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

*1. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to examine an issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [16837/24]

*2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a replacement passport will issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [16844/24]

*3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if an update can be provided on a case (details supplied); the steps being taken by his Department to assist the family; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16861/24]

*4. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of US military aircraft that have been inspected in Shannon by the IAA for weapons on stopover while en route to Israel since 7 October 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16946/24]

*5. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a decision will be made on an application for a foreign birth registration (details supplied); the reason for the delay in processing the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [16970/24]

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

*6. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications whether the delay in publishing the Marine Protected Areas Bill will have consequences for the State's ability to identify potential offshore energy locations; whether that in turn will undermine the State's efforts to meet its renewable targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [16794/24]

*7. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if stock management operations on Lough Corrib SAC, i.e. the removal of invasive/non-native freshwater fish such as pike, are exclusively an operational matter for Inland Fisheries Ireland; if the Inland Fisheries Division or the Minister have any input or function regarding stock management operations on Lough Corrib SAC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16828/24]

*8. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16829/24]

*9. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what action his Department is taking to research and develop the hydrotreated vegetable oil market in Ireland, in view that HVO fuel could be substituted for retrofitting to home boilers, which could lead to an immediate reduction in carbon emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17017/24]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*10. To ask the Minister for Transport what action his Department is taking to research and develop the hydrotreated vegetable oil market in Ireland, in view that HVO fuel could be substituted for diesel in diesel cars which could lead to an immediate reduction in carbon emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17017/24]

*11. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter in relation to EV charging (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [16790/24]

*12. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the barriers to student bodies establishing a carpooling scheme for travel to a university campus (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [16797/24]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*13. To ask the Minister for Finance the action that was taken by his Department in response to important information given in a letter to the then Minister in relation to loans to a company (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [16800/24]

*14. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has concerns about a non-bank lender being supplied with State funds given allegations reported in the media of its involvement in lending money to an apparent front organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [16802/24]

*15. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund divested from an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [16803/24]

*16. To ask the Minister for Finance to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if he has considered the proposal submitted to him in March 2024; if he intends to extend the VAT exemption to counsellors and psychotherapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16821/24]

*17. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the campaign by a group (details supplied) that seeks to draw attention to requests to review the VAT exemption to include counsellors and psychotherapists; if this is under consideration within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [16840/24]

*18. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider extending the VAT exemption to counsellors and psychotherapists in Ireland, which would create equity of treatment and parity of esteem for mental health professionals providing psychotherapy and counselling services, with those who deliver physical health care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [16870/24]

*19. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to extending the VAT exemption to counsellors and psychotherapists in Ireland (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [16878/24]

*20. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised from restricting the employers’ PRSI exemption for share-based remuneration to micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16899/24]

*21. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost to the Exchequer in 2024 of not proceeding with scheduled increases in excise duty on marked gas oil on 1 April 2024, 1 August 2024 and 9 October 2024. — Pearse Doherty. [16904/24]

*22. To ask the Minister for Finance to address the inconsistency in VAT regulations and extend the VAT exemptions to psychotherapists and counsellors providing services and to ensure equal treatment as other professionals working in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [17016/24]

*23. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration would be given to reclassifying hydrotreated vegetable oil as a home heating fuel, in view that it is currently rated as a transport fuel and is therefore more expensive to purchase than diesel and kerosene; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17018/24]

*24. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will urgently examine the situation where some RTÉ employees are being forced to make punitive payments to the Revenue Commissioners in respect of bogus self-employment contracts wrongly issued by their employer over many years; if settlements by RTÉ entered into with Revenue has also covered these individuals; if so, if the individuals continue to make payments to Revenue in respect of already-settled cases; if, in the event that these individuals’ cases were not settled by RTÉ, the reason therefor, as it would be the responsibility of the party issuing the bogus self-employment contract to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17067/24]

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

*25. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is concerned about the ruling of the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission requiring a bank to make €500 million in new funding available to an organisation (details supplied) in light of allegations reported in the media and in a letter sent to the his Department that the organisation lent money to a front organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [16805/24]

*26. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the action that was taken by his Department in response to important information given in a letter to the then Minister in relation to loans by an organisation (details supplied), a body financed by the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund, to a company. — Paul Murphy. [16806/24]

*27. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 149 of 7 February 2024, to provide an update on the implementation of the white paper on enterprise; the status of the second update report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16897/24]

*28. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how many businesses in each of counties Cavan, Monaghan, Donegal, Leitrim, Sligo, Roscommon, Mayo and Galway have to date registered for the increased cost of business grant; when payments under the grant will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16908/24]

*29. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for a report on the implementation of the North East Regional Enterprise Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16909/24]

*30. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in each of the four Dublin local authority areas that have to date registered for the increased cost of business grant; when payments under the grant will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [16943/24]

*31. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if new mediation measures are providing a significant step change for resolving insurance claims nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [16944/24]

*32. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the Government still intends to hold a referendum for Ireland to join the Unified Patent Court on 7 June 2024; whether an alternative date is being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [16967/24]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*33. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the progress of a new school building (details supplied); the reason for the delays in the delivery of this new building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16772/24]

*34. To ask the Minister for Education if the case of a school (details supplied) will be reviewed in relation to the allocation of a permanent EAL post at the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16774/24]

*35. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 443 of 20 March 2024, if correspondence will be reviewed (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16784/24]

*36. To ask the Minister for Education if a person (details supplied) is on the correct rate of teacher's pension; if there is any other pension/benefit available to the person from the Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16785/24]

