



# DÁIL ÉIREANN

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

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

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25446/24]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [25449/24]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Mick Barry. [26970/24]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [26985/24]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [27027/24]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Holly Cairns. [28139/24]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council, a statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [25609/24]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the work of the National Economic and Social Council, a statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Brendan Smith. [25611/24]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council, a statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [26826/24]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council, a statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Mick Barry. [26971/24]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council, a statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27041/24]

12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council, a statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [27044/24]

13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council, a statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Holly Cairns. [28140/24]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council, a statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Cian O'Callaghan. [28179/24]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council, a statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [28183/24]

16. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the outcomes of the child poverty and well-being summit. — Alan Farrell. [26079/24]

17. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the outcomes of the child poverty and well-being summit. — Holly Cairns. [28141/24]

18. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the outcomes of the child poverty and well-being summit. — Mary Lou McDonald. [28184/24]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the informal meeting of the European Council on 17 June 2024. — Seán Haughey. [26828/24]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the informal European Council in Brussels. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27043/24]

21. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the informal leaders' meeting of the European Council on 17 June 2024. — Mick Barry. [27083/24]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the informal European Council in Brussels. — Mary Lou McDonald. [27973/24]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the informal meeting of the European Council on 17 June 2024. — Holly Cairns. [28142/24]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent telephone call with President Biden. — Seán Haughey. [26831/24]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent telephone call with President Biden. — Brendan Smith. [26829/24]

26. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent conversation with President Biden. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27033/24]

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent phone conversation with President Biden. — Paul Murphy. [27045/24]

28. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent phone conversation with President Biden. — Mick Barry. [27082/24]

29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent phone conversation with President Biden. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27948/24]

30. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent engagement with US President Joe Biden. — Alan Farrell. [28194/24]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent telephone call with President Biden. — Holly Cairns. [28143/24]

32. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Niamh Smyth. [26830/24]

33. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Mick Barry. [27945/24]

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27949/24]

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [27974/24]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28199/24]

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [28202/24]

38. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Holly Cairns. [28144/24]

39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plan for constitutional amendments. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26855/24]

40. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plan for constitutional amendments. — Mick Barry. [27946/24]

41. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plan for constitutional amendments. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28200/24]

42. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plan for constitutional amendments. — Paul Murphy. [28203/24]

43. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the work of the shared island initiative by his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [27028/24]

44. To ask the Taoiseach if he will list the projects funded through the shared island initiative of his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [27030/24]

45. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the work of the shared island initiative by his Department. — Mick Barry. [27947/24]

46. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the work of the shared island initiative. — Cathal Crowe. [27952/24]

47. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the work of the shared island initiative by his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [27975/24]

48. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the work of the shared island initiative by his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28201/24]

49. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the work of the shared island initiative by his Department. — Paul Murphy. [28204/24]

50. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the Ukraine Peace Summit in Switzerland. — Seán Haughey. [27040/24]

51. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the peace summit he attended in Switzerland. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27042/24]

52. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the peace summit he attended in Switzerland. — Paul Murphy. [27046/24]

53. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the British-Irish Council Summit in the Isle of Man on 21 June. — Brendan Smith. [27599/24]

54. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an update on his recent meetings at the British-Irish Council Summit. — Alan Farrell. [28193/24]

55. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the 41st summit meeting of the British-Irish Council in the Isle of Man that he attended. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28373/24]

56. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the 41st summit meeting of the British-Irish Council in the Isle of Man that he attended. — Paul Murphy. [28376/24]

57. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his two-day attendance at the European Council on 27 and 28 June 2024. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28371/24]

58. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his two-day attendance at the European Council on 27 and 28 June 2024. — Paul Murphy. [28374/24]

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

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

59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will propose measures to ensure that members of the Defence Forces who have been convicted of violent assaults cannot continue to serve. — Matt Carthy. [28121/24]

60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of occasions since January 2020 when a superior officer in the Defence Forces provided a statement in support of a defendant to a civilian trial in respect of an allegation of a violent crime; and whether he proposes to introduce measures to address this issue. — Matt Carthy. [28122/24]

61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the law forbidding the Defence Forces from suspending or terminating the contract of staff for serious offences before the cases for such offences have been heard by a civilian court is under review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [28368/24]

