



# DÁIL ÉIREANN

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**CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

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

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will meet next. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [7944/24]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Darren O’Rourke. [8950/24]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will meet next. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9141/24]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will meet next. — Mick Barry. [12452/24]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will meet next. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13013/24]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will meet next. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10625/24]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will meet next. — Paul Murphy. [10628/24]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will meet next. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [14091/24]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will meet next. — Bríd Smith. [15185/24]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will meet next. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [16355/24]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Mick Barry. [8206/24]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13014/24]
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Alan Dillon. [13016/24]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [13984/24]

15. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [14092/24]

16. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Brendan Smith. [14157/24]

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15165/24]

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [15186/24]

19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15144/24]

20. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [15147/24]

21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy and Investment will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [16761/24]

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

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

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

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

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the recent Munich Security Conference. — Bríd Smith. [15187/24]

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the 60th annual Munich Security Conference. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [16356/24]

28. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the recent Munich Security Conference. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15145/24]

29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the recent Munich Security Conference. — Paul Murphy. [15148/24]

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

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

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the recent conference in Paris on Ukraine. — Seán Haughey. [14153/24]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the recent conference in Paris on the invasion of Ukraine. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14156/24]

34. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent visit to Paris. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15146/24]

35. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent visit to Paris. — Paul Murphy. [15149/24]

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

37. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — James Lawless. [14090/24]

38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14093/24]

39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15166/24]

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

41. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plan for constitutional amendments. — Mick Barry. [15405/24]

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

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

44. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent visit to the United States. — Seán Haughey. [14152/24]

45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with planning will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10626/24]

46. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with planning will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [10629/24]

47. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [15074/24]

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48. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Cian O’Callaghan. [16710/24]

49. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will meet next. — Alan Dillon. [16362/24]

50. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the new unit in his Department to tackle child poverty. — Peadar Tóibín. [15073/24]

51. To ask the Taoiseach to give an update on the work of the Child Poverty and Well-Being Programme Office. — Mark Ward. [16353/24]

52. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the child poverty and well-being unit. — Cian O’Callaghan. [16711/24]

53. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will meet. — Mark Ward. [16354/24]

### **CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

54. To ask the Minister for Education to address the concerns raised by organisation (details supplied) in relation to the 2023 draft specifications in leaving certificate biology, chemistry and physics. — Sorca Clarke. [16255/24]

55. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will support the introduction of a Dublin allowance for teachers to help address the teacher retention crisis in the Dublin area. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [16343/24]

56. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to tackle the oversubscription of secondary schools across Ireland. — Sorca Clarke. [16256/24]

57. To ask the Minister for Education her current and future actions to tackle the recruitment and retention crisis in primary secondary schools, in the wake of Ireland’s annual teachers’ conferences which took place recently. — Gary Gannon. [16490/24]

58. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to ensure that no child is left without an appropriate school place. — Sorca Clarke. [16257/24]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

59. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the minor works grant; when she expects this to be paid this year for schools in Carlow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [16156/24]

60. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on when construction will commence on new school buildings (details supplied). — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16349/24]

61. To ask the Minister for Education if she will engage with a school (details supplied) regarding the urgent need for an ASD unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [16186/24]

62. To ask the Minister for Education the reason no counsellor is available to a school in north Leitrim under the Counselling in Primary Schools – Pilot (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [16346/24]

63. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on delivery of the new school build for a school (details supplied), and the planned building extensions for other schools in Greystones. — Jennifer Whitmore. [16426/24]

64. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to establish a new second level school in the east Cork area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [16461/24]

65. To ask the Minister for Education the reason funding for students in special classes for Summer Programmes has been reduced from €60 per student in 2022, to €45 in 2023 and €30 in 2024; and the reasons for and evidence used to inform this 50% cut. — Gary Gannon. [16494/24]

66. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the proposal to introduce a DEIS plus scheme for the most acutely disadvantaged schools in the country. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [16367/24]

67. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the new build for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [16459/24]

68. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the progress made in relation to guidance counsellors for post-primary schools in the context of the public consultation on the national policy group on lifelong guidance. — Paul Donnelly. [16269/24]

69. To ask the Minister for Education when approval will be granted for the redevelopment of a school (details supplied) as the current building is a fire hazard and more space is required. — Paul McAuliffe. [16460/24]

70. To ask the Minister for Education when she will meet the board of management of a school (details supplied) and urgently review the decision by her Department not to include the school in the school capital buildings programme; and if she has received correspondence from the board of management of the school, confirming that it can provide an alternative and appropriate site for a new school at no cost to the State. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16350/24]

71. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén uair faoina mbeidh an t-athbhreithniú ar chóras soláthair iar-bhunscoileanna nua i mBaile Átha Cliath Theas foilsithe, agus cén uair faoina mbeidh an Polasaí don Oideachas lán-Ghaeilge lasmuigh den Ghaeltacht foilsithe. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16352/24]

72. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to increase capacity of secondary school places in the Dublin mid-west area; the status of any proposed school building projects in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16365/24]

73. To ask the Minister for Education the status of offers of secondary school places in Limerick; the steps that have been taken since 2023 to ensure every student receives a place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [16464/24]

74. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on a survey by her Department completed by 100% of the membership of an organisation (details supplied) in relation to providing a pathway to the appropriate route of registration for those who are working as guidance counsellors in post-primary schools without the specific qualifications required to register as a post-primary teacher. — Paul Donnelly. [16270/24]

75. To ask the Minister for Education what areas in mid Cork are being considered under the pilot scheme under the new school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16376/24]

76. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to remove the Catholic certificate that is required to teach in most schools in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [16253/24]

77. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that schools that are looking to open special classes and that have a waiting list for these classes are not inhibited from doing so because of lack of physical space; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16471/24]

78. To ask the Minister for Education how she will ensure that special classes meet demand and that every child who needs a special class place gets one; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15954/24]

79. To ask the Minister for Education if the method of calculating the allocation of special needs resources to schools that has seen a third of primary schools lose resources for 2024/2025 will be changed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16470/24]

80. To ask the Minister for Education if approval will be given to a pay increase for school transport bus escorts (details supplied) as they have not received any pay increase since 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [16316/24]

81. To ask the Minister for Education what supports are provided for students with dyslexia and other learning difficulties in the classroom in primary and secondary level schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16152/24]

82. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 145 of 14 February 2024, if she will consider supporting the provision of a playing pitch at that location; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [16462/24]

83. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 523 of 20 March 2024, in respect of the stated objective of delivering a 'reasonable level of school transport', what this means regarding the maximum timeframe that it is considered appropriate for any child to spend on a school bus to travel to and from a special school. — Matt Carthy. [16301/24]



84. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a detailed update on the situation in relation to the new schools (details supplied). — Réada Cronin. [16268/24]

85. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which ongoing dialogue continues between her Department, the KWETB and the relevant school authorities in north Kildare at pre-primary, primary and post-primary levels with a view to ensuring that sufficient places are being made available to meet the demand of the current and subsequent years without interruption either in respect of continued building where required, the planning of any new schools, or the acceleration of ongoing work in all schools; if satisfactory results can be achieved before the new school year next year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16373/24]

86. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the recent circular on domestic violence leave for teachers and special needs assistants; how this leave will operate in reality in school communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16151/24]

87. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the building programme for a school (details supplied); when construction will commence; when the school will be notified with an update; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16227/24]

88. To ask the Minister for Education the engagements her Department has had with the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform in relation to the school transport scheme. — Sorca Clarke. [16339/24]

89. To ask the Minister for Education how her Department plans to address teacher workload and class sizes following statements from an organisation (details supplied) that our education service is 'delivering second-class services in a first-world country'. — Gary Gannon. [16492/24]

90. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén fáth nach bhfuil múinteoirí in ann clárú i nGaeilge leis an gComhairle Mhúinteoireachta ar líne sa bhealach céanna ar féidir é a dhéanamh i mBéarla, mar atá tagartha i gCeist Pharlaiminte Uimh. 128 den 29 Meitheamh 2023, agus an gcinnteoidh sí go mbeidh comhionannas ann do Ghaeilgeoirí go luath. — Pearse Doherty. [16372/24]

91. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on all education capital projects in development in Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [16348/24]

92. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she continues to liaise with the parents and management of various schools throughout north Kildare, with a view to ensuring the availability of school transport in the widest form possible for September 2024, whether on a concessionary or regular basis with particular reference to avoiding issues that have arisen in previous school years in north Kildare in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16374/24]

93. To ask the Minister for Education the progress on the solar for schools' scheme; the take-up nationally and particularly in Limerick; the common challenges or obstacles for schools that have been identified through the application process; how these are being addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [16463/24]

94. To ask the Minister for Education whether she is aware that a school (details supplied) has been sanctioned three ASD classes by the NCSE but cannot deliver them as her Department has refused funding for an extension to the school. — Thomas Gould. [16369/24]

95. To ask the Minister for Education the steps her Department has taken to ensure sufficient capacity in the school transport scheme in County Galway for September 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16264/24]

96. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to address overcrowding in secondary schools in Galway city and surrounding areas; her advice to parents who are currently struggling to find a place for their child in a local secondary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16263/24]

97. To ask the Minister for Education the number of autism unit places in mainstream primary schools in County Cavan; the number of autism unit places in mainstream post-primary schools in County Cavan; her plans to expand the number of autism unit places for children in mainstream primary and post-primary schools in County Cavan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [16465/24]

98. To ask the Minister for Education if she has engaged with schools regarding concerns in respect to the cut to SET resources in terms of the impact it will have on the overall ability of schools to provide appropriate special education to students with additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [16185/24]

99. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the school transport scheme; the number of applications currently in the system from Cork county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [16472/24]

100. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the badly needed extension for a school (details supplied) that is stuck on pre-stage 1 and has not progressed to planning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [16347/24]

101. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide clarity on the summer works scheme for schools; when the scheme will open for 2024 applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [16370/24]

102. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte 6460/24, soiléiriú a thabhairt ar an dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir leis an bplean chun beartas cuimsitheach don Ghaeilge sa chóras oideachais, idir leibhéal an oideachais réamhscoile agus leibhéal an oideachais do mhúinteoirí, a fhorbairt agus a fhoilsiú; cathain a fhoilseofar an beartas nua; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [16315/24]

103. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide the latest update on the pay negotiations deal between her Department and a union (details supplied) in respect of increased salaries and additional leave entitlements for school caretakers; when her Department will publish the study her Department had committed to as a means to understanding the current working patterns as well as the terms and conditions of work for school caretakers; when her Department will implement a similar pay and conditions package for grant-funded school caretakers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [16337/24]

104. To ask the Minister for Education the engagements her Department has had with the Department of Transport in relation to the safe routes to school programme. — Sorca Clarke. [16254/24]

105. To ask the Minister for Education if she will deliver a special school in County Monaghan; if so, the proposed location of any such proposal; and the timeframe for delivery of same. — Matt Carthy. [16300/24]

106. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the additional accommodation project aimed at supporting a school (details supplied) given that it is 52 months since the project was approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [16359/24]

107. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the provision of SET hours for the 2024-2025 academic year (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [16468/24]

108. To ask the Minister for Education the actions she is taking to resolve the issue of the delays in school capital projects in County Cavan which has led to a number of secondary schools becoming oversubscribed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [16466/24]

109. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on considerations regarding potential reforms to the Leaving Certificate, given the concerns raised by teachers at this year's annual teachers conferences. — Gary Gannon. [16491/24]

110. To ask the Minister for Education her Department's precise plans to guarantee a secondary school place for each child in the north Kildare area, not only in first year in September 2024, but in second year given the forced reliance of some children on home tuition and of boarding on others in the current school year (first year), with a negative impact on the child and family in all such cases due to oversubscription locally. — Réada Cronin. [16267/24]

111. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on school building projects in Carlow; how many new schools are in planning stage; how many new school builds have started; how many have yet to be tendered for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16157/24]

112. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the progress being made to open additional autism units for children for September 2024 at primary and second level in County Louth; the number of places she expects to be available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [16357/24]

113. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of an issue of lack of special class places in an area (details supplied); how she will ensure places are made available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15955/24]

114. To ask the Minister for Education if she will reverse the proposed cut in the primary summer programme grant and restore the grants from the proposed €30 per child to €45 per child. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [16341/24]

115. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of the review process that is underway for any school that is not happy with its SET hours allocation; the number of reviews

received and the outcome of those reviews; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [16358/24]

116. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children due to start a new school in September in the Dublin area who have yet to be offered a place in a local school; and the efforts her Department is making to ensure that every child will have a place in time. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [16340/24]

117. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the DEIS summer programme scheme has been changed in order that literacy and numeracy inclusion camps must be run concurrently. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [16342/24]

118. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the building programme for a school (details supplied); when construction will commence; when the school will be notified with an update; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16228/24]

119. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an bhfuil sé fós mar sprioc ag a Roinn dúbailt a dhéanamh ar líon na ndaltaí ag freastal ar scoileanna lán-Ghaeilge de réir an Chláir Rialtais agus cén uair a bheidh sé sin sroichte. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16351/24]

120. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide some clarity on the removal of funding for an ASD unit in a Leitrim school (details supplied) after physical accommodation was unable to be sourced. — Martin Kenny. [16371/24]

121. To ask the Minister for Education to explain the adaptation of standardised testing to dictate the assignment of SET hours, which prevents early intervention as testing does not begin until second class. — Gary Gannon. [16495/24]

122. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 115 of 13 February 2024, the status of the analysis underway by her Department into the number of additional first-year secondary school places required in Galway city and county in the academic year starting in September 2024; the steps her Department is taking to reduce the current enrolment pressures; the details of the engagement her Department has had to date in 2024 with affected schools in Galway city and county in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16314/24]

123. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give consideration to adding road safety to all levels of the primary and post-primary curriculum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [16469/24]

124. To ask the Minister for Education the actions her Department is taking to provide supports for primary school students experiencing homelessness in Dublin's north inner city, where a large percentage of pupils are homeless. — Gary Gannon. [16493/24]

125. To ask the Minister for Education for an update of the transfer of a plot of land in a school (details supplied) from her Department and the Dublin Education and Training Board to the HSE that is required to progress the delivery of a primary care centre in north Clondalkin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16366/24]

126. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to address the staffing crisis within the National Educational Psychological Service. — Sorca Clarke. [16338/24]

127. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the proposed extension to a school (details supplied); when a decision will be made; and the timeline for delivery of the building. — Thomas Gould. [16368/24]

128. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén dul chun cinn atá á dhéanamh le straitéis don Ghaelainn a chur i bhfeidhm tríd an gcóras oideachais ar fad; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16377/24]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*129. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the levels of exports to Israel in 2020, 2021, 2022; 2023 and to date in 2024 and if there has been any change in the level of agricultural exports since 7 October 2023. — Darren O'Rourke. [16030/24]

\*130. To ask the Taoiseach the distribution of retirees across the entire Irish workforce, by age of retirement; the difference of pattern among the self-employed and the rest; and their estimate of the number of persons at work aged 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, and 70 or over. — Richard Bruton. [15927/24]

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

\*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline Ireland's representation and involvement in the 9th Our Ocean Conference 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16521/24]

\*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what steps, if any, were taken to ensure that US Air Force C17 Globemaster aircraft number 08-8201 was not carrying weapons or munitions when it travelled through Shannon Airport on 10 April 2024, coming from Mac Dill US Air Force base in Tampa, Florida, and which then travelled on to Tel Aviv, Israel on 11 April 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16760/24]

\*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if, in light of reports of extensive usage with flagrantly inadequate oversight of artificial intelligence systems by the Israeli Defence Forces, which has significantly contributed to the killing of in excess of 33,000 civilians, he will engage with international partners with a view to establishing a treaty prohibiting or regulating the use of artificial intelligence systems in warfare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15971/24]

\*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what consideration his Department has given to opening a consulate in Costa Rica; what plans his Department has to expand its consular service in Central America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16020/24]

\*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of times Ireland has been fined by the EU for delays in implementing EU Directives and for breaches of EU

legislation, respectively; the nature of each fine; and the total financial value of each for each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [16037/24]

\*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the total investment the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund holds in companies which operate within illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories, by portfolio and company, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16057/24]

\*137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied); if the passport will be expedited urgently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [16135/24]

\*138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will make a statement on the Spanish Prime Minister's statement that Spain would recognise Palestinian statehood before the summer; and if Ireland will also recognise Palestinian statehood before the summer. — Ivana Bacik. [16163/24]

\*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 10 of 28 February 2024, the annual costs to the State arising from Ireland's ratification of the European Convention on Human Rights; the annual costs of our contributions towards the running costs of treaty bodies such as the European Court of Human Rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16206/24]

\*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to visit Turkey in 2024. — Darren O'Rourke. [16279/24]

\*141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of passport applications (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [16322/24]

\*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Government will commit to contributing to the UN pooled fund that will support local and international organisations, such as an organisation (details supplied) that is working in Haiti. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16417/24]

\*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to the recent violations of the inviolability of diplomatic missions in breach of the Vienna Convention by the government of Ecuador; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16550/24]

\*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to the recent violations of the inviolability of diplomatic missions in breach of the Vienna Convention by the government of Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16551/24]

\*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a decision will be made in relation to a passport application (details supplied); the reason for the delay in the issuing of said passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [16714/24]

\*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on Ireland's contribution to the EU Mission in Armenia; if, given the announced expansion of the observer mission, he will commit to seeking a greater role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16735/24]

\*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his Department's strategy for the Caucasus region; the permanent missions through which Ireland engages with the region; his recent diplomatic engagements regarding the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16736/24]

\*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has considered opening an Irish embassy in Armenia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16737/24]

\*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagements with regard to Armenia potentially seeking candidate status for EU membership; Ireland's position in relation to such; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16738/24]

\*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Government intends to recognise the massacre of one-and-a-half million Armenians as an act of genocide perpetrated by the Turkish government; if discussions have taken place within his Department or at a Government level as to developing a stance on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16739/24]

\*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagements with the government of Armenia; his efforts to develop and deepen bilateral, economic and cultural relations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16740/24]

\*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagements with the government of Azerbaijan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16741/24]

\*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagements with international partners regarding Armenia and Azerbaijan, with a view to contributing to conflict resolution and bringing about a lasting peace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16742/24]

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

\*154. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline, in tabular form, spending on legal advice, legal action and/or legal expenses related to cases in the European Court of Human Rights on defending Ireland's position in relation to the Right to a Healthy Environment from 2019 to 2024 inclusive. — Neasa Hourigan. [16321/24]

\*155. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total number of applications seeking to avail of the EU just transition community and enterprise grant scheme that were received up to the deadline of 28 February 2024; the number of these from counties Laois and Offaly; the successful applicants processed since 28 February; and the breakdown of the amount paid to applicants via the scheme to date. — Brian Stanley. [15973/24]

\*156. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total number of unapproved applicants for the EU just transition community and enterprise grant scheme; if these applications will be processed ahead of the proposed April deadline; and if she plans to

extend the current delivery dates for, as yet, unprocessed applications beyond the dates of June 2024 to March 2026. — Brian Stanley. [15974/24]

\*157. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the warmth and wellbeing pilot for COPD sufferers; if there are plans to expand the pilot or to expand access to the fully funded energy upgrade scheme for all who are recognised as COPD sufferers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16008/24]

\*158. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide an update on a community climate action programme application (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [16025/24]

\*159. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide an update on the energy policy storage for Ireland; if there are plans to alter Eirgrid's market systems in order to allow that energy storage asset to trade in the market; the reason that the participation of energy storage assets is restricted in Eirgrid's market systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16110/24]

\*160. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide an update on co-located projects; how he plans to address the barriers that currently exist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16111/24]

\*161. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has plans to establish investment frameworks for long-duration energy storage; to report on progress on long-duration energy storage in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16112/24]

\*162. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide an update on the Electricity Storage Policy Framework; if he expects that this will be published in Q2 this year; how he plans to ensure that the regulatory structure delivers high standards of safety and environmental standards; what international standards will be followed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16113/24]

\*163. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide an update on the Electricity Storage Policy Framework; if the safety standards will take account of the international recognised NFPA 855 (2023) in which all battery cells to conform with UL9540a specifications and testing (including second-life batteries) and be up to date in regard to NFPA, EPRI and independent experts in the field; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16114/24]

\*164. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of the development of a large battery storage facility at Shankill, Cavan (108mw); what measures have been put in place to address safety concerns of local residents (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16117/24]

\*165. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the percentage of applications for the warmer homes scheme under the SEAI that were deemed ineligible for works due to the terms of the scheme, following the initial assessment phase, 1 January 2023 and 8 April 2024 in cases where the applicants meet the means test requirement for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16120/24]



\*166. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason only single glazed windows can be replaced under the SEAI's warmer homes scheme, considering many old homes have old, rotten, ineffective or leaking double glazed windows that need to be replaced but cannot be due to the programme not permitting the replacement of double glazed windows; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16121/24]

\*167. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason the SEAI's warmer homes scheme does not carry out insulation on tradition or older buildings, specifically stone, random rubble and single leaf brick walls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16122/24]

\*168. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on whether it is acceptable that the SEAI's warmer homes scheme does not carry out insulation on tradition or older buildings, specifically stone, random rubble and single leaf brick walls, when these buildings are those most in need of insulation to retain heat and energy, and improve quality of life for the people who live in these homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16123/24]

\*169. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason dropped ceilings are not insulated under the SEAI's warmer homes scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16124/24]

\*170. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are plans to install fibre optic internet in Ballylanders, County Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16192/24]

\*171. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the supports available, in addition to the solar PV grant scheme, to specifically assist people with a disability to avail of solar panels on their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16199/24]

\*172. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 132 and 133 of 21 March 2024, which body will have a safety regulatory remit when it comes to energy storage; if he expects the CRU or the Health and Safety Authority to hold this responsibility following the conclusion of a review (details supplied); where or to whom concerns about the safety of energy storage should be addressed; who currently holds this responsibility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16250/24]

\*173. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the percentage of the Capital Budget for his Department that has been spent in Quarter 1 of 2024. — Darren O'Rourke. [16288/24]

\*174. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of WTE principal geologists employed by his Department in the years 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; and the civil service grade in which this post is normally filled. — Alan Kelly. [16416/24]

\*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of submissions that were received in the public consultation on the Climate Action Plan 2024; the expected timeline for the review of these submissions, and any revisions/additions to the plan;

when he expects to finalise the plan for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [16450/24]

\*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of community-led projects successful under RESS 1 which have energised to-date; the number that remain in the process but are still due to energise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16511/24]

\*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of community-led projects that remain in RESS 2; for a breakdown of the number of these which are wind projects and the number which are solar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16512/24]

\*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide details of the community-led projects in RESS 1 that have to-date received the enabling grant and the amount of grant funding received by each project, in tabular form; the details of the community-led projects in RESS 2 that have to-date received the enabling grant and the amount of grant funding received by each project, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16513/24]

\*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has engaged with the CRU regarding the opening of a second annual application window for renewable energy projects to connect to the electricity grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16552/24]

\*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a property owner (details supplied) will be able to avail of high-speed broadband; and the company that will provide same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [16555/24]

\*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how many times Eirgrid has issued a demand to large energy users to reduce their consumption to maintain grid stability in each month over the past year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [16556/24]

\*182. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to review a case regarding a unique business (details supplied); if he will provide details on the support available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16571/24]

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

\*183. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will undertake an audit of each year in the past ten years in the matter of the reported training of Libyan militia by serving and/or former Irish Defence Forces personnel; if he will publish the results of such an audit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [16056/24]

\*184. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he intends to examine legislation in relation to former members of the Defence Forces being able to sell their expertise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16059/24]

\*185. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence whether his Department or the Naval Service plans to conduct a security assessment on the potential of an attack on any proposed

floating storage and regasification unit, during both its construction phase and after project completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16271/24]

\*186. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the percentage of the Capital Budget allocation for his Department that has been spent in Quarter 1 of 2024. — Darren O'Rourke. [16286/24]

\*187. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if funding will be secured for the replacement of the eight Pilatus PC-9M aircrafts within the Air Corps; and the estimated lifespan of this type of aircraft. — Darren O'Rourke. [16287/24]

\*188. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when the fees for the Defence Forces School of Music to perform at commercial events were last increased. — Alan Kelly. [16390/24]

\*189. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the amount spent on purchasing military equipment from companies based in Japan in 2023 and Q1 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16391/24]

\*190. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the key elements of the National Risk Assessment for Ireland 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16477/24]

\*191. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the functions delegated to the Minister of State in his Department; if he will outline their role and responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16546/24]

\*192. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the recruitment target for each branch of the Defence Forces in the years 2024 to 2028, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16548/24]

\*193. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of retirements in each branch of the Defence Forces in the years 2019 to date; the number projected in the years 2024 to 2028, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16549/24]