*37. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a child (details supplied) is unable to access school transport when capacity is available; if this case will be considered further; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [16791/24]

*38. To ask the Minister for Education if urgent reconsideration can be given to the school transport application in the case of a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16825/24]

*39. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the school building project (details supplied); if her Department can clarify the points raised by the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [16836/24]

*40. To ask the Minister for Education if he will address a matter (details supplied) in relation to boarding school facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16839/24]

*41. To ask the Minister for Education if she has received an application for additional classroom accommodation from a school in County Cork (details supplied), and in light of significant planned increased enrolment and existing classroom inadequacies, if she will expedite approval in this case. — Michael Creed. [16874/24]

*42. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the redevelopment of a school (details supplied) for which the Stage 2b file was submitted to her Department in August 2023; whether a date for construction is planned; the timeline for completion of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [16890/24]

*43. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 499 of 20 March 2024, the date for when she expects the survey to commence; when the survey will be completed; and when action, if any, can be expected to be taken in response to the findings of the survey. — Sorca Clarke. [16901/24]

*44. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on any engagements her Department has had with a union (details supplied) regarding the issue of caretakers. — Sorca Clarke. [16902/24]

*45. To ask the Minister for Education to urgently review and action the very concerning case of revoked autism places for the coming school term (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [16921/24]

*46. To ask the Minister for Education the measures and solutions that can be offered in the case of a child with additional needs who is receiving the home tuition grant but cannot source a tutor as tutors are not willing to travel the distance to the child living in rural Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [16945/24]

*47. To ask the Minister for Education the updated position with the construction of a school in County Mayo (details supplied); the stage it is at; when the school can expect further development on this project; when the school is expected to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [16949/24]

*48. To ask the Minister for Education why the Appeals Board felt that a school (details supplied) did not meet the criteria under Circular 0011/2024 to retain their 12th teacher as an explanation would help the school in understanding this final decision. — Paul Kehoe. [16973/24]

*49. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 316 of 5 March 2024, the reason no contact has been made with the parents of a child (details supplied) in respect of securing a place in a primary school ASD unit for 2024/2025. — Thomas Gould. [16974/24]

*50. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools with three mainstream teachers, which based on enrolment figures of September 2023 are due to lose a teacher for the 2024/2025 school year based on the current teacher retention requirement in their school; the number of schools with two mainstream teachers, which based on enrolment figures of September 2024 are due to gain a teacher based on the present teacher pupil schedule in their school; whether in view of the data available she intends adjusting the pupil teacher ratio downwards for the 2024/2025 school year to ensure that rural schools can continue to provide a high level of education in their communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [16976/24]

*51. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to improve the school transport system for the coming school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [16977/24]

*52. To ask the Minister for Education if students from Ireland who have done their teacher training course in the UK can return to Ireland to complete their induction rather than doing so in the UK; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [17011/24]

*53. To ask the Minister for Education how many permanent teaching posts are currently unfilled for the 2023-2024 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17030/24]

*54. To ask the Minister for Education how many fixed-term teaching posts are currently unfilled for the 2023-2024 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17031/24]

*55. To ask the Minister for Education how many maternity leave positions are currently unfilled for the 2023-2024 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17032/24]

*56. To ask the Minister for Education the collective number of unused sub days for the 2022-23 school year; the resulting saving in wages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17033/24]

*57. To ask the Minister for Education how many teachers are expected to retire in the next five months, by 8 September 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17034/24]

*58. To ask the Minister for Education how many unqualified teachers are currently working in the primary education system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17035/24]

*59. To ask the Minister for Education if, in regard to her press release of 10 April 2024, which references that 800 school building projects have been completed since 2020 and 300 other projects are under construction, she will detail the number of school building projects that have been completed, by county, in tabular form; to provide a breakdown of the total number of projects under construction, per county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [17064/24]

*60. To ask the Minister for Education the minor works funding provided for each county in each school year 2020/21 to 2023/24 inclusive, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [17065/24]

*61. To ask the Minister for Education the summer works funding provided for each county in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [17066/24]

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

*62. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 313 of 11 July 2023, considering the ongoing funding issue which continue with the Drogheda Museum, if she will assist in organising a meeting with officials competent in the sector that could advise the museum on the best way forward for their organisation with a view of future funding options and supports at the forefront of their requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [16814/24]

*63. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the best contact and method for a GAA club to inquire/remove a historical charge against their facility by her Department. — Kathleen Funchion. [16822/24]

*64. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte Uimh. 17 den 15 Feabhra 2024, cén dul chun cinn atá déanta ar an obair athbheithnithe ar na chéad deich bplean teanga a ceadaíodh faoi Acht na Gaeltachta, 2012; cathain a chríochnófar an tuarascáil; cathain a fhoilseofar an tuarascáil; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [16895/24]

*65. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to correspondence sent to her office from a person (details supplied); if she and the Government will support Ireland’s ambition for an organisation to host stages of the FIA World Rally Championship in Ireland over a three-year period from 2025-2027; if she is aware of the tourism, economic, and cultural benefits that hosting such an event will offer to Ireland; when a decision will be issued on this proposal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [17037/24]

*66. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what progress has been made on commitments in the Programme for Government in respect of developing a Wild Atlantic Walkway and a Carlingford-to-Cobh coastal route; what stage each project is at; if either is a real priority at this stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17068/24]

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

*67. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide, in tabular form, the apartment blocks and duplexes in Dublin south central currently eligible for the interim remediation scheme for the funding of emergency fire safety defect works; when the legislation to support the remediation of defects in apartments and duplexes will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [16786/24]