62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when he intends to bring forward proposals to abolish the triple-lock neutrality protection. — Matt Carthy. [28123/24]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if any changes are planned in relation Defence Forces regulations and sanctions applying in the event of a serving member being convicted of a criminal offence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [28135/24]

64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the disciplinary procedures that are in place for serving members of the Defence Forces who are charged with and convicted of criminal offences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [28124/24]

65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has been made aware of any serving Defence Force members with convictions for sexual, gender or domestic-based violence. — Thomas Gould. [28189/24]

66. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to outline the current situation with regard to the Naval Service's fleet of ships; his plans to further upgrade the fleet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [28216/24]

67. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the details of his engagement with senior management in the Defence Forces with regard to the number of serving members who have convictions for gender-based violence; his plans to publish the recent audit by the Defence Forces carried out in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28181/24]

68. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the measures being taken to enable the Defence Forces to retain some of its most highly trained and experienced personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [28136/24]

69. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the steps he will take to screen members of the Defence Forces for misogynistic, homophobic, transphobic, or racist attitudes that could make them a threat to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [28213/24]

70. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which the European Union might see fit to contribute towards Ireland's defence and security, with particular reference

to coastal air and sea surveillance given the very significant shoreline and the multiplicity of undersea cables in the seas around the coast and the contribution this could make to European security; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28192/24]

71. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the processes in place within the Defence Forces for members convicted under civilian criminal justice system for gender-based offences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [28185/24]

72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the improvements that have been made in terms of pay and conditions for members of the Defence Forces since July 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [28147/24]

73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of volunteers secured to participate in an EU Battlegroup. — Matt Carthy. [28129/24]

74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update on the progress made to date in ensuring the provisions of the working time directive are applied, where appropriate, to members of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [28235/24]

75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the convictions under the civilian criminal justice system that are deemed serious enough to warrant dismissal of serving Defence Forces members under the court-martial system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [28186/24]

76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when all the recommendations contained in the report on the Defence Forces are likely to be implemented including the issues around gender-based violence, with particular reference to recent horrific events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28191/24]

77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on the current situation in south Lebanon; the current activities of the Defence Forces on the UNIFIL mission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27951/24]

78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his plans to bring legislation to end the triple lock to Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [28214/24]

79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the recruitment targets in place for the Defence Forces in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [28134/24]

80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he is aware that a member of the Naval Service was convicted in 2023 of gender-based violence that left their victim, their former partner, with permanent eye damage, and that the perpetrator remains in the Naval Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [28211/24]

81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to outline the current situation with respect to recruitment in the permanent and Reserve Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [28229/24]

82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 21 of 6 May 2024, the details of the resources allocated to the tribunal of inquiry to examine the effectiveness of the complaints process in the Defence Forces; the number of support and administrative staff that have been appointed to the tribunal; the details of the legal supports, if any, that will be provided to people who make submissions to the tribunal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28182/24]

83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the progress to date in advancing the recommendation of the Commission on the Defence Forces, with particular reference to the locations of Defence Forces formations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28210/24]

84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department's tendering process for the supply of equipment for the Defence Forces takes into consideration if a company has had business deals with repressive regimes or has been convicted of bribery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [28236/24]

85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current compliment of Naval Service ships which are fully crewed and at sea, which can safely patrol Ireland's Atlantic coastal waters; the number which are tied up or uncrewed for whatever reason; and his views on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28131/24]

86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the funding made available the Tribunal of Inquiry into Certain Matters Relating to the Complaints Processes in the Defence Forces; and if funding will be provided to ensure adequate support for those who wish to give testimony before the Inquiry. — Matt Carthy. [28126/24]

87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how it is proposed to strengthen the Reserve Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [28120/24]

88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if Defence Forces regulations are to be altered in view of the recent court case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [28133/24]

89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update on the implementation of the Defence Forces Independent Review Group (IRG) recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [28228/24]

90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the steps he is taking to ensure no one who has admitted or has been convicted of gender-based violence is employed in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [28187/24]

91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has had any engagement with the Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces following a recent court case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [28149/24]

92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to outline the responsibilities and powers of the Minister of State with responsibility for EU Affairs and Defence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [28231/24]

93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of Defence Forces members who were recruited despite with criminal convictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [28227/24]

94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to outline the training provided to members of the Defence Forces to respond to future environmental disasters such as flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [28237/24]

95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the status of the colour blindness review within the Defence Forces. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28132/24]