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

\*194. To ask the Minister for Transport the reasons some local authorities are insisting on public liability cover for motorcycle sport of €13 million while other councils only require €6.5 million public liability cover (details supplied); the Government position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [16065/24]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of all lands reserved for future public transport sites, such as train stations in Laois and Offaly; if he will provide any details to progress plans to deliver on those sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [15962/24]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Transport when the contract with the operator of the M7-M8 Portlaoise toll expires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [15965/24]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the proportion of the funding allocated to the safe routes to school programme that has been expended for the purposes of improving walking and cycling infrastructure in each of the years 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024; and to provide a breakdown of the projects funded to date and the nature of works carried out. — Sorca Clarke. [15977/24]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Transport when it is expected the CIÉ 1951 pension deficit will be resolved, in order that CIÉ pensioners will receive pension increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [16043/24]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress that is being made on improving public transport connections in Thurles and to a facility (details supplied) given record passenger numbers on public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16071/24]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department supports a potential accelerated programme for the Cork Luas to be ready for passenger operations in 2031; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16080/24]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the position in relation to insurance for motorsport activities indemnifying the relevant local authority; the amount of public liability cover required which satisfies the requirements of the Motor Insurance Directive, (EU) 2021/2118; the Governments position on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [16147/24]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of privately owned motor vehicles which were registered within the State in each year from 2006 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16208/24]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Transport if a section of road (details supplied) will be examined and a solution found to rectify the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16235/24]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the current status of the Connemara Greenway project; the next steps in relation to this; and the estimated timeline of its construction. — Mairéad Farrell. [16261/24]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the railway safety amendment Bill; and when this Bill will move to the next stage. — Darren O'Rourke. [16274/24]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide local authorities capital active travel budgets in order to provide certainty in the context of planning and delivering active travel projects; and if he will develop an active travel maintenance budget for implemented active travel infrastructures. — Catherine Murphy. [16313/24]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Transport if Transport Infrastructure Ireland plans to continue with its policy of removing lighting on motorways and dual carriageways; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [16385/24]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated full-year cost of establishing a public bike scheme in County Tipperary consisting of eight bike stations and 64 bikes. — Alan Kelly. [16409/24]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent on the recent upgrade of the road surface along the Stillorgan road and N11. — Cormac Devlin. [16483/24]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Transport what publicity there has been around the temporary closure of the DART line; and what advance plans are already known for future works over the next 12 months, two years and five years. — Cormac Devlin. [16484/24]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Transport if Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland has published proposals for a regional and local EV charging network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [16592/24]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the extension of the Luas to Finglas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16599/24]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Transport if plans are in place or in the pipeline to link up the villages in Gweedore and the lower Rosses to the rest of southwest Donegal by greenways or foot/cycle paths during his term in this Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [16733/24]

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

\*214. To ask the Minister for Finance if the exclusion of persons with single upper-limb amputations from eligibility for primary medical certificate is contrary to Articles 4 and 20 of the UNCRPD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [16294/24]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Finance the basis upon which he chose to divest from some but not other companies which operate within illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16058/24]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Finance whether the €14,000 limit refers to renting to one student only, or if it is permissible to rent several rooms to several students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [16061/24]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Finance whether a parent who is paying for student digs and wants to claim the new €750 rent credit on their tax return can claim for this even when the accommodation owner refuses to give receipts; if landlords are obliged to give receipts; whether the rent-a-room scheme only applies to students; if a homeowner can keep a working person instead of a student and still earn up to €14,000 p.a., tax-free; whether he/she can keep both a student and a worker under the rent-a-room scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [16062/24]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 183 of 7 December 2023, if any further consideration has been given to this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [16070/24]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will make a statement on the recent Ireland Strategic Investment Fund divestment from certain investments in occupied territories. — Ivana Bacik. [16164/24]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Finance If he has spoken with his Australian counterpart to date in 2024. — Darren O'Rourke. [16272/24]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Finance to reconsider the exclusion of persons with single upper-limb amputations from eligibility for the primary medical certificate. — Emer Higgins. [16293/24]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 272 of 20 March 2024, the reasons the relief on capital gains tax and capital acquisitions tax for landowners who have leased their land for the production of solar energy was not extended to landowners who have leased their land for the production of wind energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [16305/24]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Government plans to introduce any tax relief, or a reduction in local property tax, for residents who are also paying management fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [16383/24]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised to the end of January 2025 by tapering personal PAYE and earned income tax credit at a rate of 2% per €1,000 for individuals' income between €180,000 and €300,000, effective from 1 May 2024. — Alan Kelly. [16407/24]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will confirm that rent paid by the State to individual landlords for the housing of refugees is tax free; if he will compare this situation to similar payments to hotels, guesthouses, charities, and local community groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [16499/24]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Finance if a company (details supplied) is signed up to the contingent reimbursement model code; if the company has an Irish banking licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [16500/24]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Finance if the eligibility for help buy in the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed. — Robert Troy. [16519/24]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will increase accessibility to therapeutic services by extending the VAT exemption to counsellors and psychotherapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16591/24]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Finance to respond to proposals raised in respect of extending the VAT exemption to counsellors and psychotherapists in Ireland (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [16595/24]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will cancel the increases in excise duty on petrol and diesel scheduled for August and October of this year, given the cost-of-living pressures facing households, and their impact on trade for businesses and road users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16602/24]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Finance if establishments and organisations are entitled to refuse to take cash; if there are steps being taken to ensure consumers can continue to use cash in transactions; if there are plans to put such an entitlement to use cash on a statutory basis; how his Department proposes to protect the role of cash in the Irish society and economy in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16603/24]

\*232. 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. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16605/24]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the VAT exemption to counsellors and psychotherapists accredited by the Irish Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16618/24]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Finance the timeline for publishing the updated report on the funding landscape for housing delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16628/24]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress in reviewing the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund funding programme, which allocated an additional €400 million for equity-based housing investments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16657/24]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to provide a pre-registration VAT exempt status for qualified and accredited members of an organisation (details supplied) and seek to rectify the inequities arising from the delay in establishing the statutory register; if he accepts that this proposal aligns with established practices and ensures that fair treatment prevails in the interim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [16688/24]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Finance for clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16689/24]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to grant VAT exemption to counsellors and psychotherapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16704/24]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address the anomaly that sees a VAT exemption applied to the services of psychologists but not to suitably qualified psychotherapists and counsellors (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16745/24]

*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.*

\*240. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update with regard to a pension that is owed to a former employee of the OPW (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15993/24]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the expected completion date for the Templemore river mall flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16021/24]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the status of the proposed new station at Kilmore Quay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [16140/24]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the progress made to date by his Department in the replacement by the OPW of a structure that comes under its remit (details supplied); the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [16179/24]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the OPW Jamestown Road workshop; the current and future utilisation of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16183/24]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on potential actions he will take to deal with the large amount of birds on OPW Jamestown Road workshop site, which is negatively impacting on nearby residents; if he will consider erecting some tethered hawk kites to deter birds from the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16184/24]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide the capital allocation ceiling for the Office of Public Works for 2024, 2025 and 2026; the capital ceilings or projects for the annual priority reserve for 2024, 2025, and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [16229/24]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount that the OPW received from allowing Iveagh Gardens to be used as a summer concert venue. — Darren O'Rourke. [16284/24]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of suppliers currently on the Office of Government Procurement Multi-Supplier Framework for the provision of printing services. — Alan Kelly. [16415/24]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW is in a position to engage with volunteer lead organisations to provide use of some of their landholdings in the context of rehoming rescued native species where appropriate to do so. — Catherine Murphy. [16560/24]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline, in relation to the protest barriers used outside Kildare House, where these barriers were sourced; the name of the company; the amount each of these barriers has cost; and the total cost, since 2022, in tabular form. — Paul Murphy. [16566/24]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide the details of the CFRAM assessment in Termonfeckin, County Louth, which suffered from extremely damaging floods in the recent flooding events, given the OPW indicated that a possible structural flood relief measures for Termonfeckin was not an



economically viable scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [16616/24]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on when his Department will publish the River Shannon Management Agency Bill 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16703/24]

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

\*253. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the timeline for the publishing of a report by the Expert Group on Future Skills Needs on skills requirement for modern methods of construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16649/24]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if, in light of the United Nations Human Rights Council demanding a halt of arms sale to Israel, he will suspend the granting of export licences for dual-use items to Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15972/24]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is examining a potential breach of United Nations sanctions and EU regulations by former members of the Defence Forces in relation to the provision of technical assistance, training, financial or other assistance, related to military activities or the provision, maintenance or use of any arms and related material in Libya; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16060/24]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he will honour the terms of the Employment Regulation Order for the security industry and issue a pay rise as promised, which was promised to rise to €14.50 per hour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16134/24]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department is investigating the use of new technology which has been developed for energy storage capacity on farms. — Michael Moynihan. [16196/24]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has had discussions with Enterprise Ireland on the development of new technology for energy storage capacity on farms. — Michael Moynihan. [16197/24]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to outline the level of reduction reached to date, as the Government must reduce emissions from the heating of commercial buildings by 20% by 2025 and 45% by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [16259/24]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the level of trade between Taiwan and Ireland in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [16281/24]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 255 of 5 March 2024, the current number of work permits allocated for motor/auto mechanics; the number therein of the car mechanic quota and of the HGV/bus mechanic quota

that have been issued; if he proposes to increase those quotas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16312/24]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated full-year cost to double the number of Workplace Relations Commission inspectors. — Alan Kelly. [16410/24]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what supports are in place for a start-up construction business (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [16455/24]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of site visits hosted by the IDA in County Carlow in 2023 and for the first two months of 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16606/24]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the progress in developing a dashboard of Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) metrics to benchmark, and subsequently track, levels of MMC adoption in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16652/24]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the next ERO pay increase for security officers who remain the lowest paid sector and who have had just one incremental pay increase in almost five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [16758/24]

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

\*267. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the planned building project for a school (details supplied) in Portlaoise, County Laois; and the projected timescale for construction of the new building to start. — Brian Stanley. [15966/24]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the first- and full-year current cost of increasing capacity on school transport by 1,000 places, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [15978/24]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the capital cost of increasing capacity on school transport by 1,000 places. — Sorca Clarke. [15979/24]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a breakdown of the estimated first and full-year current cost and one-off capital cost of reducing the pupil teacher ratio by one point at primary level in academic year 2024/2025 and by a further one point in academic year 2025/2026, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [15980/24]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a breakdown of the estimated first and full-year current cost and one-off capital cost of reducing the pupil teacher ratio by one point at post-primary level in academic year 2024/2025 and by a further one point in academic year 2025/2026, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [15981/24]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated first and full-year cost of increasing the number of special needs assistants by 500, 1,000 and 1,500 respectively, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [15984/24]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a breakdown of the first and full-year cost of recruiting 100, 500, and 1,000 special education teachers respectively, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [15985/24]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Education the cost of increasing the salary of special education teachers by 1%, 2% and 5%, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [15986/24]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated net savings from withdrawing the annual State subsidy to private schools. — Sorca Clarke. [15987/24]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Education the estimate cost of increasing the minor works grant ceiling by 1%, 5% and 10% respectively, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [15988/24]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated first and full-year cost of extending the free schoolbooks to all pupils in public secondary schools, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [15989/24]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated first and full-year cost of restoring the school libraries fund of €10 per child in academic year 2024-2025 and increasing this by a further €2.50 per child in academic year 2025-2026, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [15990/24]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated first and full-year cost of providing €10 per child to each primary and post-primary school library. — Sorca Clarke. [15991/24]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated first and full-year cost of increasing the guidance counselling funding by 5%, 10% and 20% respectively, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [15992/24]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a breakdown of the total projected demand for mainstream transport services and the additional demand for services compared to the as-is scenario respectively in each of the school years 2024/2025 to 2029/2030, in tabular form, if recommendation 4.1a of the phase 3 report of the review of the school transport scheme is implemented in full from the start of the 2024/2025 school year. — Sorca Clarke. [16004/24]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a breakdown of the total current cost to meet the additional demand for mainstream transport services and the total projected demand for services, respectively in each of the school years 2024/2025 to 2029/2030, in tabular form, if recommendation 4.1a of the phase 3 report of the review of the school transport scheme is implemented in full from the start of the 2024/2025 school year. — Sorca Clarke. [16005/24]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a breakdown of the total capital cost to meet the additional demand for mainstream transport services and the total projected demand for services, respectively in each of the school years 2024/2025 to 2029/2030, in tabular form, if recommendation 4.1a of the phase 3 report of the review of the school transport scheme is implemented in full from the start of the 2024/2025 school year. — Sorca Clarke. [16006/24]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Education what plans the Department has to subsidise the Gaeltacht fees for teaching students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16024/24]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Education if grants are available to a group organising home education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16027/24]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an outline of special education teacher allocation for schools and how it is determined; to provide a breakdown of the average number of hours per capita in each county in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16033/24]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Education if he will report on the special education teacher allocation for schools; the breakdown of the average number of hours allocated per capita in each school in Meath in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and in 2024 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16034/24]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Education when the son of a person will be facilitated with a school place at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16035/24]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of a digital strategy ICT grant for 2023 and 2024 for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [16050/24]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on an application for additional modular classrooms for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [16051/24]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Education her proposals to provide an ASD unit in secondary schools in the Ballyjamesduff, County Cavan area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16073/24]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Education the current number of children attending the ASD unit at a school (details supplied); the number that are expected to finish primary school in each of the next five years; the secondary schools these children will attend; the ASD capacity within each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16074/24]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the building works at a school (details supplied); when the project will move past the tender stage; when the school and parents can expect for the project to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16105/24]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Education for further clarification on the process involved in issuing a letter of intent; the average time required for issuing a letter of intent; the current delay in issuing the letter of intent for an extension building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [16108/24]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on a new school build (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [16119/24]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a decision (details supplied); the actions she will take to ensure that this issue is rectified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [16131/24]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Education if she will instruct a school (details supplied) to open an ASD unit, given it has the space to do so. — Chris Andrews. [16141/24]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Education to report on the progress of a new permanent school building for schools (details supplied); and when the building will be open for students. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [16170/24]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Education if she will approve the next stage in the redevelopment of a school (details supplied) and if she will meet the parents' association to outline the project plan. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [16190/24]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Education when a letter of acceptance will issue in respect of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [16198/24]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Education the amount of money saved by the decision not to extend the free schoolbooks scheme to fee-paying schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16210/24]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on a grant for a school (details supplied); if the grant will be expedited without further delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16216/24]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applications for funding under the emergency works scheme being processed within her Department as of 5 April 2024. — Darren O'Rourke. [16273/24]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Education if she will meet with a group (details supplied) to discuss decreases in funding and increasing running costs being experienced that are not covered by the annual capitation grant. — Denise Mitchell. [16296/24]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Education to meet with a group (details supplied) to discuss the long-promised redevelopment of a school in order to meet current demand. — Denise Mitchell. [16297/24]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 513 of 20 March 2024, her plans to develop a new policy on Gaeltacht education, to follow on from the 2017 – 2022 policy that was extended to the end of the 2023/2024 school year; the status of the research and evaluation study currently being carried out by the educational research centre to evaluate the impact and effectiveness of the scheme; the terms of reference of the study; the timeline for the publication of the final report of the study; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16307/24]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Education the reason it is not possible to complete registration on the Teaching Council's online portal through the medium of the Irish language; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [16308/24]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Education if she can explain the serious cut to the special education teacher allocation hours in a school (details supplied), based on high standardised assessment results achieved by the school overall, despite increasing enrolment numbers and no reduction in students with additional education requirements, and risking the positive outcomes