*68. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can confirm that the Marine Protected Areas Bill will be brought forward in April; whether the delay to date in publishing the Bill has been a technical issue; if so, if he will provide details on what that issue is; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [16795/24]

*69. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide funding to connect Birch Hill Estate and Old Killarney Village Cottages to the public sewage at Aghadoe, Killarney, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [16811/24]

*70. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a sewerage scheme will be available for a housing estate in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16819/24]

*71. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the community heritage grant scheme 2024; the timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16867/24]

*72. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the planning guidelines in respect of childcare facilities as part of large-scale developments will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16990/24]

*73. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans to issue an ocean environment policy statement; if so, what will this statement incorporate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17012/24]

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

*74. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined and a resolution found for the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16776/24]

*75. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the terms of the widows' or widower's pension, particularly in respect of non-married or co-habiting couples and the judgement of the Supreme Court on 22 January 2024; the expected timeline in terms of the legislative changes that are required in respect of this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [16782/24]

*76. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on a carers application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16787/24]

*77. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to examine an issue (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [16792/24]

*78. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16841/24]

*79. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an application for invalidity allowance by a person (details supplied) will be determined by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16862/24]

*80. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16869/24]

*81. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a disability allowance claim by a person (details supplied) will be put into payment after being allowed on appeal in December 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [16876/24]

*82. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider the return of community welfare offices to principal secondary towns in provincial Ireland (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [16893/24]

*83. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will seek a review of a domiciliary care allowance case (details supplied) where the child is profoundly deaf but this is not seen as meeting the required criteria; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [16900/24]

*84. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to respond to concerns raised in respect of the Automatic Enrolment Retirement Savings System Bill 2024 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [16982/24]

*85. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a carer’s allowance appeal (details supplied) in respect of a person in County Kerry. — Brendan Griffin. [17050/24]

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

*86. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is aware of the concern of organisations in the charity sector, which run raffles as a funding mechanism, of the impact of the Gambling Regulation Bill; if exemptions will be put in place to ensure that charities will not be restricted in running and advertising such raffles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16891/24]

*87. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is now in a position to supply the information sought in a previous question (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16773/24]

*88. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is in a position to supply the information sought in a previous question (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16775/24]

*89. To ask the Minister for Justice if a decision has been made on a join family visa in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16777/24]

*90. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress made to date in the determination of an appeal for a visa in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16813/24]

*91. To ask the Minister for Justice the current position of a naturalisation application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16823/24]

*92. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for a visa in the case of a person (details supplied); if a decision is due to issue, given they are due to travel shortly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16824/24]

*93. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of gardaí in the roads policing unit for each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024, to include a breakdown by rank and division for each of those years, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16830/24]

*94. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will expedite an application for the atypical work scheme given the time constraints as outlined in correspondence from the applicant with her Department (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [16866/24]

*95. To ask the Minister for Justice if a referendum will be required before the State can formally opt-in to the regulations that comprise the EU Migration and Asylum Pact (the Pact) which was approved by the European Parliament on 10 March 2024, given the potential significant financial burden/ charge on funds on the State arising from any such formal opt-in to the regulations (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [16868/24]

*96. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of international protection applicants that have applied for permission to her to leave Ireland from 2019 to date in 2024; the application criteria that her Department applies in such instances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16872/24]

*97. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of international protection applicants that have applied for permission to leave Ireland from 2019 to date in 2024; if her Department notifies the Department of Social Protection when permission is granted; the number of such notifications provided to that Department from 2019 to date in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16873/24]

*98. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the proposed new Garda station at Northern Cross, Dublin 17; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [16906/24]

*99. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application for a naturalisation certificate in respect of a person (details supplied); if the certificate has issued to date; if not, the expected timeline for it to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16922/24]

*100. To ask the Minister for Justice the up-to-date position regarding the possible posthumous pardoning in the historic cases of Poff and Barrett in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17039/24]

*101. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 922 and 923 of 20 March 2024, if she will address further matters (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [17063/24]

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

*102. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total area of tillage land in the State in hectares; the number of tillage farms; and the average farm size in hectares. — Claire Kerrane. [16912/24]

*103. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of participants under the tillage capital investment scheme; the total area of land; and the average farm size of those partaking. — Claire Kerrane. [16913/24]

*104. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of participants under the tillage incentive scheme; the total area of land; and the average farm size of those partaking. — Claire Kerrane. [16914/24]

*105. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the cost of extending the tillage capital investment scheme to farmers with less than 15 hectares of owned, leased or rented lands. — Claire Kerrane. [16915/24]

*106. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a breakdown of the total number of applications for the reconstitution scheme for ash dieback; the number of approvals to date; and the total area and the average size of plantations affected by ash dieback that have applied for the reconstitution scheme, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [16916/24]

*107. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a breakdown of the capital and current funding allocated to the reconstitution scheme for ash dieback in 2023 and 2024 respectively in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [16917/24]

*108. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the cost of increasing the site clearance grant rates and replanting grant rates under the reconstitution scheme for ash dieback by 10%, 20% and 30% respectively. — Claire Kerrane. [16918/24]

*109. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the annual cost of a 10%, 20% and 30% increase in the area of plantations approved for aid under the reconstitution scheme for ash dieback in tabular form, for each of the years 2025 to 2029. — Claire Kerrane. [16919/24]

*110. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated cost of increasing funding for the reconstitution scheme for ash dieback by 1%, 2% and 10% respectively. — Claire Kerrane. [16920/24]