96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on his attendance at a conference (details supplied) in May 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28138/24]

97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the action he is taking in relation to the removal of the blanket exemption in the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997 for the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [28150/24]

98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on the progress being made in the investigation into the death in Lebanon of a UNIFIL soldier (details supplied). — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27950/24]

99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of instances of Defence Forces accommodation currently lying idle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [28233/24]

100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he intends to withdraw his appeal against the decision of the adjudicator under the conciliation and arbitration scheme which found against the prohibition of Defence Forces personnel serving in certain posts from being able to affiliate with representative organisations. — Matt Carthy. [28130/24]

101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide an update on Ireland's participation with UNIFIL; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [28195/24]

102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of personnel who have left the Naval Service to join the private sector since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [28234/24]

103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will withdraw members of the Defence Forces from participation in a German-led EU Battlegroup in 2024/2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [28215/24]

104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the action he is taking to drive cultural change in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [28148/24]

105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he intends to allow the Oireachtas Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee to scrutinise proposed participation in further PESCO missions and European Defence Agency projects. — Matt Carthy. [28127/24]

106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the actions he will take to improve pay and conditions in the Defence Forces given that one in four members quit the force in the past 27 months. — Thomas Gould. [28190/24]

107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the timeframe in which it is intended to procure a new multi-role vessel with the capability of carrying a helicopter. — Matt Carthy. [28128/24]

108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of serving members of the Defence Forces who have been convicted of a criminal offence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28137/24]

109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the action being taken to boost retention levels in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [28125/24]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*110. To ask the Taoiseach if his attention has been drawn to the fact that according to the CSO, at end December 2023, 25 public corporations (with liabilities exceeding the 0.01% GDP threshold) held liabilities of €166.4 billion; and if he will provide a list of the 25 public corporations, the total debt held by each, in tabular form. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27887/24]

\*111. To ask the Taoiseach the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020. — Cathal Crowe. [27970/24]

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

\*112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27962/24]

\*113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application (details supplied) will be reviewed and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [27979/24]

\*114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he had a bilateral meeting with his Croatian counterpart at the most recent EU Foreign Affairs Council Meeting. — Catherine Murphy. [28076/24]

\*115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on recent activities of the Irish Consulate General based in Hong Kong, including staffing numbers. — Catherine Murphy. [28077/24]

\*116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the top five language courses provided by his Department for Irish embassy or consulate staff based overseas where English

is not the first language spoken in 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024; the amount paid by his Department for those courses for staff in the years in question, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28104/24]

\*117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he intends to publish the discussion paper and accompanying letter he wrote to NATO seeking closer cooperation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28161/24]

\*118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport for a person (details supplied) will issue in time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28288/24]

\*119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will advocate for the inclusion of gender apartheid in the proposed United Nations treaty to codify crimes against humanity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [28297/24]

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

\*120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has engaged with the Attorney General in relation to the Whiddy Island disaster; and to provide details on the Government's plans to engage with victims' families. — Holly Cairns. [28239/24]

\*121. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there have been discussions between the inland fisheries division and Inland Fisheries Ireland regarding the implementation of a full catch and release policy on all fish species, both native and non-native, throughout the Clare River catchment (part of Lough Corrib SAC) including its tributaries of the Abbert, Dalgan, Grange, Nanny and Sinking rivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [27881/24]

\*122. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if private waste providers are required by regulations to provide compost bins to householders; if they are permitted to charge for this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27900/24]

\*123. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department will conduct an audit of all sites owned/rented by Government Departments for a feasibility study on installing deposit return machines on sites which sell applicable units on site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [27901/24]

\*124. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27960/24]

\*125. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if any amendments have been made to the Postal and Telecommunications Services Act 1983, and in particular section 46; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [28022/24]

\*126. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he is next scheduled to meet formally with the CEO of An Post. — Catherine Murphy. [28087/24]

\*127. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 35 of 20 June 2024, if it has been brought to his attention that a universal mobile coverage proposal for rural Ireland was made in the terms described; whether the recipients included his Department; if he could give an outline of the proposal; whether it is being progressed, and if not, the reasons for not doing so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [28088/24]

\*128. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he will notify local authorities of the exemption dates for agri-burns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28092/24]

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

\*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of individuals dismissed from the Defences Forces owing to court sentences received by them, over the past ten years. — Patrick Costello. [27818/24]