that the school has achieved in this area to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [16317/24]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Education the reason some schools that have offered to open ASD classes in south Tipperary have not been sanctioned despite the huge demand (details supplied); if she will review this position to ensure that all schools offering classes will be approved in order to ensure supply and forward planning for growing demand for ASD classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [16319/24]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Education what consideration she has given to the condensing of the Professional Masters of Education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [16324/24]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Education if she will respond to matters raised in a letter from the parents' association of a school in Dublin 11 (details supplied); if she will meet with the parents of pupils in the school as requested; if she will provide a definitive timeline for the redevelopment of the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16329/24]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine a school transport application (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [16331/24]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of correspondence issued to her from a school (details supplied); further to Parliamentary Question No. 332 of 13 February 2024, if she will provide an update which relates to the subject matter of the correspondence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16333/24]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Education the measures she is taking to providing better national planning and support services to make progress on school infrastructure projects advancing in a timely manner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16378/24]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ASD units identified to progress for schools in mid Cork; the number of ASD units advancing for mid Cork for 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16379/24]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Education the progress being made in establishing and rolling out a healthy eating education programme for primary schools; her plans to expand the provision of the School Meals Programme to all primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16380/24]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Education the current progress by her Department to deliver a programme to build and modernise PE and school sporting facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16381/24]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for expanding on her targeted scholarship scheme to focus on encouraging graduates into subject areas where there is a shortage of post-primary teachers in the profession; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16382/24]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Education the measures being taken to ensure a child (details supplied) receives a place in a primary school ASD unit for 2024/2025.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [16386/24]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ASD places available in secondary schools in Ballincollig, Cork, for September 2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [16387/24]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that in the most recent meetings in relation to special education, the removal of complex needs was included. — Robert Troy. [16431/24]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Education to list the exemptions for which schools can apply to the National Council for Special Education. — Robert Troy. [16432/24]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Education if a school will be able to enrol a child with special educational needs if there are no SET hours. — Robert Troy. [16433/24]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Education the reason Down's syndrome specifically is not recognised as complex needs under the definition of complex needs. — Robert Troy. [16434/24]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Education to quantify the numbers which determine the significant intake of additional needs. — Robert Troy. [16435/24]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Education to address the need to provide additional funding for sports halls in schools. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [16451/24]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Education to address the recent changes to the allocation model for special education. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [16452/24]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the rates have changed for the summer provision (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16473/24]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ASD classes that have been built in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown since 2019, primary and post primary, detailing the capacity of each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16474/24]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16475/24]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update regarding a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [16503/24]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the already apparent lack of secondary school places available in the Dublin 15 and 7 areas for this coming September; if there is a plan to provide more spaces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [14021/24]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the chronic lack of school places for children with autism in the Dublin 7 and 15 areas. — Paul Donnelly. [14333/24]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Education the updated timeline for appointment of a contractor to build a post-primary school (details supplied) as the tender process has been completed since October 2023 but no contractor has been appointed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16510/24]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Education the reason only two of three sanctioned ASD classes at a school (details supplied) in Cork are operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [16515/24]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Education if the rule mandating that School Transport Scheme bus drivers must retire at age 70 will be revised, in view of the severe driver shortage last year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [16517/24]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the work of her Department in relation to attracting prospective students to studying teaching, given Ireland's crippling teacher shortages. — Gary Gannon. [9091/24]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Education following the recent announcement of €800 million investment of 90 school building projects, if she will provide details of the 90 schools that are benefitting from this funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [16541/24]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Education the assistance that can be offered to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16543/24]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a full-time SENO available in County Westmeath; if so, where they are based; how the SENO can be contacted by parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16544/24]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Education if places are available for children diagnosed with autism in County Westmeath; if she is satisfied that adequate capacity is available to accommodate such young persons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16545/24]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the pressing need for moderate ID places in the Dublin south west area; if she will urgently ensure that additional spaces are created in a local special school or a class for moderate ID is set up in the area; if she agrees with the need for swift action on this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [16564/24]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Education if she will request that a reason is given for a special school rescinding an offer (details supplied); and if she will ensure that this error is corrected, and this child offered an appropriate space for September 2024. — Paul Murphy. [16565/24]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the work that is underway to improve pay and terms and conditions for school caretakers similar, to that achieved for school secretaries; the stage this process is at; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16569/24]



\*345. To ask the Minister for Education if she will sign off on the next stage of additional accommodation application for a post-primary school, in Cork's north inner city (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [16577/24]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Education if the new school buildings for a school (details supplied) will include dedicated special education classrooms; the proposed number of students who will be enrolled at the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16580/24]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Education the special education provision available at a school (details supplied); if there are proposals to increase that number; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16581/24]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will receive any update on the agreed extension for four additional classrooms. — Kathleen Funchion. [16586/24]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will receive any update on the agreed extension for four additional classrooms, two learning support rooms and two special needs classrooms and associated rooms.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [16587/24]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Education the status of progress on the proposed new school (details supplied); if the project is in the capital school building programme; and the projected timeline for construction. — Brian Stanley. [16594/24]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the reduction of funding for pupils in the Summer Programme over the past two years; if this decision will be reviewed; the engagement she has had with teachers in relation to this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16596/24]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools in County Carlow which have applied for ASD units; the number which were successful; the reasons for which those that were not successful; the timeline on delivery of the units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16612/24]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Education if any grant-aid is available towards improvement works at primary schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [16617/24]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Education when a local school place in Dublin 15 will be provided to a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [16686/24]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Education when a local school place in Dublin 15 will be provided to a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [16687/24]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Education which school building projects if any in Dublin Mid-West have been awarded additional funding from the National Development Plan; to list these schools and how much has been allocated; what is the purpose of this funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16707/24]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Education to review a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16712/24]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she continues to monitor the required extra classroom accommodation/spaces at a school (details supplied), with particular reference to the time by which she can anticipate the completion of the school in line with specification, if and when she expects this accommodation to be completed and made available. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16719/24]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she has evaluated the school place requirements at primary and second level in Naas, County Kildare, with particular reference to the need to ensure that children will have access to the adequate number of spaces to meet their requirements in the coming school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16720/24]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Education the total number of school places required at primary and second level in Celbridge, County Kildare, with particular reference to the needs emerging in September next; if the three-school project is advancing at appropriate pace to meet all of the requirements, including replacement for a school (details supplied); and if it is anticipated that adequate spaces will be made available by September next. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16721/24]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Education the degree to which she anticipated an adequacy of school places at primary and second level at Leixlip, County Kildare, with a view to ensuring adequate accommodation availability at both primary and second level by September next; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16722/24]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she is satisfied that all school placement requirements, both primary and second level in Maynooth, County Kildare, can be met by September next; if new catchment areas are proposed to meet the requirements of those who fall between catchment areas for the purpose of placement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16723/24]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she remains satisfied regarding the adequacy of school places at primary and second level in Kilcock, County Kildare, with particular reference to meeting such requirement by September next; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16724/24]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she is satisfied regarding the adequacy of school places at primary and second level in Clane, County Kildare, with particular reference to the need to cater for a rapidly expanding population; if she is satisfied that such requirements can be met in full by September next; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16725/24]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Education the current position in regard to replacement of accommodation and facilities for a school (details supplied); if she is satisfied that the need can be met within the anticipated deadline given the rapidly expanding population of the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16726/24]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which adequate school places remain available at Straffan, County Kildare; if she is mindful of the expanding population and the

urgency to ensure the availability of sufficient such accommodation by September next; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16727/24]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she remains satisfied regarding the adequacy of primary and second level school places throughout north Kildare, with particular reference to the rapidly expanding population; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16728/24]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Education to raise the latest query regarding a case with Bus Éireann (details supplied); if she can provide clarity on this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16754/24]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Education for an update regarding the issue of salary credit for teachers that have returned from teaching abroad; and if she has plans to resolve this long-outstanding issue. — Sorca Clarke. [16756/24]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 360 of 20 March 2024, if she will offer a timeframe for commencement and completion of building works for those schools which submitted a stage one response in February 2023. — Ivana Bacik. [16759/24]

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

\*371. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is aware that 16 schools in Cork city that operate through Irish are without language assistants; and her proposal to resolve same. — Thomas Gould. [16165/24]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if funding or grant assistance is available to help a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [16583/24]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is aware of a request by an organisation (details supplied) for a meeting with her Department; and if she will instruct officials to facilitate this meeting to allow clarity on the withdrawal of funding. — Thomas Gould. [16166/24]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which any outstanding lottery money grants have been paid to all GAA clubs primarily awarded such grants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16182/24]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if funding and supports are available to assist a club (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [16191/24]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of WTE staff by job title working in the marketing Department of Fáilte Ireland as of 8 April 2024; the number of WTE staff vacancies, by job title within this Department; and when each of those vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [16280/24]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if any capital projects under the remit of her Department have received EU funding in the years of 2023 and to date in 2024; if so, the name of the capital work project; and the amount of EU funding received per project, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16413/24]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the plans that exist to celebrate and commemorate the Irish born, internationally recognised and celebrated arctic explorer, Ernest Shackleton's 150th anniversary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16496/24]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if funding or grant assistance is available to help a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [16582/24]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the date that she has commissioned or requested reports, respectively into RTÉ, the purpose of each report and the dates that these have been delivered since January 2023, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [16585/24]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide an update on a meeting she had with an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16600/24]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the timeline for introducing new regulatory controls requiring short-term and holiday lets to register with Fáilte Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16670/24]

