reasons for the fifteen-year delay in the delivery of this project; the nature of complications which have been mentioned in relation to this project; when it is anticipated that this development will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15797/24]

*264. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 179 of 21 February 2024, if he will ensure that the university accepts that the person should be on the Irish/EU rate since they first applied for IPO, and that the university accepts the €6,750 he paid as payment for his first and second year of the degree; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [15803/24]

*265. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when it is intended to pay all employees in higher education institutions the recently agreed pay increase of 2.25% backdated to 1 January 2024; if he will ensure that sufficient funding is provided to HEIs to meet the increased pay costs; and if he will confirm that there will be no delay in paying the increased rate of pay at University College Cork and at TU Dublin despite the current financial difficulties being faced in these HEIs. — Alan Kelly. [15881/24]

*266. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if all capital projects at University College Cork are currently subject to review by the HEA; and what start and completion dates are anticipated for the new Cork University Business School Building and the new Cork Dental School Building. — Alan Kelly. [15882/24]

*267. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if University College Cork has submitted its 2022/2023 annual accounts to the Higher Education Authority; and when it is anticipated that the Annual Accounts will be published. — Alan Kelly. [15883/24]

*268. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount of money paid by University College Cork to the UCC Academy in the financial year 2022/2023 for services provided. — Alan Kelly. [15884/24]

*269. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total amount of money paid by University College Cork to off campus restaurants for hospitality for the financial year 2022/2023. — Alan Kelly. [15885/24]

*270. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total amount of money paid by University College Cork for travel accommodation and subsistence for employees for the financial year 2022/2023. — Alan Kelly. [15886/24]

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

*271. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress made on works at the Cappahoosh Trail near Doie Iorraais Bridge funded by her Department, which was to include the upgrade of a mountain bike trail and the replacement of two bridges and which she turned the sod on 30 July 2021; the amount of money allocated to this project and the funding expended on it to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15872/24]

*272. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will outline each individual project awarded funding in County Leitrim since January 2020 under funds and schemes (details supplied); the amount of funding allocated to each project and the purpose of the grant, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [15944/24]

*273. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will outline each individual project awarded funding in County Donegal since January 2020 under funds and schemes (details supplied); the amount of funding allocated to each project and the purpose of the grant, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [15945/24]

*274. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will outline each individual project awarded funding in County Sligo since January 2020 under funds and schemes (details supplied); the amount of funding allocated to each project and the purpose of the grant, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [15946/24]

*275. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will outline each individual project awarded funding in County Monaghan since January 2020 under funds and schemes (details supplied); the amount of funding allocated to each project and the purpose of the grant, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [15947/24]

*276. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will outline each individual project awarded funding in County Cavan since January 2020 under funds and schemes (details supplied); the amount of funding allocated to each project and the purpose of the grant, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [15948/24]