\*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27957/24]

\*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when the tribunal of inquiry will publish its advice on legal representation for those wishing to engage with it, including the necessary information on assuming or defraying costs related to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [28045/24]

\*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the ages of each of the horse box vehicles currently in use by the Defence Forces equitation school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28106/24]

\*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if there are plans to purchase Boeing Chinook HC6 type of helicopter for the Air Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28107/24]

\*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the Air Corps command used the confidentiality of the family law courts to hide domestic violence convictions by serving officers and not act to dismiss them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28154/24]

\*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if it is standard procedure for members of the Defence Forces to be suspended while either being under investigation or being prosecuted for violent offences or otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28160/24]

\*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current strength of the Defence Forces; his targets for recruitment; the year by which he intends to reach the Level of Ambition 2 requirement of 11,500 personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28162/24]

\*137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the timeframe in which the recommendations of the Comptroller & Auditor General's 2014 report on stock management in

the Defence Forces will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28163/24]

\*138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the progress he has made ending the blanket exclusion of members of the Defence Forces from the protections of the Working Time Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28164/24]

\*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what procedures are in place for the reporting by army personnel of the discharge of a weapon during duty periods; if the military authorities keep track of discharges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28245/24]

\*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will withdraw plans for legislation to end the triple lock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [27526/24]

\*141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how personnel with convictions for violence, domestic and or otherwise, are allowed to remain in service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [28319/24]

\*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department is acting with all necessary alacrity to engage with the Women of Honour at this stage of matters involving the tribunal, in particular in the matter of the funding of independent legal advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [28320/24]

\*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will detail the circumstances allowing sports organisations operating on the Curragh Plains in County Kildare to fence in their facilities, as in the case of three organisations (details supplied); if it was a condition attached to permission to fence that the clubs acquire a number of sheep grazing rights in order to proceed with the work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [28346/24]

\*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which issues relating to pay and conditions with the Defence Forces have been resolved or are under review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28354/24]

\*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which optimum strength in the Defence Forces is being maintained with equal reference to the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28355/24]

\*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which updating of training procedures continues within the Defence Forces at all levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28356/24]

\*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which part-time members of the Defence Forces are given opportunities to upgrade their skills on an annual basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28357/24]

\*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the degree to which he remains satisfied regarding the strength of the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps with particular reference to ensuring the maintenance of recommended levels of strength throughout all branches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28358/24]

\*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which equipment in the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps continue to be upgraded through the standards equal to the best; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28359/24]

\*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the numbers of women applying for and enlisting in the Defence Forces with equal respect to the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28360/24]

\*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which he remains satisfied that the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps remain sufficiently equipped to deal with any emergency or natural disaster that might arise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28361/24]

\*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of vacant posts remaining to be filled at all levels in the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28362/24]

\*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the total number of Irish military personnel serving at various locations overseas; the level of future deployments if known; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28363/24]

\*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the budget available to his Department remains sufficient to meet requirements in the course of the coming year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28364/24]

\*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which the Air Corps and the Naval Service continue to cooperate in air or sea rescue missions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28365/24]

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

\*156. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of local authority areas that are actively endorsing shared mobility as a transport option for commuters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [28051/24]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a list of the pass and failure rate for the small public service vehicles test for applicants from County Donegal and in all other counties in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [27826/24]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Transport if the IAA can provide figures for assistance received by PRMs since 2019; the proportion of this assistance that was pre-notified; the proportion of the total number of passengers using Irish airports who receive assistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [27883/24]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Transport how frequent and in-depth the disability awareness training is for public-facing airport and airline staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [27884/24]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will reconsider the urgent concerns of the Durrow community and all parties who are affected by the dangers presented by the N52 between the N4