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

\*383. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a European citizen can seek remedies under section 160 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 to implement the legislation transposed into Irish law by the Houses of the Oireachtas under section 3 of the European Communities Act 1972, to give effect to the CJEU judgements against Ireland in Cases C-50/09 and C-215/06; if not, if he must transform further legislation to ensure compliance with Articles 2 to 4 of the EIA Directive, as amended by the Public Participation Directive 2003/35; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [16685/24]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16730/24]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a 2023 payment will issue to a farmer in County Kerry (details supplied) for Natterjack toad ponds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16017/24]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason a 2023 NPWS farm scheme application submitted by a person in County Kerry (details supplied) for the Natterjack toad pond payments was rejected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16026/24]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the rule regarding local authority housing list transfers will be changed, ensuring that those who have been on a local authority housing list for a number of years do not go to the end of the list if they transfer to a different local authority's list (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [16029/24]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what actions are being taken to ensure that owner management companies are not faced with punitive insurance cost hikes as a consequence of discovering construction defects in apartments or duplexes. — Paul Murphy. [16049/24]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of vacant social houses in Mayo; how many specifically in Castlebar and Ballina; the average turnaround time for a social house once it is vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [16104/24]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to set out in tabular form the percentage of all in development costs per unit of social or affordable housing paid by his Department to local authorities and Approved Housing for the SHIP, CALF, CAS, AHF, and CREL schemes. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16106/24]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the proportion of planning applications which are decided by An Bord Pleanála within eight weeks in each of the years 2020 to 2023 and to-date in 2024; the proportion of planning applications which were decided by An Bord Pleanála within sixteen weeks in each of the years 2020 to 2023 and to-date in 2024; and the proportion of planning applications which were decided by An Bord Pleanála in a period exceeding sixteen weeks in each of the years 2020 to 2023 and to-date in 2024. — Ivana Bacik. [16161/24]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if An Bord Pleanála has requested additional resources for staffing in the past 12 months; and, if so, the roles for which additional funds were sought. — Ivana Bacik. [16162/24]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will examine a matter (details supplied) in relation to short-term rentals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16289/24]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects a decision and announcement on successful applications for this year's community monuments fund. — Joe Flaherty. [16299/24]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on working with religious institutes to identify any houses in their portfolio that are not currently occupied to be offered to local councils or housing bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [16304/24]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to address several matters (details supplied) regarding the flooding in east Cork in October 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [16334/24]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of WTE qualified arborists employed by his Department as of 9 April 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16403/24]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has undertaken any analysis of likely future trends in construction sector inflation and how it pertains to the funding commitments under the Government housing plan to 2030. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16418/24]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will be initiating the six-month review of the Defective Concrete Block Scheme, which was promised and committed to almost one year ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [16506/24]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if any further supports or review of the croí conaithe application (details supplied) can be undertaken; if there are any additional supports that he is aware of that might assist in such a circumstance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [16507/24]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of sites in County Longford added to the derelict sites register in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; the number of sites that were restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [16574/24]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of sites in County Westmeath added to the derelict sites register in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; the number of sites that were restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [16575/24]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the budget for the repair and leasing scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [16576/24]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will extend the social housing retrofitting programme to Approved Housing Bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16607/24]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applicants who have applied for the defective concrete block scheme grant in Carlow; when he expects the first grants to be issued to those applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16608/24]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on a grant (details supplied); the timeframe from same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16614/24]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the pay and conditions of graveyard caretakers (details supplied) will be examined and improved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16615/24]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects Priority Action 1 of Housing for all to be completed; his plans to publish the actions of the high-level working group on efficiency of the social and affordable housing allocation; the timeline for the implementation of the improvements aimed at reducing allocation time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16620/24]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the completion of Priority Action 2 of Housing for all; the timeline for the publishing of the strategic review of the AHB sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16621/24]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an overview of the progress of the LDA's active sites and State lands with near-/medium-term development potential by the LDA; the forecast for the delivery of units by the LDA in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16622/24]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the completion of Priority Action 9 of Housing for All; his plans to publish the discussion paper on factors influencing viability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16623/24]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the completion of Priority Action 10 of Housing for All; whether a consultancy has been secured to undertake the study on associated costs of construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16624/24]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the sites identified for accelerated delivery of housing through modern methods of construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16625/24]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the completion of Priority Action 14 of Housing for All; when he expects to publish the report on lessons learnt and recommendations to support adoption of modern methods of construction in delivery of social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16626/24]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress on Priority Action 15 of Housing for All; how many units are projected to be delivered as a result of design-and-build procurement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16627/24]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for completion of Priority Action 19 of Housing for All; the progress of the study on the potential for SME growth in residential construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16629/24]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress on Priority Action 20 of Housing for All; the number of workers entering and returning to the construction industry in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16630/24]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the publishing of the review of the private rental sector; the recommendations ensuing from the review; the timeline for the implementation of the recommendations of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16631/24]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects to publish the draft revision of the National Planning Framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16632/24]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects to publish the updated housing targets for Housing for All based on ESRI modelling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16633/24]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the completion of Priority Action 28 of Housing for All; the timeline for publishing the results of the CPO activation programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16634/24]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the completion of Priority Action 30 of Housing for All; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16635/24]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the completion of Action 38 of Housing for All; the relevant State lands which will be transferred to the LDA in 2024 and 2025 for housing delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16636/24]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for publishing the new water services policy statement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16637/24]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for publishing 'first right of refusal' legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16638/24]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for publishing the review of Part B of the Building Regulations (Fire Safety); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16639/24]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for completion of Action 32 of Housing for All; his plans to publish case examples of efficient and innovative housing designs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16640/24]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for completion of Action 33 of Housing for All; his plans to allow individuals to share cost rental homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16641/24]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for completion of Action 33 of Housing for All; his plans to allow AHBs to deliver CALF construction projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16642/24]



\*430. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the viability of the use of Cathal Brugha Barracks for residential development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16643/24]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the introduction of the new e-planning platform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16645/24]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the completion of Action 53 of Housing for All and for the delivery of the training and awareness programme on cost and impact of different construction materials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16647/24]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the completion of Action 54 of Housing for All; the progress on training interventions for building control authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16648/24]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress in developing a modern methods of construction criteria for use in evaluating tender for public housing contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16651/24]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the pilot project to deliver social or affordable housing using a 3D volumetric system has been initiated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16653/24]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for publishing legislation to give effect to a decision to increase the borrowing limit of the Housing Finance Agency to €12 billion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16655/24]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for publishing legislation to give effect to the outcome of the Government's decision to increase funding to the Land Development Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16656/24]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress in undertaking an international recruitment campaign for town/urban planners and related professionals to work in the planning sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16658/24]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason for not including an action on a deposit retention for private tenants in the most recent updated Action Plan for Housing for All; the timeline for introducing a deposit protection scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16660/24]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for bringing forward proposals for a permanent cost rental tenant-in-situ scheme for tenants at risk of homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16663/24]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for publishing a report on the implementation of the recommendations from the review of the

rental accommodation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16664/24]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for publishing the Land Value Sharing and Urban Development Zones Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16665/24]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for issuing updated guidance on rural housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16666/24]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress on the update of the Building Homes manual; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16667/24]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for amending the Housing Act 1988 to enable local authorities to combat homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16671/24]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for publishing a strategic review of the Section 10 funding model underpinning the provision of homeless services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16672/24]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress in undertaking a comprehensive review of the pilot caravan loan scheme; his plans to introduce a national scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16673/24]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress on ensuring that mid-term reviews by local authorities of their Traveller accommodation programmes are appropriately utilised to inform delivery to end-2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16674/24]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for bringing forward proposals to Government for the creation of an independent building standards regulator; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16675/24]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the Government's response to the report from the Housing Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16676/24]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of private rented accommodation inspections that were carried out by all local authorities in 2023; the number of inspections in which further enforcement action was taken in all local authorities, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16679/24]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on when work will begin on the development of the fire station at Clara, County Offaly; if he will expedite the works needed there as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16706/24]

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

\*453. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he agrees that in Budget 2025 there should be funding allocated to develop and fund a pilot initiative for the expansion of school meals during holiday time by leveraging existing community infrastructure and relationships between schools and summer camps; if he will ensure that this initiative is funded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [16755/24]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how often carer's allowance is reviewed; the criteria upon which it is reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16001/24]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the position regarding the mandatory retirement age for participants on the job initiative scheme to ensure that those who wish to can remain on the scheme past the State pension age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16007/24]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the projected annual cost to the Exchequer of the planned auto-enrolment pension scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [16009/24]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the Automatic Enrolment Retirement Savings System Bill 2024 (No.22 of 2024) has ignored the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands' pre-legislative scrutiny recommendation number 15, which states that the investment funds be prohibited from investing in fossil fuels or the arms industry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brid Smith. [16047/24]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure that an application for disability allowance for a person (details supplied) will be awarded as soon as possible. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16155/24]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if tenants in cost rental tenancies are able to access rent supplement; and if not, the reason this is the case. — Louise O'Reilly. [16172/24]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on a decision on a social welfare appeal (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [16189/24]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reasons Catholic clergy and ministers of other religious denominations did not qualify for the pandemic unemployment payment; how these individuals are regarded for tax purposes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16212/24]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of PPS numbers issued in Ireland from 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2024; and the breakdown, by nationality that each of the PPS numbers was issued to, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [16282/24]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost if the maximum rate of disability allowance rate increased to €242.50 per week. — Darren O'Rourke. [16283/24]

\*464. 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. — Alan Dillon. [16295/24]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to review the case of a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [16311/24]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current situation regarding a carer's allowance appeal for a person (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [16335/24]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations outlined in the Review of the Reasonable Accommodation Fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16389/24]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to review a case (details supplied); what homecare supports are available to this family once their quadruplets arrive to assist them in their home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16436/24]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost if an employer's PRSI credit were to be introduced with various credit rates (details supplied). — Pearse Doherty. [16438/24]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost if an employer's PRSI credit were to be introduced at various rates (details supplied). — Pearse Doherty. [16439/24]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost if an employer's PRSI credit were to be introduced at various rates (details supplied). — Pearse Doherty. [16440/24]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the administration cost of each assistance and benefit scheme operated by her Department, where available in the most recent year for which data is available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16447/24]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what exceptions exist for people who have not paid their full stamps in order to qualify for a payment due to health problems over the years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16487/24]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the application for a public services card by a person (details supplied) back in 2019 but has not had any response to their application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16488/24]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the social welfare credits available for persons about to apply for the State contributory pension in circumstances where they have had to retire from their own work to care for their spouse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [16508/24]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of payments of increased for a qualified adult have been made to those living outside Ireland in 2023, in tabular form; the list of countries and the total amount paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [16522/24]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications made for increased for a qualified adult; the percentage that was refused to applicants living in Ireland; and the

percentage refused to applicants living outside of Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [16523/24]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in view that increased for a qualified adult is means tested, how the Department can adequately ascertain people are eligible when they live abroad; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [16524/24]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of payments made in respect of living alone allowance to those living outside of Ireland; the list of countries and how much was paid in total; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [16525/24]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of payments made in respect of cost-of-living allowance paid to those living outside of Ireland; the number of recipients; the list of countries and how much was paid in total; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [16526/24]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of Ukrainians living in Ireland who are on carers allowance, disability allowance and jobseekers' allowance, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [16527/24]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) was not paid the double week in January when they were in receipt of a payment, who was switched automatically to jobseekers benefit until 13 February; if the case will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16528/24]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when arrears will be paid to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [16536/24]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person who is self-employed and has made sufficient contributions to qualify for a State pension (contributory) when reaching 66 years-of-age, could retire from their occupation at 65 years and claim jobseeker's benefit for the year before reaching 66 years in the same way as other workers can under present legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [16539/24]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the free travel pass is only assigned to those in receipt of the carer's allowance and cannot be assigned to both the recipient of the carer's allowance and the other parent/guardian, where the second parent/guardian can prove they contribute to the care of the child whose care needs gives rise to the eligibility for the payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16609/24]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress in organising an annual national recruitment fair to promote jobs, apprenticeships and training options for the construction sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16659/24]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his attention has been drawn to the situation with the lack of an ambulance service on Tory island and on other Donegal islands with, only one island having any service (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [16731/24]