*111. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how many herds in Ireland have been struck with Johne's disease; if he is aware of any supports for farmers facing this issue; and if he plans to introduce a scheme to help farms keep afloat during this devastating health issue time period. — Peadar Tóibín. [17036/24]

*112. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when decisions will issue on the renewal of aquaculture licences at a location in County Kerry (details supplied); if licences will be further extended pending decisions on these renewals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17038/24]

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

*113. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [16898/24]

*114. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeframe for the publication of the report on the Demonstration Project on Personalised Budgets; if the accompanying evaluation process will be completed in Q2, 2024, as reported in July 2022; the number that is currently involved in the project; and if he will give an update on the brokerage models frameworks proposed. — Pauline Tully. [16779/24]

*115. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether those with a disability from birth have the same qualifying criteria for access to speech and language therapies as those with an acquired disability; if not, if he will outline the different criteria for such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [16793/24]

*116. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that the Mother and Baby Home Commission of Inquiry has called on the Government to grant redress to residents (details supplied); if these calls are to be addressed by his Department, either through the current redress schemes or by another means; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [16799/24]

*117. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to review a case (details supplied); if a similar funding application can be made in Cavan by the child development team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16812/24]

*118. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide all communication with regard to an offer of accommodation for international protection applicants in a property in Clonmel, County Tipperary (details supplied); if this property has been rejected; the current status of this offer; the dates this property was inspected by Department officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [16842/24]

*119. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be reviewed and a follow-up with the HSE arranged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16927/24]

*120. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount that was expended by his Department in 2022 on the accommodation of pets and other animals. — Michael McNamara. [16928/24]

*121. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline the lawful basis for any expenditure by his Department on the accommodation of animals in 2022. — Michael McNamara. [16929/24]

*122. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide a breakdown of the sums paid to each provider of accommodation to beneficiaries of temporary protection in respect of the accommodation of animals in 2022. — Michael McNamara. [16930/24]

*123. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of residential disability respite centres in use by December 2018, December 2019, December 2020, December 2021, December 2022 and December 2023; the total number of overnight residential respite places available at each of these dates; and the total number of day-only residential respite places available at each of these dates, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [16947/24]

*124. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children and young persons on waiting lists for an assessment of need, by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [16953/24]

*125. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons on a waiting list for initial contact from a CDNT, by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [16960/24]

*126. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can help a playschool (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [16971/24]

*127. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can confirm with regard to the IPAS contract signed with a hotel (details supplied), if the contract is being paid at a rate of 500 beds, which was the original stated figure provided under the initial department briefing issued on 13 February, or if the State is funding the maximum allowable number of applicants under the current fire safety certificate, which is approximately half of quoted 500 in the original brief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17000/24]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*128. To ask the Minister for Health when a person will get an appointment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16778/24]

*129. To ask the Minister for Health when a person will receive an appointment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16780/24]

*130. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for an outpatient physiotherapy appointment in the Regional Hospital Tullamore. — Robert Troy. [16781/24]

*131. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will have surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16783/24]

*132. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has any responsibility for the monitoring of medical card patients' access to appointments in private GP facilities; specifically, if there is a practice of longer waiting times for patients in primary care on medical cards as opposed to paying full fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [16796/24]

*133. To ask the Minister for Health his Department's plans to develop a dedicated pathway for adult ADHD assessment services in Fingal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16808/24]

*134. To ask the Minister for Health any initiatives he plans to introduce to increase resources for adult mental health assessments in the Fingal region, including a focus on ADHD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16809/24]

*135. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting time for adult mental health assessments within Fingal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16810/24]

*136. To ask the Minister for Health how many adults are currently waiting for audiology services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [16815/24]

*137. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reduce waiting times for audiology services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [16816/24]

*138. To ask the Minister for Health if the development of any future national hearing care plan will include consideration for adult medical card holders to be assessed and treated by community audiologists, who currently do provide care to working age adults under the Department of Social Protection's treatment benefit scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [16817/24]

*139. To ask the Minister for Health the future plans the HSE has for the old GP building on the Galway Road, Kinnegad (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [16818/24]

*140. To ask the Minister for Health if he was aware that the phone service for families of immunocompromised children in Crumlin Hospital has been stopped (details supplied); the reason for same; if the service will return; and if so, when. — Mark Ward. [16820/24]

*141. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be called for an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16826/24]

*142. To ask the Minister for Health if he will amend the internship placement allocation to allow Irish graduate medical students who trained in Derry or Belfast equal status to other Irish graduate medical students, as this will offer those graduates the opportunity to return to the State as doctors, to continue speciality training here and serve our local communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [16838/24]

*143. To ask the Minister for Health if orthodontic treatment can be offered to a person (details supplied); the options available in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16863/24]

*144. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the implementation of the independent abortion review with respect to recommendations concerning necessary legislative amendments, including the ambiguity for clinicians interpreting section 11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [16864/24]

*145. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the timeframe for the next Women's Health Action Plan; if it will include actions relating to the improvement of abortion services in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [16865/24]

*146. To ask the Minister for Health if a case (details supplied) regarding speech and language service being stopped due to staff shortage will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16871/24]

*147. To ask the Minister for Health if an Irish citizen who graduates with a medicine degree from a Northern Ireland University can be funded and return to work in the HSE notwithstanding the fact that they are classed as a tier 2 applicant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [16875/24]

*148. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and an appointment for rehabilitation expedited. — Niamh Smyth. [16877/24]