intersection at Kilbeggan to the Tullamore bypass; if he will reinstate funding to proceed with the new bypass route as planned and already agreed, without delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [27934/24]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Transport the value of performance-related penalties issued to each public transport provider by the National Transport Authority in 2023 and in each month of 2024 to date. — Ivana Bacik. [27937/24]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Transport if an electric scooter (details supplied), which is intended for use as a mobility scooter by the owner, is classed as an e-scooter under the new legislation; if insurance is required to operate this in a public place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27944/24]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Transport the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27972/24]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Transport when a shared mobility strategy will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [28052/24]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of cars travelling 10,000km or less per annum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [28053/24]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of contracts (details supplied) that have been awarded to carry out services on behalf of his Department in 2023 and to-date in 2024; the nature of services that were provided to his Department; and the amount paid by his Department to this company for such works, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [28078/24]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people that have passed the area knowledge module of the SPSV driver entry test for the past five years, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [28153/24]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Transport if local authorities must request approval from TII when tendering for maintenance and improvement works on the national road network; if a cut in funding has occurred year on year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [28155/24]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider extending local link services to Smithborough and, in particular, to provide services to Monaghan town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28156/24]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding provided to each local authority for the purpose of local road resurfacing and maintenance in each year 2020-2024 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28339/24]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made in providing two platforms and a passing loop at Oranmore railway station; whether it is intended to provide a loop that will allow two trains pass each other without one or both of them being stationary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28341/24]

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

\*172. To ask the Minister for Finance if he shares the concern expressed in a pre-Budget 2025 submission by an organisation (details supplied) on levels of debt distress in low-income countries; if he will work at international levels and UN fora to follow the recommendations the organisation proposes, including debt cancellation, debt treatment alternatives, an end to IMF surcharges and an end to damaging conditionalities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [28330/24]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of State funding that was invested in a facility (details supplied); if the funding invested was protected by any proviso regarding future sale of the asset; if the State has recovered its investment or any part of its investment following the sale of the facility in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28335/24]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps the Government is taking to reform the taxation of personal investments for individuals, and if he will consider introducing a scheme similar to the ISA in the UK or the TFSA in Canada, allowing individuals to invest a small amount each year tax-free to support savings for future financial goals like house deposits and retirement income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Josepha Madigan. [27882/24]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Finance if a relief can be extended (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [27912/24]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will increase an exemption (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [27913/24]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will amend threshold groups (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [27914/24]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of schemes in the UK and Canada to allow individuals to accumulate small sums each year into personal funds which grow tax-free; if the tax strategy group has assessed changes in certain rules on such funds in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [27924/24]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Finance the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27961/24]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are any processes in place to ensure that insurance providers of long-term illness cover have a robust policy on fitness to work, assessing in an open and transparent way the extent to which a particular illness impairs or restricts a person's capacity to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28010/24]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the exemption limit to deposit interest retention tax; the last time a formal review of this limit took place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [28038/24]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will urgently re-examine an application for the help-to-buy scheme on behalf of a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [28061/24]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Finance the new equipment received by the Revenue Commissioners that were funded by The European Anti-Fraud Office under the Hercule III Programme in 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [28086/24]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year cost of reducing the first rate of USC from 0.5% to 0.25%, reducing the second rate of USC from 2% to 1% and increasing the threshold to the third rate of USC from €25,760 to €33,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28094/24]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider adding persons in circumstances (details supplied) to inheritance group A; if not if he will create an exemption under an inheritance tax band, for family who play the role of carer to family members with no children or family of their own; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28169/24]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of individual taxpayers who claimed tax relief on postgraduate fees in the years 2022 and 2023; the value of refunds in both years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [28259/24]

*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.*

\*187. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the Government Department that will have responsibility for covering all costs related to the construction and running of the proposed National Children's Science Centre. — Brian Stanley. [28055/24]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his plans to amend the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004 and the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012 to give effect to commitments made to provide for an increase in the mandatory retirement age to 62 years for uniformed public servants; if the Government plans to apply the amended legislation consistently across all line Government departments and the relevant sectoral employers; the proposed upper age limit will be explicitly provided for in the proposed amended legislation; the rationale for the apparent decision to devolve this matter to individual line departments; if the Department will agree to meet the public sector unions (details supplied) on these matters given their concerns as expressed in correspondence to him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [27876/24]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27967/24]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide a breakdown of all spending to date by the OPW on the National Children's Science Centre; and the expected final cost of the project. — Brian Stanley. [28056/24]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he has examined reintroducing a supplementary pension for members of the Defence Forces recruited since 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28165/24]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the position regarding the proposed flood relief works by the OPW at Annagh, Lisnagry, County Limerick. — Willie O’Dea. [28291/24]