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

\*488. To ask the Minister for Justice the timeline for establishing a group to identify administrative or other measures which could be implemented in the short term to reduce delays and costs for home purchasers in the conveyancing and probate processes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16669/24]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Justice if it is now possible for a person (details supplied) to apply for citizenship on behalf of their daughter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16011/24]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of a visa application in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16031/24]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for a visa in the case of the son of a person (details supplied); when a decision can expect to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16041/24]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Justice if a Department official will meet with a person (details supplied) to discuss the recent refusal of their application for citizenship to assist them to better understand the reason this decision was reached; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16044/24]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Justice to clarify when an application (details supplied) will be processed; the reason for the delay to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16069/24]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Justice if an elderly Irish person (details supplied) who has been given a custodial sentence in France could have their sentence transmuted to be served in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [16072/24]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Justice the response times of gardaí in the DMR area for antisocial behaviour; the percentage of calls that relate to antisocial behaviour received by gardaí, by year, from 2019 to present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16081/24]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Justice if she plans to publish the Attorney General's advice on the ramifications of the EU Migration and Asylum Pact on Ireland's national sovereignty, as enshrined in Bunreacht na hÉireann, prior to seeking approval from both Houses of the Oireachtas to opt-in under the terms of Protocol 21 annexed to the Treaty of Lisbon; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [16137/24]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on Article 7C of the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on asylum and migration management 2020/0279 (COD) in terms of Ireland's national sovereignty, as enshrined in Bunreacht na hÉireann, the provisions of which cede power to the EU Commission to determine the total annual number of required relocated asylum seekers from countries under migratory pressure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [16138/24]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Justice to comment on her statement that there is “nothing” in the EU Migration and Asylum Pact “that does not benefit Ireland” in view of the fact that Ireland will be liable for more relocated asylum seeker applicants than many other EU countries in accordance with the formula for the distribution pursuant to Article 44 of the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on asylum and migration management 2020/0279 (COD), of which is binding in its entirety and directly applicable if Ireland opts-in under the terms of Protocol 21 annexed to the Treaty of Lisbon; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [16139/24]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the process for the selection of Garda drivers for Government Ministers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16144/24]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a breakdown of the amounts paid to private practitioners in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; the amount paid to each of the top-ten recipients of fees under the international protection private practitioners scheme, by the practitioner’s name and fees in those years. — Robert Troy. [16154/24]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16173/24]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of on application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16175/24]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Justice if the religious affiliation of an applicant, whether they be Christian or otherwise, is a factor which is taken into consideration when considering an asylum application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16207/24]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Justice the disciplinary bodies which exist to regulate the solicitors profession. — Carol Nolan. [16209/24]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Justice the entitlements of the surviving spouses of deceased retired members of An Garda Síochána; the extent to which the entitlements of retired members are extended to their surviving spouse after their death; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16211/24]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason neither the Department nor the Courts Service compile information on the nationality of persons convicted of offences; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16214/24]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Justice if any absolute upper income limit applies to the granting of criminal legal aid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16215/24]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Justice when she intends to bring forward proposals to replace the Offences Against the State Act; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [16260/24]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardai who successfully completed the van/personal carrier course in 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form; and the duration of this course. — Darren O’Rourke. [16285/24]

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\*510. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of trainee and newly attested Garda officers that were deployed and or stationed at Bray Garda station in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [16325/24]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of wholetime equivalent gardaí and civilians, by rank and grade, which are attached to Bray Garda station as of 9 April 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [16326/24]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a breakdown of the Garda vehicle fleet allocated on a full-time basis at Bray Garda station. — Catherine Murphy. [16327/24]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of dedicated community Garda officers stationed at Bray Garda station. — Catherine Murphy. [16328/24]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Justice the current residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16332/24]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Justice if Members of Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann will be presented with an opportunity to vote on the approval of the EU New Pact on Migration and Asylum; if the Pact requires transposing legislation to be brought forward; if the Pact contains any provisions that may require a constitutional referendum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16384/24]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 91 of 28 February 2024, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this Parliamentary Question answered. — Alan Kelly. [16397/24]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Justice if each of the recommendations of the Garda Inspectorate Report in 2019 on public order training have been fully implemented; and if not, the recommendations that have yet to be implemented. — Alan Kelly. [16398/24]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding has been secured in 2024 to purchase additional vehicles for the Garda armed support units. — Alan Kelly. [16399/24]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Justice to Parliamentary Question No. 454 of 23 January 2024, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this Parliamentary Question answered. — Alan Kelly. [16400/24]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of full-time probation officers by grade employed by her Department in the years of 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16401/24]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Justice if any gardaí have gone to the UK for specialist training which is not available within the State in 2023 and to date in 2024; and if so, the type of training sought and the duration of this training, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16402/24]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Justice how funding will be spent (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [16467/24]



\*523. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of organisations, by name and year, which have applied for the community CCTV scheme since its inception; how many of those have drawn the funding down; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16476/24]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has assessed the impact of the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022 on organisations within the charity sector who run national online raffles; if consideration has been given to providing exemptions around the daytime advertisement requirements outlined in the Bill for organisations within the charity sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16498/24]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will adopt and promote the Firearms and Offensive Weapons (Amendment) Bill 2021; and if not, the measures to increase penalties for knife crime she will introduce. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16559/24]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress on considering the recommendations contained in the LSRA report on the profession of conveyancer and identifying proposals for reform; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16668/24]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a visa application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16682/24]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Justice the current status of legislation for the recognition of foreign divorce in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [16683/24]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Justice if, with respect to the five EU Regulations that comprise the EU Migration and Asylum Pact (details supplied) which was approved by the European Parliament on 10 April 2024, the Regulations will be directly effective under Irish law in circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16762/24]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Justice to clarify certain matters with respect to the five EU Regulations that comprise the EU Migration and Asylum Pact which was approved by the European Parliament on 10 April 2024 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16763/24]

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

\*531. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to address the issue of fireblight and its threat to native hawthorn trees and hedgerows. — Pa Daly. [16078/24]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is a grant scheme that volunteer lead animal rescue organisations can utilise. — Catherine Murphy. [16561/24]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will ensure that the Irish Land Commission Archive records (details supplied) are made publicly available vis-à-vis the National Archive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [16563/24]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is his Department that is responsible for granting planning permission for forestry roads exiting onto main roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15983/24]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated cost of abolishing the parental levy on the school milk scheme; the costs of the levy for each of the past five years inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [15994/24]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the qualifying criteria for the crude protein allowance under banding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16022/24]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will give consideration to the nitrates figure for the proceeding year being the determining figure for a farmer's slurry importation the following year, as it will incentivise less-intensive farmers to import slurry and it would be extremely beneficial in balancing soil fertility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16023/24]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the emergency supports he has provided farmers to increase access to fodder, given the bad weather conditions for farmers across the south east; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [16036/24]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what supports are in place to support mental health in the farming community; if he has had engagement on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16042/24]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on when ACRES balancing payments will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16048/24]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of permanent full-time equivalent staff in the forestry division within his Department, by grade, role and function; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16052/24]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of temporary and contracted full-time equivalent staff in the forestry division within his Department, by grade, role and function; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16053/24]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of ecologists recruited to the forestry division of his Department in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16054/24]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will carry out dredging/clearing at Helvic Pier, County Waterford as lifeboats cannot gain access; if his Department will carry out dredging at Dungarvan Harbour also; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [16063/24]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration is being given to extending the closing date for the spreading of lime under the liming scheme beyond June

2024, given challenging weather and ground conditions due to the incessant rainfall and the need to close up lands for winter forage as soon as weather conditions improve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16125/24]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if, with regard to the environmental considerations map layers available via the iNET mapping system which demonstrate the different layers of consideration for afforestation under criteria for the Forestry Programme 2023-2027, he will provide those maps as one combined map with all relevant layers to show a holistic overview of area available for afforestation under the new programme, as previously confirmed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16133/24]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of outstanding agriculture payments, by payment scheme, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [16136/24]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current status of the 4,822 non-coursing greyhounds who were registered on Rásaíocht Con Éireann's RCETS at microchipping stage, but who have never been raced on an RCE-licensed track (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [16181/24]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16251/24]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the last payment run was made for those in receipt of a payment (details supplied); when he expects to make the next payment run; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [16258/24]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if any discussions have been had regarding the establishment of an animal welfare unit within An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [16309/24]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the dates in 2024 where he has visited each of the fisheries harbours under the remit of his Department; and the purpose of each visit, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16411/24]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of WTE vacancies, by job title, currently at his Department's Laboratory at Backweston; and the estimated timeframe for when each of those vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16412/24]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of successful sheep improvement scheme applicants awaiting payment; the number of payments provided, by county, in tabular form; the number awaiting payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16420/24]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when proposals to address a longstanding issue for a group of farmers (details supplied) which he has committed to address will be brought forward; the funding required to address this issue; the details regarding eligibility under a proposed scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [16502/24]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline Ireland's representation and involvement in the 9th Our Ocean Conference 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16520/24]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration will be given allowing farmers to graze their SAC ground in view of the current bad weather; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16538/24]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the minimum tree width acceptable under the native tree area scheme type 2 native forests for water protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16578/24]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the minimum average tree width acceptable under the native tree area scheme type 2 native forests for water protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16579/24]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a detailed outline of the reasons for the non-payment of the sheep improvement scheme for 2023 to a person (details supplied); if the person is included in the scheme for the future years of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [16593/24]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress in promoting the use of cross-laminated timber in construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16654/24]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he agrees that there is a significant difference in the assertion contained in a report commissioned by Greyhound Racing Ireland and published in 2021 (details supplied) and the assertion contained in a reply to a Parliamentary Question provided to the Minister by Greyhound Racing Ireland in relation to the importance of the greyhound industry as a provider of employment in this country; if he agrees that the claim contained in the industry-commissioned report in this respect is one of several examples of inaccurate and misleading information contained in that report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16678/24]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration will be given to adjusting the deadline for the national sheep welfare scheme actions to be completed, given concerns from sheep farmers and representatives organisations about the current October deadline and proposal to change to deadline to mid-November; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16713/24]

\*564. 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. [16744/24]

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

\*565. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of organisations in Donegal that have been awarded funding from the Children's Disability Grant, which have received funding; the amount received; the organisations that have yet to be awarded funding; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16046/24]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of any analysis carried out by his Department regarding the adequacy of the current lower age limit for school leaver referrals for HSE funded adult day services, which can only be made once the student turns 16 years; his plans to reduce the lower age limit to 13 years to allow for a longer planning period for the transition of services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16174/24]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a child (details supplied) can be left under the multidisciplinary team in Summerhill which is close to their home rather than being taken off this process. — Niamh Smyth. [16188/24]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason a person in Waterford (details supplied) is finding it impossible to access a vital service here; if he agrees that it is the responsibility of his Department to provide such services; if he will now instruct his Department to devise a plan of care where the person's needs are taken care of as swiftly as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [16262/24]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the reimbursement scheme for people who paid for an assessment of needs privately will come into effect; if he will confirm that a person (details supplied) will be reimbursed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16318/24]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is a child psychologist vacancy in an area intervention team (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [16437/24]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the children's disability grant will be provided to successful applications in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16589/24]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to reimburse private autism and neurodiversity assessments, where it was acquired due to a lack of availability in the HSE. — Ivana Bacik. [16680/24]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an assessment of need can be urgently facilitated in the case of the son of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16028/24]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the annual cost to the Exchequer of the means-tested national childcare scheme; the numbers accessing the scheme and the average subsidy per recipient each year since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [16038/24]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the corresponding saving to the Exchequer through the means-tested national childcare subsidy for every 1% decrease in the average fees using the universal national childcare scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [16039/24]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the appointment and payment of a safeguarding officer in an organisation (details supplied);