*149. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the Cashel community nursing unit, following previous indications that a decision on the unit would be made in Q1 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16894/24]

*150. To ask the Minister for Health what measures are in place to contact parents and advise them that their newborn children are not receiving their developmental checks in Dublin mid-west due to a lack of public health nurses in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16903/24]

*151. To ask the Minister for Health if a response will issue in relation to the case of a person (details supplied). — Denise Mitchell. [16907/24]

*152. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for speech and language therapy, by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [16950/24]

*153. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for physiotherapy, by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [16951/24]

*154. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for occupational therapy, by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [16952/24]

*155. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for ophthalmology, by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [16954/24]

*156. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for audiology, by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [16955/24]

*157. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for podiatry, by CHO, and age category; and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [16956/24]

*158. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for community psychology services, by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [16957/24]

*159. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for counselling services, by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [16958/24]

*160. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for CAMHS, by CHO, age category and time waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [16959/24]

*161. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for dietetics, by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [16961/24]

*162. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges, by hospital, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [16962/24]

*163. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for homecare packages in each month in 2023 and to date in 2024, by CHO and LHO, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [16963/24]

*164. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to legislate to raise the legal age of the sale of tobacco from 18 to 21 this year; if so, the timeline he is working towards in progressing the necessary legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16964/24]

*165. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1360 of 9 May 2024, to clarify his Department's definition of an "informal" meeting; to outline the difference between a "formal" and "informal" meeting when engaging with lobbyists; if any records are kept of such "informal" meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16965/24]

*166. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to funding shortage concerns by an organisation (details supplied); the actions he will take to ensure the long-term continuity of this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [16966/24]

*167. To ask the Minister for Health if all cancer drug therapies available to Irish patients are universally and equitably available on the public system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [16969/24]

*168. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16972/24]

*169. To ask the Minister for Health the amount the HSE has spent on salaries and fees for trainee clinical psychologists in each year of the past five years, in tabular form; the number of graduates from the programme; the number who went onto work for the HSE as qualified clinical psychologists in the past five years.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16975/24]

*170. To ask the Minister for Health for clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17013/24]

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

*171. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will extend the deadline for sectoral input responses to a report (details supplied), as the request to ETBI on 22 March with a deadline of 25 March, a timeline that appears wholly

inadequate to facilitate valid sectoral feedback and input; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [16764/24]

*172. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the timeline for completion of a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [16798/24]

*173. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the review on the status of PhD researchers, that is, classification as either students or employees, will be published. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [16843/24]

*174. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to ensure all third-level educational institutions provide free period products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [16892/24]

*175. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will ensure that higher education institutions are sufficiently resourced to be able to provide free on-campus sanitary products to their students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16948/24]

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

*176. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total amount in the Community Recognition Fund; the amount that has been allocated to County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17010/24]

*177. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the capital envelope that will be required for a library project proposed for Blackrock/Mahon in Cork city. — Sean Sherlock. [16926/24]

*178. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for an update on an application for Local Enhancement Programme 2024 by a group (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [16989/24]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH, I
gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 18 AIBREÁN, 2024
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 18 APRIL, 2024**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her engagement with other Government departments and State agencies to support hotels in rural communities. — Matt Carthy. [10407/24]

2. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when an announcement in respect of financial assistance for sporting organisations is anticipated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16936/24]

3. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the Large-Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund will be launched; if she will outline the guidelines for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [16788/24]

4. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cathain a líonfaidh sí na folúntais ar Bhord Údarás na Gaeltachta, lena n-áirítear ról an Chathaoirligh; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17070/24]

5. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán i dtaca le Ceist Pharlaiminte Uimh. 7 den 15 Feabhra 2024, soiléiriú a thabhairt ar an bplean a d’eascair as an obair athbhreithnithe a rinne Údarás na Gaeltachta faoin bpunann iomlán maoinne atá aige agus faoi na féidearthachtaí forbartha atá ann; soiléiriú a thabhairt ar na hacmhainní airgeadais a bheidh ag teastáil chun an plan a chur i gcrích; an dtabharfaidh sí an t-eolas is déanaí ar aon teagmháil idir a Roinn agus Údarás na Gaeltachta maidir le tithíocht a chur ar fáil ar thalamh agus réadmhaoin atá faoi úinéireacht an Údaráis; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [16854/24]

6. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps being taken by her Department to increase the tourism potential of County Meath. — Peadar Tóibín. [16807/24]

7. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has a strategy to ensure that tourism in Ireland is more regionally balanced in terms of the entry and exit points of passengers arriving into Ireland (i.e. airports and ferry ports). — Cathal Crowe. [16690/24]

8. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the progress to date in rolling out the most recently announced Sports Capital Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [16979/24]

9. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the additional measures she has put in place to support downstream businesses whose revenue has dropped mainly due to the fact that local tourism accommodation is being used to accommodate Ukrainians, refugees and international protection applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [17060/24]

10. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details of the mitigation measures that are being considered to cover losses in ancillary tourist services, due to tourist accommodation being utilised for other uses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [16833/24]

11. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén caiteachas atá déanta ar scoil áirithe (sonraí tugtha) i gContae Chorcaí le cúig bliana anuas; cad iad foinsí an mhaoinithe sin; cad iad na chéad chéimeanna eile chun an togra a chur i gcrích; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aindrias Moynihan. [17029/24]

12. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will expedite a review and provide supports to address the lack of hotel beds for the tourism sector in Drogheda, the largest town in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [16857/24]

13. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media cé na pleananna nua atá aici agus na beartais nua atá i gceist aici a chur i bhfeidhm maidir le cur chun cinn na Gaeilge agus na Gaeltachta don tréimhse atá fágtha i dtéarma an Rialtais seo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [16942/24]

14. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if any further measures are anticipated to assist the tourism sector in advance of the summer season; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16935/24]

15. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the new round of the Large-Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund will open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [17040/24]

16. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán soiléiriú a thabhairt ar aon teagmháil idir a Roinn, an Roinn Tithíochta agus brúghrúpa (sonraí tugtha) maidir leis na ceithre bhunéileamh atá acu faoin easpa tithíochta sa Ghaeltacht; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [16855/24]

17. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps her Department is taking to encourage the participation of females in sport; if she can provide an update on the Programme for Government Commitment to increase the level of media coverage, nationally and locally of women's sport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [16789/24]

18. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an aontaíonn sí leis an rún glactha ag Ard Fheis Conradh na Gaeilge maidir leis an ggreatlach maoinithe ag Foras na Gaeilge a bheith lochtach, agus an bhfuil sé i gceist aici athbhreithniú a phlé lena comhghleacaí san Fheidhmeannas ó thuaidh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17072/24]

19. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on this year's sports capital grants and a timeline on when decisions will be made; if she will outline future funding plans for large scale sports infrastructure funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [16984/24]

20. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to detail what core funding has been allocated to support sporting organisations, national governing bodies of sport and local sports partnerships through Sport Ireland for 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16937/24]

21. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the Sports Capital Grants for 2024 will be announced for clubs in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16701/24]

22. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil sé fós mar sprioc aici Scéim Labhairt na Gaeilge a thabhairt ar ais, mar a gheall an iar-Aire Stáit Patrick O'Donovan, agus má tá, cathain. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17071/24]

23. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to report on the progress to date in the development of the national counter disinformation strategy; when she expects this strategy will be published; to report on the meetings of the national counter disinformation strategy working group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16999/24]

24. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the up-to-date position in relation to the provision of funding to safeguard the future of RTÉ; if the issue of bogus self-employment and the potential cost to the organisation of this debacle is being considered; the steps she will take in respect of other public service news and broadcasting services; her views on whether these could be dealt with separately and sooner while the RTÉ issue continues to be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17006/24]

25. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the plans for the universal basic income pilot scheme for artists after it is due to end in 2025. — Gary Gannon. [17059/24]

26. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department plans to provide tourist amenities in Cúil Na Móna Plant at Togher, Portlaoise, along with the three bogs in Laois Cúil na Móna, Coolnacartan and Cashel; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [16832/24]

27. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a list of the funding available to swimming pools needing capital investment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16700/24]

28. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has received reports on governance and culture and contractor fees and HR in RTÉ that were due in March 2024; when she will publish these reports; and whether she has made a decision on the future of media funding. — Thomas Gould. [16992/24]

29. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the position regarding the publication of the two Government commissioned reports pertaining to RTÉ; if she has seen either report; if so, when she received the report(s); when each will be published; if Dáil Éireann will have an opportunity to debate the reports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17005/24]

30. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 9 of 15 February 2024, the status of the drawdown of the €1 million in Galway 2020 legacy funding; the amount drawn down to-date; the breakdown of where any funds drawn down to-date have been allocated; the amount that has been allocated to-date via open calls for funding applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16852/24]

31. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cathain atá sé i gceist aici an bille leasaithe ar Údarás na Gaeltachta a fhoilsiú; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [16941/24]

32. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the way her Department is supporting Irish theatre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [17002/24]

33. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 24 of 15 February 2024, the status of the Údarás na Gaeltachta housing initiative approved in December 2023 to develop a model of affordable housing for Irish speakers on Údarás lands in three Gaeltacht areas; the details of her Department's role in this housing initiative; the expected timeline for the delivery of the affordable housing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16853/24]

34. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she expects the Sports Capital Grants to be announced. — Cathal Crowe. [16691/24]

35. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán the steps being taken by her Department to ensure the viability of the Irish self-catering sector is protected; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [17049/24]

36. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the work of the stakeholders' forum, one of the recommendations of the recent report on section 481 produced by the Oireachtas Budget Scrutiny Committee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [16983/24]

37. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the way her Department is supporting the Irish film industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [16997/24]

38. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on the latest round of the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [16693/24]

39. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on the Sports Capital Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [16364/24]

40. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is aware of the campaign by an organisation (details supplied) and its push for sporting facilities for the young people of the south inner city on the site on Marrowbone Lane. — Gary Gannon. [17058/24]

41. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there are plans to upgrade public sports pitches with suitable disability infrastructure to accommodate people of all abilities, allowing community sports clubs to achieve the status of fully inclusive organisations. — Gary Gannon. [17057/24]

42. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the measures that will be implemented to assist the tourism sector meet additional business costs through initiatives of her own Department or through the agencies under the remit of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [16978/24]

43. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what supports have been made available in relation to Irish participation in the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [16692/24]

44. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to report on progress on action number JM/24/1 in the 2024 climate action plan annex of actions; to provide a breakdown of supports provided to enterprises in the regenerative tourism sector to expand their services and develop their capabilities; to provide a summary of outputs achieved so far in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16998/24]

45. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media whether she had any discussions with the military authorities in relation to the possibility of retaining the LÉ Eithne as an item of historic importance and its future use in a maritime or navy museum on Haulbowline, Cork, to add to the tourism attractions of Cork city and its environs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17076/24]

46. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte Uimh. 62 den 15 Feabhra 2024, maidir leis an obair athbheithnithe atá déanta ag Údarás na Gaeltachta i ndáil leis na córais agus leis an gcur chuige atá i ngníomh ag an Údarás chun tacú le cur chun cinn na Gaeilge sna client-chuideachtaí agus i ndáil leis na bealaí ina ndéantar an t-ábhar a bhaineann leo a riaradh; soiléiriú a thabhairt ar stádas na scéime píolótaí; cé mhéad client-chuideachta atá ag glacadh páirt sa scéim; soiléiriú a thabhairt ar na téarmaí tagartha don scéim; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [16856/24]

47. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to outline the recommendations of the recently published review of the Large-Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund; the reason the new similar access requirement policy in respect of men and women having access to publicly funded sporting facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16938/24]

48. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the actions she is taking to overhaul Foras na Gaeilge as a funding mechanism for the Irish language sector, funding for which over the last number of years has stalled in comparison to funding in other areas in her portfolio, such as arts and heritage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17021/24]

49. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide an update on the role of the night-time economy manager in Drogheda, since the Government policy decision closed the last remaining hotel beds of scale in the town, thus majorly impacting the tourism sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [16858/24]

50. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on her Department's engagement with Gaeltaca and on the funding of the Irish language, particularly language assistants in schools in Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [16991/24]

51. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the NDP has sufficiently taken into account and is adequately resourced to meet the growing demand for sports facilities, particularly with the very considerable and welcome growth of women's sports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16222/24]

52. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is planning to pause the planned increase in statutory sick pay days; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [17044/24]

53. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on his Department's efforts, in conjunction with the IDA and Enterprise Ireland, to attract new commerce and industry to County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [16695/24]

54. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how he plans to support and compensate business owners in towns such as Killarney, County Kerry, where the displacement of tourism accommodation for use as emergency accommodation has resulted in significant reductions in footfall and consumer spending; the supports he is planning for the broader SME sector and businesses exposed to vastly increased overheads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17023/24]

55. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline the work that is being carried out by his Department to provide supports for micro-, small- and medium-sized businesses, particularly in the hospitality sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [16985/24]

56. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on his plans to transpose the EU Directive on Adequate Minimum Wages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [17054/24]

57. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline the process his Department uses to assess the granting of export licences for 'dual use goods' to Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [16986/24]

58. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what action is being taken to strengthen the resilience, productivity and innovation of SMEs to ensure that they remain key drivers of employment nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [17027/24]

59. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he plans to support those SMEs that are currently struggling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [16996/24]

60. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 30 of 8 February 2024, the status of the implementation of the West regional enterprise plan (REP) to 2024; the date of all meetings to-date of the steering group; for an update on the most recent meeting of the steering group; if the West REP progress report, which was expected in Q1 2024, has been published to-date; how many of the nine REP progress reports expected in Q1 2024 have been published to-date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16850/24]

61. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the date of the last four meetings of the Labour Employer Economic Forum subgroup on collective bargaining; the methods he is using to ensure worker's right to organise is developed in this State; and whether he intends to wait until the deadline of Article 4 of the EU Directive before taking any action. — Thomas Gould. [16994/24]

62. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is planning any changes to the current statutory sick pay scheme; if paid sick leave days and the maximum sick leave pay will be affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [17045/24]

63. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in counties Longford, Westmeath, Offaly and Laois, respectively that have registered for the Increased Cost of Business Grant to date; when payments under the grant will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [16881/24]

64. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the supports available to businesses with the rising cost of energy in running a business, particularly those in the hospitality sector, which has seen a number of closures recently. — Niamh Smyth. [16698/24]

65. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans for a range of measures to reduce red tape and the administrative burden on business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [16940/24]

66. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what communication took place with the food processing sector around the introduction of the changes to the work permit legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [17069/24]

67. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 27 of 8 February 2024, the number of dual-use export licence applications in respect of end-users in Israel approved by his Department since 7 October 2023; the value of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16847/24]

68. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the increase in the number statutory sick days will increase as per the timeline of seven days from January 2025 and ten days from January 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16987/24]

69. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the paper from a report by an organisation (details supplied) 'Challenging Myths and Improving Working Conditions in a Strong Economy'. — Louise O'Reilly. [16750/24]

70. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his response to the Central Bank report which shows large decrease in cost of settling insurance claims through the Injuries Resolution Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [16910/24]

71. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in counties Cork and Kerry, respectively that have to date registered for the Increased Cost of Business Grant; when payments under the grant will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [16931/24]

72. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 341 of 20 March 2024, for an update on plans to remove dental nurses from the ineligible occupation list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16846/24]

73. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the possibility of the State providing supports for businesses in meeting their obligations as regards a living

wage where the business in question has taken a case to the Labour Court under section 41 of the National Minimum Wage Act 2000. — Louise O'Reilly. [16751/24]

74. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his response to the recent approval of AI legislation by the European Parliament; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16888/24]

75. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if business in Cork have received payment under the Increased Cost Of Business scheme. — Thomas Gould. [16993/24]

76. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the additional business supports, apart from the increased cost of business scheme, he is considering putting in place, particularly for SMEs to meet the increased cost of doing business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [17051/24]

77. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his response to the recent Supreme Court ruling in relation to the personal injuries guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16889/24]

78. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is aware of a campaign (details supplied) being run by organisations; if he will meet with the four unions in relation to the campaign; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17019/24]

79. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the Assessment of the Cumulative Impact of Proposed Measures to Improve Working Condition in Ireland; his plans for implementing the recommendations of this assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [17028/24]

80. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in counties Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford and Waterford have to date registered for the Increased Cost of Business (ICOB) Grant; when payments under the grant will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16879/24]

81. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the implementation of the South East Regional Enterprise Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16880/24]

82. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for a report on the implementation of the South West Regional Enterprise Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [16932/24]

83. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will meet with the local business community and stakeholders in Drogheda to discuss their significant concerns on employment and trade within the town of Drogheda, the largest town in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [16860/24]

84. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how he is ensuring that workers in the technology sector facing redundancies are protected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [17048/24]

85. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports that will be made available for small businesses struggling with the increased cost of operating a business. — Holly Cairns. [17042/24]

86. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the scale of in-work-poverty, where, according to CSO data, the rate stands at 5.9%; and the role that a living wage plays in combatting this. — Brian Stanley. [16835/24]

87. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the farm safety partnership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [8377/24]

88. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the progress to date in implementing the measures to assist businesses meet additional costs as announced in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [16981/24]

89. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he and his Department continue to monitor the causes of inflation, both internal and external, and their effects on business, trade and enterprise; the efforts to date in identifying the causes of possible remedies with particular reference to remedial action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16934/24]

90. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the first payments under the increased cost of business grant will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [16939/24]

91. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total value of Ireland's imports from Israel since 7 October 2023; the total value of Ireland's exports to Israel since 7 October 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16848/24]

92. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he continues to remain satisfied that any threats to enterprise, trade and employment continue to be adequately monitored in order to ensure provision is made insofar as is possible for both foreseen and unforeseen eventualities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16933/24]

93. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps being taken by his Department to assist businesses in Ireland to decarbonise, particularly in light of the findings of a report (details supplied) which found that 86% of businesses reported that they had no set commitments or targets in relation to carbon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16849/24]

94. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures that will be implemented to assist businesses, particularly in the hospitality and retail sectors, and also small scale manufacturing to meet additional costs and protect employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [16980/24]

95. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in counties Kildare, Wicklow, Meath and Louth, respectively that have registered for the Increased Cost of Business Grant to date; when payments under the grant will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [16883/24]

96. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he intends to bring forward new legislation to transpose the EU Directive on Adequate Minimum Wages; and if he will meet with four unions (details supplied) in relation to a campaign and the transposition of this directive. — Louise O'Reilly. [16845/24]

97. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on whether employee-owned businesses/workers cooperatives offer a solution to succession crises, where they arise, amongst family-owned businesses; and if he will expediate the delivery of the Cooperative Societies Bill 2022, inclusive of the recommendations of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Enterprise, Trade, and Employment. — Louise O'Reilly. [16753/24]

98. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what supports are in place for financial assistance by way of grants for the self-employed; what agencies offer these supports in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16699/24]

99. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will organise urgent meetings with officials within his Department to formulate a dedicated plan to provide employment in Drogheda, with consideration of the very significant number of workers commuting from the town daily; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [16859/24]

100. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in counties Tipperary, Limerick and Clare, respectively that have registered for the Increased Cost of Business Grant to date; when payments under the grant will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16884/24]

101. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the implementation of the Action Plan for Insurance Reform measures that fall under the remit of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16885/24]

102. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide the most up-to-date information regarding the increased cost of business scheme; if the scheme is open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16768/24]

103. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the progress being made to acquire an IDA Ireland purpose-built facility in Longford town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [16882/24]

104. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if new mediation measures are providing a significant step change for resolving insurance claims nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [16887/24]

105. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider supports for businesses facing increased labour costs through the PRSI system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17062/24]

106. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to improve job quality and pay in the childcare sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brid Smith. [17046/24]

107. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his Department's plans to implement the statutory sick pay scheme. — Holly Cairns. [17043/24]

108. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will give positive consideration to introducing supports to struggling small and medium sized businesses to meet the increased costs they are facing. — Cathal Crowe. [16694/24]

109. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to outline the current situation with respect to the proposed referendum on the Unified Patent Court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [17004/24]

110. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his position on the planned referendum on the United Patent Court referendum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [17053/24]

111. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to report on progress on industrial heat decarbonisation; the supports available for industry to decarbonise; his plans to increase these supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16988/24]

112. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of times the Labour Employer Economic Forum subgroup on collective bargaining has met in 2024; and if he can provisionally indicate when the action plan on collective bargaining coverage to be presented to the European Commission as part of its transposition of the EU directive on adequate minimum wages will be published. — Brian Stanley. [16834/24]

113. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will ensure that the Industrial Relations (Provisions in Respect of Pension Entitlements of Retired Workers) Bill 2021 will progress through Committee Stage; if not, how he will ensure that the rights of retired workers are protected when their pensions are being altered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [17047/24]

114. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in each of the four Dublin local authority areas that have registered for the Increased Cost of Trade Business Grant to date; when payments under the grant will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [16886/24]

115. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to outline the current process with respect to applications to the Increased Cost of Business Grant; the number of applications received to date by each respective local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [17003/24]

116. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the construction of an advanced manufacturing facility at Marlinstown, Mullingar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [17001/24]

117. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he will take to address the cost of doing business in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16193/24]

118. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the IDA still plans to proceed with providing a new advance technology facility at Kerry Technology Park in Tralee, County Kerry; the reason for the apparent lack of progress on the plan over the past four years; the current position; if the target in respect of this facility as set out in the IDA's own plans will be met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17022/24]