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

\*193. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of cases which have come before the WRC regarding the right to request remote working since the publication of the WRC Code of Practice; the number of these cases which have been adjudicated on; whether there was a positive or negative result regarding the employees’ request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [27938/24]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27959/24]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has read a report (details supplied); if, in view of that report, it is possible to estimate the cost of phasing out sub-minima national minimum wage rates for workers aged under twenty years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [28110/24]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason a new Employment Regulation Order for the security guarding sector, which will increase the minimum hourly rate of pay, is being decoupled from a link to the national minimum wage, which means the pay for workers in the sector would not increase consequentially with increases in the national minimum wage; if he will reverse this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [28283/24]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will review the renewal fee for general employment permit applications, in view of the fact that the renewal fee is greater than the initial application fee and the renewal fee is a significant financial burden incurred by the employer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28318/24]

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

\*198. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a revised completion date for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [27873/24]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children, by county, who availed of the home tuition grant scheme 2023-2024 special education component; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [27874/24]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 32 of 15 May 2024, if he will examine the case for placement of a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [27877/24]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address concerns identified by school principals in relation to professional burnout and an excessive administrative burden (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [27878/24]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Education to examine a pension matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [27885/24]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Education if additional supports could be put in place at a facility (details supplied) for a student who has a diagnosis of autism and an intellectual disability and is non-verbal. — Niamh Smyth. [27899/24]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a school (details supplied) has been denied opening a second ASD class despite demand and now six children have been denied a class place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [27916/24]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Education the measures she is taking to establish a special school to serve the identifiable need across Dublin 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [27923/24]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the situation whereby several children are due to repeat 6th class due to the lack of secondary school places in special education schools in Dublin 8, 10 and 12; the measures she is taking to tackle this shortage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [27926/24]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the contract for a school (details supplied); when a contractor will be appointed; when work will commence on site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [27939/24]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Education the main policy achievements of her Department since 27 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27958/24]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Education if court order child maintenance only extends to dependents until they reach the age of 18 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28002/24]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the revised completion date for the new build and works at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [28004/24]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Education if measures are in place to address the overcrowding and lack of access to appropriate facilities for the students at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [28005/24]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the situation regarding the ending of a shared access arrangement of a school hall between schools (details supplied); if an immediate solution will be provided to resolve the situation; her views on the fact that many of the children in the school have never had physical education indoors and this important part of the curriculum can only be delivered depending on the weather; the status of the construction of the new urgently-needed building; when it will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [28013/24]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a list of all second level education institutions aided by her Department in which there was no provision of a laboratory technician for the teaching of Leaving Certificate science subjects, for each year since 2005, in tabular form. — Patrick Costello. [28016/24]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a list of all second level education institutions aided by her Department in which there was no provision of a laboratory for the teaching of Leaving Certificate chemistry, for each year since 2005, in tabular form. — Patrick Costello. [28017/24]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a list of all second level education institutions aided by her Department in which there was no provision of a laboratory for the teaching of Leaving Certificate physics, for each year since 2005, in tabular form. — Patrick Costello. [28018/24]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Education if a student (details supplied) will be entitled to 20 hours of SNA support when they start secondary school, on the basis that it has been advised by their care team that they will need full-time SNA hours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28021/24]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Education to provide information on section 29 school expulsion appeals undertaken at post-primary level in each of the past five years, including details of the outcomes (details supplied). — Martin Kenny. [28025/24]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Education to provide information on courtroom challenges to section 29 expulsion appeal decisions at post-primary school level in each of the past five years, be that by way of judicial review or other courtroom proceedings; the number of challenges lodged by parents; the number lodged by the school board of management; and details of the outcomes of these challenges. — Martin Kenny. [28026/24]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Education the number of school attendance notices issued by the Educational Welfare Service on an annual basis for the past five years. — Martin Kenny. [28027/24]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Education the number of legal proceedings commenced on foot of failure to comply with the requirement of school attendance notices in each of the past five years. — Martin Kenny. [28028/24]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Education the number of court-imposed penalties imposed on foot of failure to comply with the requirement of school attendance notices in each of the past five years. — Martin Kenny. [28029/24]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Education her Department's plans and intentions for formal recognition by her Department of post-primary parental representation at a national level (details supplied). — Martin Kenny. [28030/24]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Education to provide information on the authorised staffing complement of the Educational Welfare Service of Tusla, including details of the number of persons in roles (details supplied). — Martin Kenny. [28031/24]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the progress that has been made in 2024 regarding the post-primary-level teacher relocation scheme including engagements with the teachers' unions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [28035/24]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Education the schedule of the projects contained within 'Project Boyne'; the corresponding stage they are at to date; the estimated year in which they will be delivered; and the budget allocated to each project. — Catherine Murphy. [28037/24]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has completed an assessment of the actual requirement of school places for September 2024 in the Greystones and Kilcoole area in County Wicklow; if a plan has been put in place to address the shortfall and ensure that every child has a local secondary school place for September; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [28048/24]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Education the levels of home tuition support approved for September 2024 versus the levels approved for each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [28112/24]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Education her Department's plans to address the current teacher shortage in primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [28114/24]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on a school place for a child (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [28238/24]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Education if an exception can be made for a child (details supplied) who does not have transport to school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [28240/24]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the building works for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [28249/24]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Education if she will introduce a support scheme for teachers and special needs assistants assaulted during their work, which would include the provision of financial assistance to cover expenses related to medical bills, therapy sessions and medication, provision of assault leave to teachers for the duration of the medically certified leave and the establishment of a comprehensive support system for educators who become victims of violence within the workplace, ensuring a swift and empathetic response to their needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28267/24]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Education the status of contacts being maintained with a DEIS school (details supplied) in respect of the proposed building programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [28280/24]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the additional school accommodation scheme in respect of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [28293/24]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Education to indicate the distribution of the current primary schools and pupil numbers across the different patronage bodies; and the extent to which there