his plans to create a similar mechanism for other, similar organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16045/24]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 271 of 21 March 2024, the underlying underspend of core funding in 2022, and 2023, respectively that remained unspent; what proportion of this underspend was applicable for uplifting wages in the sector; the number of childcare providers that accessed core funding in each of those years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16076/24]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to confirm that in September 2024 his Department plans to introduce a further 25% reduction in average childcare fees, and that this will result in a 43.75% reduction of fees on 2022 levels, on average; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [16109/24]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the additional respite care services that will be delivered in County Monaghan in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16127/24]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he received a request from the Minister for Finance to meet with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to a facility in Cork city; if he has agreed to this meeting and if so, when it will take place. — Thomas Gould. [16153/24]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a person (details supplied) will be considered for independent living in the Tralee and surrounding areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16158/24]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the CDNT protocol for therapeutic services; who is receiving this therapy now; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [16176/24]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason a persons (details supplied) have not received SLT and OT services since the CDNT was established; when they will receive these services; if they will receive both these services and not be divided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [16177/24]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeframe for SLT services for disability team in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [16178/24]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to help with the staffing crisis in an association (details supplied) in Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16219/24]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if Tusla has estimates for the number of children involved with social work services who may be on the foetal alcohol spectrum, given that foetal alcohol spectrum disorder is the leading known cause of preventable intellectual disability in the world; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [16233/24]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1156 of 20 March 2024, if he can confirm that under the protocol, when purpose-built student accommodation is selected for use, the sign-off for this is required by both Ministers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16265/24]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of student placements in CDNT based in Tipperary in the years of 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16404/24]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children with disabilities on waiting lists for overnight respite care in County Tipperary; and the number of those who currently receive respite but have requested more nights. — Alan Kelly. [16405/24]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of contracts a company (details supplied) has had with his Department in 2023 and to date in 2024; and the nature of services this company provided to his Department during this period, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16406/24]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider insuring that the capitation rate paid per child in the early years setting is allocated for the full calendar year or the full school year to enable the school to forward plan. — Robert Troy. [16441/24]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider introducing a grants scheme in order that community facilities can apply for the grant aid to upgrade their community facilities. — Robert Troy. [16442/24]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to help the early years sector retain staff as currently many staff are being recruited into the SNA roles in primary schools. — Robert Troy. [16443/24]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason access to the AIMS scheme is only available from the age of three years when it is known that the most critical time for a child's brain development is 0 to 6 months. — Robert Troy. [16444/24]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason, in relation to the inspection regime, child care providers subject to multiple agency checks; and if he would explore the possibility of one agency carrying out all checks to improve efficiency for child care providers. — Robert Troy. [16445/24]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how he intends to support child care settings with the additional cost of infrastructure by Government, the auto-enrolment for pensions, sick pays, and also from his own Department in relation to preparation of accounts in duplicate is leading to additional professional fees. — Robert Troy. [16446/24]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount of disability personalised budgets that have been applied for and approved since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16478/24]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the personalised demonstration budget submitted in the name of a person (details supplied) but who has had no confirmation or contact in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16479/24]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding opportunities that exist in 2024 for the community childcare sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16480/24]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide the contact details for the disability manager in CHO6; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16481/24]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of staff that are working in the speech and language therapy in the HSE in Springfield, Mullingar; to enlist the number of vacancies currently exist in that service; the number of people waiting to access that service; and his plans to address this concern. — Robert Troy. [16529/24]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1147 of 9 April 2024, the number of residents who have been required to make a contribution towards the cost of the provision of their reception; the total amount received to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16540/24]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of residential places for disabled people that were delivered as of December 2023. — Pauline Tully. [16567/24]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 499 of 26 September 2023, if the information requested can now be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16597/24]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16619/24]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of disabled adults with a residential placement in CHO7 that are attending a day service; the number that are attending a day service in the same catchment area they reside in; and the number that attend a day service in a different catchment area to the one they reside in. — Pauline Tully. [16705/24]

*Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.*

\*607. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make a statement on health supports offered to international protection applicants who are without accommodation. — Ivana Bacik. [16160/24]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for SLT services for primary care team in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [16178/24]



\*609. To ask the Minister for Health if he or officials within his Department have engaged recently with representatives from an organisation (details supplied) regarding pay equality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [15532/24]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of any clause on private health insurance policies that restrict cover for people who have donated an organ outside of the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [16306/24]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Health to review correspondence from a concerned parent regarding the need for a bigger buggy for their child (details supplied); and if he can assist on this matter and provide an update on both issues. — Niamh Smyth. [16743/24]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the plans for the Erkina House, HSE mental health residence in Rathdowney, County Laois; his plans on the refurbishment and the upgrade of the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [15956/24]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the plans for the primary care centre at St. Finian’s Campus, Portlaoise; the progress that has been made; what funding has been allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [15957/24]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for elderly home support services in counties Laois and Offaly, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [15958/24]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people that were on the waiting list for homecare packages in counties Laois and Offaly, at the end of each year from 2018 to 2023, in tabular form. — Brian Stanley. [15959/24]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GPs currently practicing in counties Laois and Offaly, respectively; the number of new GPs who have taken up work in each of those counties in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [15960/24]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in counties Laois and Offaly, respectively who are without a GP and are currently on a waiting list for one; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [15961/24]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of waiting lists for dental surgery and orthodontics for CHO8, by county and by year from January 2019 to January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [15963/24]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting list for the HSE school dental screening service for CHO8, by county and by school year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [15964/24]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Health when required psychological support will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15967/24]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of plans for the development of a new acute adult mental health unit to replace the existing unit at Roscommon University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15969/24]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Health the reason home help/personal assistants are no longer permitted to administer routine eye drops for their clients; when this change took place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15970/24]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on a HSE Covid payment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15976/24]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Health if officials have met with a group (details supplied) following his request that they do so; if so, the outcome of that meeting; the commitments given at that meeting; and if he will or has met the group. — David Cullinane. [15982/24]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) was told that if one needs an MRI on their hands and feet they must pay, as hands and feet is not covered under the medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [15995/24]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Health the unit in his Department that has responsibility for liaising with Coimisiún na Meán in respect of the development of online and media safety codes pertaining to the marketing of breastmilk substitutes specifically; the unit that is responsible for the policy guidance on breastmilk substitutes more broadly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [15996/24]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE's Breastfeeding in a Healthy Ireland action plan has been extended; if so, for how long; what plans are in place for the development of a successor policy; when stakeholder engagement will begin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [15997/24]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Health what measures are currently in place to improve and monitor compliance with the WHO International Code of Marketing Breastmilk across Departments and in partnership with cross-sectoral agencies; who in his Department and the HSE is responsible for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [15998/24]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the results of the Irish World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative Report; if his Department will establish an infant feeding communication forum for Government Departments and the HSE, as per the recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [15999/24]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Health the work that is being undertaken to review and develop a new Healthy Ireland Framework, given that the current Healthy Ireland: A Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing 2013-2025, is set to finish next year; what consultation and engagement process will be undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16000/24]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric diabetes services that closed to new pump patients in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [16002/24]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Health if amputees can be added to the long-term illness scheme to enable them to obtain prostheses as necessary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [16003/24]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with trade unions regarding extending the temporary scheme of paid leave for public health service employees unfit for work post-Covid-19 infection; the supports available to frontline workers unable to work due to the impact of having contracted Covid-19, and particularly long-Covid, should the scheme not be extended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16010/24]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients treated in each of the long-Covid and post-acute clinics, by clinic and year, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [16012/24]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently being treated in each of the long-Covid and post-acute clinics, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [16013/24]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients discharged from each of the long-Covid and post-acute clinics, by clinic and year, in tabular form; the number who self-discharged; the number who were discharged due to a failure to show up for an initial appointment; and the number who were discharged due to a failure to show up for a follow-up appointment. — Róisín Shortall. [16014/24]

\*637. 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 orthopaedic department, Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore. — Barry Cowen. [16016/24]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Health if eligibility for a medical card in the case of persons (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16032/24]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Louth will get an orthopaedic appointment in Temple Street for crucial urgent surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [16055/24]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Health how many public health nurses there are in the CHO6 area and the extent to which they provide care in the community as opposed to private healthcare providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16064/24]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost involved to deliver a MRI scanner at Monaghan Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16066/24]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost involved to deliver a CT scanner at Monaghan Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16067/24]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to the need for CT and MRI scanners at Monaghan Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16068/24]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for long term residential care by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [16075/24]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Health what financial supports are available for amputees who do not qualify for a medical card, who are required to pay extremely high costs upwards of €6,000 every few years for necessary prosthetics; the measures he will take to address this gap in supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [16077/24]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Health if, following the recent publicity surrounding the provision of bras, prosthetics, and swimwear for post-mastectomy clients, he will clarify what are the entitlements; to provide a list of the companies that provide these products nationally and which of the entitlements they supply (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [16079/24]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the healthcare facilities in which the 20 community healthcare beds, announced on 4 April 2024, to be provided next winter, will be located and the impact the new beds will have on care provided in the said facilities last winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [16082/24]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of revenue generated through parking charges within the public car park at CHI Crumlin in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [16083/24]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Health the number of private insurance patient forms that were completed on admission to Tullamore Regional Hospital in each of the years 2020 to 2023; and the number of claims that were processed in respect of these forms to health insurance companies in each of the years in question. — Duncan Smith. [16084/24]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Health the last date an external in-person fire safety audit was carried out on behalf of the HSE at Mullingar Regional Hospital; and the frequency in which these audits are carried out. — Duncan Smith. [16085/24]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Health the number of palliative care teams and staff members in CHO5 at present. — Duncan Smith. [16086/24]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE psychiatric nurses in primary care services and older person services within CHO1 in the years of 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [16087/24]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Health the number of shoulder surgeries carried out at Galway University Hospital to date in 2024. — Duncan Smith. [16088/24]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of revenue generated through restaurant sales at Beaumont Hospital in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [16089/24]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Health if there are future plans to roll out dialectical behaviour therapy in County Mayo. — Duncan Smith. [16090/24]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE midwives working in the maternity department of Wexford General Hospital in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased this year. — Duncan Smith. [16091/24]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant orthopaedic surgeons based in Cavan General Hospital in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [16092/24]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE pharmacists and senior pharmacists working in the pharmacy department of Sligo University Hospital in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [16093/24]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Health the average emergency department waiting times at University Hospital Kerry to date in 2024. — Duncan Smith. [16094/24]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE emergency medicine registrars at Mayo University Hospital in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [16095/24]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant respiratory medicine based in Portlinculla University Hospital in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16096/24]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE accident and emergency nurses in Mercy University Hospital in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased this year. — Duncan Smith. [16097/24]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently on the waiting list for hearing examinations in County Roscommon, by length of time waiting, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [16098/24]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE physiotherapists working in Cappagh Orthopaedic Hospital in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [16099/24]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE advanced nurse practitioners in older persons service in CHO1 in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [16100/24]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE respiratory nurses working in Tallaght University Hospital in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [16101/24]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE plastic surgery registrars working in Portlaoise Regional Hospital in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [16102/24]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE ANP for diabetes in pregnancy working in the maternity unit at St. Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny, in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [16103/24]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Health if the pension entitlements due to a person (details supplied) will be paid on the basis of their position in St. Canice's Hospital, Kilkenny; and if he will expedite the matter. — John McGuinness. [16107/24]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital procedure for a person (details supplied); when an appointment be offered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16130/24]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Health if the age limit with regard to bowel cancer screening (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16132/24]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the shortfall between the cost of prosthetic limbs for amputees and the reimbursement from insurance companies; and what action he proposes to bring them in to line. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [16145/24]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Health if he will extend the availability of paid for prosthetic limbs on the HSE to amputees beyond the first prosthesis and give full life long support to amputees in line with other long term health conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [16146/24]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that an investment fund is intending to convert a currently-operating GPs surgery in Blackpool, Cork, and close the existing service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [16148/24]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; if they will be provided with a place in the step down unit in Monaghan urgently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16167/24]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the provision of adult ADHD services in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [16168/24]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Health to ensure a referral (details supplied) is put forward and an appointment to be given at the earliest opportunity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16169/24]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Health when will an appointment be offered to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16171/24]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Health if will he publish the updated HSE palliative care strategy as a matter of urgency in line with recommendation 12 of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Assisted Dying report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16195/24]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Health how many operations have been cancelled in Croom Hospital on a weekly basis since 1 January 2024, in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [16200/24]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Health how many operations have been cancelled in Nenagh Hospital on a weekly basis since 1 January 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16201/24]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Health how many operations have been cancelled in Ennis Hospital on a weekly basis since 1 January 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16202/24]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Health how many operations have been cancelled in St. Johns Hospital on a weekly basis since 1 January 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16203/24]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Health how many operations have been cancelled in UHL on a weekly basis since 1 January 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16204/24]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Health when HSE contracted home care visit staff in counties Laois and Offaly will resume evening and weekend hours to ensure that a full complement of service is available to patients and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [16205/24]

\*686. To ask the Minister for Health the policy with respect to the treatment of patients by community intervention teams; if there is a differentiation between public and private patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [16217/24]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that the HSE community intervention team for the south east, based in Carlow town is at capacity for the treatment of oncology patients; his plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [16218/24]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric diabetic clinics and the number of people availing of these services, respectively, by county in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [16220/24]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to the health service of providing medical cards including GP visit cards to international protection applicants and beneficiaries of temporary protection from 2022 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16231/24]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Health the dedicated supports currently available to children and families impacted by foetal alcohol spectrum disorder (details supplied); what dedicated supports, if any, are currently available; the plans there are in child and family services to address the needs of children on the foetal alcohol spectrum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [16232/24]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a progress update on the HSE recruitment freeze; when this recruitment freeze is likely to be lifted; the number of front line positions per services department which remained unfilled in CHO5 south Tipperary and CHO3 north Tipperary compared to before the freeze was implemented, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16234/24]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16237/24]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has any plans to provide a minor injuries clinic for Kerry. — Pa Daly. [16240/24]

\*694. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has any plans to provide extra respite beds in hospitals in Kerry. — Pa Daly. [16241/24]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide extra orthopaedic surgeries and beds, as per a capital project request from University Hospital Kerry. — Pa Daly. [16242/24]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the national diabetes paediatric clinical audit. — Sorca Clarke. [16249/24]

\*697. To ask the Minister for Health if a mobility chair will be provided to a person in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16266/24]

\*698. To ask the Minister for Health the number of skull base surgeries performed at Beaumont Hospital in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [16275/24]

\*699. To ask the Minister for Health the number of 24-hour-staffed community mental health residences within CHO8; and if all of those facilities meet the requirements of the HSE Design for Mental Health Guidelines. — Darren O'Rourke. [16276/24]

\*700. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant neurosurgeons at Beaumont Hospital in 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [16277/24]

\*701. To ask the Minister for Health who the members of the Medicines Sustainability Taskforce are; how many times they have met; the projected timeline to publish and implement findings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [16290/24]

\*702. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the number of additional staff hired by the HSE's corporate pharmaceutical unit in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [16291/24]

\*703. To ask the Minister for Health the expected benefits for the Irish health system of the introduction of the EU HTA regulation in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [16292/24]

\*704. To ask the Minister for Health the appropriate pathway through the health service for a child to receive an ADHD diagnosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [16298/24]

\*705. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department and the HSE will now review all transgender treatment in the State, having regard to the recent publication of a landmark report (details supplied) stating that the evidence for allowing young people and children to change gender is built on "shaky foundations"; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [16336/24]

\*706. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to staff dissatisfaction at the removal of staff car parking spaces from the CUH and CUMH; what engagement has taken place with staff and their unions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [16388/24]

\*707. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE accident and emergency department nurses based at Tipperary University Hospital in the years of 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased this year. — Alan Kelly. [16392/24]



\*708. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant oncologist based in Cork University Hospital in the years of 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16393/24]

\*709. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost to recruit two additional WTE orthodontics specialists, two additional senior dental hygienists and two additional senior dental surgeons for the public dental services. — Alan Kelly. [16394/24]

\*710. To ask the Minister for Health the number of plastic surgeries procedures carried out at University Hospital Limerick in the years of 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16395/24]

\*711. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant general adult psychiatrists with a special interest in substance misuse in the CHO5 mental health service in the years of 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16396/24]

\*712. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Ambulance Service will commit to undertaking yearly privileging courses; if not, if it will commit to privileging its currently employed advanced paramedic staff who are practising to paramedic level and are qualified as advanced paramedics but not privileged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16421/24]

\*713. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Ambulance Service will commit to privileging courses as a previously set out course or commence a new course, with a new structure, content and contract for staff who enrol in it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16422/24]

\*714. To ask the Minister for Health when the new 50-bed St. Camillus nursing home in Limerick will be opened; and when the other 25-bed additional unit is planned to be open. — Alan Kelly. [16423/24]

\*715. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [16424/24]

\*716. To ask the Minister for Health the reason minutes are not being kept of the meetings of the Implementation Group examining the operation of the Health (Regulation of Pregnancy) Act 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [16427/24]

\*717. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the latest advice he has received from his Department or the HSE which relate to the operation of telemedicine abortion; whether any studies have yet been undertaken into the operation of telemedicine abortion in Ireland, including risk analyses; if so, to provide a copy of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [16428/24]

\*718. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the list of the service/advocacy groups which have been, or are scheduled to be, involved in the work of the National Termination of Pregnancy Service Improvement Group; the criteria by which these groups have been identified and selected; and whose decision it is to select a prospective group to participate in progressing the work of the TOP Service Improvement Group. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [16429/24]

\*719. To ask the Minister for Health whether the TOP Service Improvement Group considered an article published in the Irish Medical Journal on 21 March 2024 which detailed the case of a woman in Limerick whose life was threatened following the performance of a medical abortion whilst she had an undetected ectopic pregnancy within the context of its second identified workstream “early pregnancy ultrasound”. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [16430/24]

\*720. To ask the Minister for Health when a substantive reply can be expected to issue from child and adolescent counselling service provision in County Donegal, that this Deputy raised at questions on promised legislation on 17 January 2024 and which was followed up with email correspondence to the office of the Minister of State at his Department on 6 March 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [16449/24]

\*721. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the national diabetes paediatric clinical audit. — David Cullinane. [16453/24]

\*722. To ask the Minister for Health when his Department will implement a maternal RSV vaccination programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [16457/24]

\*723. To ask the Minister for Health when HIQA is expected to provide guidance regarding its health technology assessment of RSV vaccination; if this will allow enough time to operationalise a maternal RSV vaccination programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [16458/24]

\*724. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the recruitment of general and paediatric nurses for 2024; if he is aware of any recruitment embargo by the HSE at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16482/24]

\*725. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the urgency in providing funding for a building in Newtownmountkennedy (details supplied); if he is concerned that the existing accommodation is unsuitable; the actions he will take to ensure this project proceeds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [16501/24]

\*726. To ask the Minister for Health the number of endocrinologists employed in Cavan General Hospital in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024. — Pauline Tully. [16504/24]

\*727. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children from counties Cavan and Monaghan with type 1 diabetes that are currently being referred to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda and Temple Street Hospital for the provision of insulin pump therapy; the reason these children require onward referral to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda or Temple Street Hospital as insulin pump therapy is available in Cavan General Hospital since Q4 2023. — Pauline Tully. [16505/24]

\*728. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on maternity cover for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16509/24]

\*729. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the availability of compensation to persons diagnosed with vaccine related narcolepsy and cataplexy; the number of payments made to date and the number of claims outstanding or still in the process of mediation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16514/24]

\*730. To ask the Minister for Health if the home help hours of a person (details supplied) will be increased. — Robert Troy. [16518/24]

\*731. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to give statutory recognition and protection to the designation of “counsellor”; if he has sought a timeline from the Counsellors and Psychotherapists Registration Board for protection of the title, establishment of minimum qualifications for existing and future practitioners, and drafting of standards of proficiency and criteria for education and training; and his views on the adequacy of existing and planned measures to regulate rogue crisis pregnancy agencies. — Ivana Bacik. [16531/24]

\*732. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for delays in completing the process to give statutory protection to the designation of “counsellor”; and if progress can be made on regulating rogue crisis pregnancy agencies notwithstanding those reasons. — Ivana Bacik. [16532/24]

\*733. To ask the Minister for Health if he has engaged with technology communications companies with respect to advertising of rogue crisis pregnancy agencies’ websites online; and if he will make a statement on his Department’s work to ensure that persons seeking advice are able to access MyOptions.ie and other HSE resources. — Ivana Bacik. [16533/24]

\*734. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 229 of 22 February 2023, the number of rogue crisis pregnancy agencies operating here of which his Department and the HSE are aware; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16534/24]

\*735. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make a statement on the need to legislate to curtail the activities of rogue crisis pregnancy agencies; and if he will adopt and pass the Health and Social Care Professionals (Amendment) Bill 2016. — Ivana Bacik. [16535/24]

\*736. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the National Hearing Care Plan; if the working group membership has been agreed; if terms of reference for the working group have been published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16553/24]

\*737. To ask the Minister for Health if he expects to receive initial recommendations from the National Hearing Care Plan Working Group in time for consideration in Budget 2025 planning and negotiations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16554/24]

\*738. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an individual (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [16558/24]

\*739. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting list for audiology services from HSE community services in the Russell Centre, Tallaght; and the average waiting time for those services. — Seán Crowe. [16572/24]

\*740. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of Kelvin Grove, Carlow; the plans in place for its use; and the date by which it will be brought back into use. — Seán Crowe. [16573/24]

\*741. To ask the Minister for Health to address an issue (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [16598/24]

\*742. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff at St Luke’s, Kilkenny paediatric diabetes clinic; if his Department is aware that all new insulin pumps have been put on hold as

they no longer have the staff to facilitate training and after care; to provide an estimated timeline on the recruitment of new staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16601/24]

\*743. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that the team in Caredoc is the only national team not to have received the building momentum pay rises and 37.5-hour week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16613/24]

\*744. To ask the Minister for Health the progress in extending the income disregard for medical cards to include the rent-a-room income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16662/24]

\*745. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to extending the age for funding of treatment option of CAR-T Immunotherapy for leukaemia patients to beyond the age of 25 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [16677/24]

\*746. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for an operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16702/24]

\*747. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the number of public inpatient beds for adults with eating disorders; the cost of operating one bed per year; if there will be an increase in beds in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16708/24]

\*748. To ask the Minister for Health to review documents for funding for the Irish Heart Foundation; his plans on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16715/24]

\*749. To ask the Minister for Health to review a document and the need for funding for an organisation (details supplied); the measures his Department is taking on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16729/24]

\*750. To ask the Minister for Health to review a case (details supplied); if he can provide an urgent appointment, given the pain this girl is in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16734/24]

\*751. To ask the Minister for Health what supports are available for a patient (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [16746/24]

\*752. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a colonoscopy for a patient (details supplied) is being delayed given the family history in this case; if he can expedite this appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16757/24]

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

\*753. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what current English language support classes are in place for IPAs and BOTPs; how are they being delivered; the cost of same, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [16180/24]

\*754. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of the crisis that has now arisen in Ireland's study abroad sector where visiting international students are not able to source accommodation as the investment fund-owned providers of purpose-built student accommodation has brought in 51-week leases, and the students' home universities are not in a position to pay the cost of the additional ten-to-12-week leases; if his Department has conducted any analysis of the impact these 51-week leases could have on the study abroad sector, which is worth €220 million per annum to the economy and employs 350 staff members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16040/24]

\*755. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total number of new registrations for apprenticeships, broken down by consortia and craft; the total number of consortia and craft apprentices currently registered; the number of apprentices currently waiting to access off-site training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [16159/24]

\*756. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a SUSI application by person (details enclosed) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [16236/24]

\*757. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware that a students' union (details supplied) recently launched a petition calling for the Government to provide free period products in all higher education institutions, which has now almost 3,000 signatures; if he will commit to increasing funding in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [16323/24]

\*758. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if funding is available for Irish citizens studying in the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16330/24]

\*759. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of approved PLC places in County Tipperary in the years of 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16414/24]

\*760. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what arrangements or pathways are in place to assist beneficiaries of temporary protection or international protection applicants in accessing the CAO application system; the number of persons in each category that have been assisted from 2019 to date; what grants are available to enable participation of persons in both categories in further and higher education; if such grants or financial supports are means tested; the total value of the grants or financial assistance provided during this time period to both BoPT CAO applicants and IPAS CAO applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16425/24]

\*761. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of the recent announcement concerning the closure of a college (details supplied); if he will intervene to assist these students to continue their courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [16448/24]

\*762. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will extend the roll-out of free period products to all higher education institutions including universities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [16537/24]

\*763. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will ensure that the pilot project to provide free period products is extended to a permanent scheme and is put in place for all further and higher education institutions as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16542/24]

\*764. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the timeline for publishing the report on recommendations for standardised design of student accommodation in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16646/24]

\*765. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the timeline for publishing the Action Plan in response to the Expert Group on Future Skills Needs report on modern methods of construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16650/24]

\*766. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress on approving student accommodation schemes, in light of the approval of the long-term student accommodation policy approach; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16661/24]

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

\*767. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to provide an update on an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16142/24]

\*768. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will review the eligibility criteria for men's/women's sheds grants ahead of future rounds of funding (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [16530/24]

\*769. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason the ORIS Measure One application from South Tipperary Development Company for the development of a promotional website for the St. Declans' Way Irish Camino was not successful; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15968/24]

\*770. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 230 of 24 January 2024, if further funding will be made available to Galway County Council to deal with the backlog of LIS applications and reopen the scheme to new applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [15975/24]

\*771. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when a new community centres investment fund - improvement and refurbishment of existing community centres is to be announced and open for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [16143/24]

\*772. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of contracts with (details supplied) her Department has had with in the years of 2023 and to date in 2024; and the nature of services this company provided to her Department during this period, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16408/24]

\*773. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to provide an update on the work of the inter-departmental working group on the review of existing dog control legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16486/24]

\*774. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding, if any, that has been applied for to mark and celebrate Ernest Shackleton's 150th anniversary around Ireland; if not applied for, what funding might exist through her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16489/24]

\*775. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if value for money reviews are carried out on local improvement scheme allocations to local authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16557/24]

\*776. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there is an education and or advice scheme that focuses on good corporate governance that volunteer organisations can avail of. — Catherine Murphy. [16562/24]

\*777. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 1580 of 20 March 2024, what guidance her Department officials give to Tidy Towns adjudicators with regard to the presence of election posters and/or cable ties in the context of the marking scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [16568/24]