has been a growth in non-denominational and multi-denominational schools over the past decade. — Richard Bruton. [28299/24]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Education the number of transfers of patronage which have been completed over the past decade from denominational patronage to other forms of patronage. — Richard Bruton. [28300/24]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Education the evolution of the pupil-teacher ratio at primary level and at secondary level since 1990. — Richard Bruton. [28301/24]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Education to indicate the evolution of DEIS schools since 1990 at primary and at secondary level, identifying the number of schools and of pupils at each point after a new intake was adopted, and the additional concessions to selected schools offered to the different category of participating schools. — Richard Bruton. [28302/24]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Education the measures used to assess the impact of DEIS status on the experience and the outcomes for pupils involved relative to schools without that status; and to outline how the gap on these indicators has evolved over time.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [28304/24]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Education to provide the data obtained from schools on pupil accomplishment in reading, mathematics, and so on; the frequency with which it is collected; and how it is analysed to establish relative progress in different schools and to inform the priorities for inspection assessments and policy options for educational advancement. — Richard Bruton. [28307/24]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision was made to remove the requirement for fluency in the Irish language for the position of director of schools within the ETB; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [28310/24]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an employee (details supplied) who has been deemed unfit for work by her Department, but has also not been permitted to apply for early retirement-retirement on the grounds of ill health. — Kathleen Funchion. [28311/24]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 224 of 28 May 2024, if she will act as liaison with the NCSE to attempt to find a place for the child in the new school (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [28329/24]

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

\*244. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media how a person seeking funding for literary projects relating to climate change can apply under the Creative Climate Action Fund. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27824/24]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the main policy achievements of her Department since 27 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27971/24]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reduction in revenue generated by TV licence sales that is, new, renewal and standing order between June

2022 and June 2023, and July 2023 to June 2024, inclusive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [28091/24]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she expects to fill the chairperson post at the National Concert Hall; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28098/24]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of an application for funding by an organisation (details supplied) in County Limerick; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [28269/24]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is aware of any concerns regarding the way athletes are treated in the rowing programme at the National Rowing Centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28331/24]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has received contact from Sport Ireland or any involved party expressing concerns about the welfare of athletes under high-performance programmes at Rowing Ireland; if so, if she will outline the details and how the matter was followed up; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28332/24]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is aware of current legal cases involving athletes who have been traumatised by their experience at Rowing Ireland; if she has raised the matter with Sport Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28333/24]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department, or Sport Ireland, have received the findings of a review into the culture at the high-performance programme at Rowing Ireland, which was initiated in 2021; if so, if she will outline the details of the review; the action that was taken in response to the findings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28334/24]

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

\*253. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications made under the first-home scheme by tenants with a notice to quit; and the number approved. — Thomas Gould. [27828/24]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to consider reviewing the impact of roads policies brought in by Transport Infrastructure Ireland on local authority policy planning in rural Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [27852/24]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that electricity reconnections are causing delays in the return to use of vacant council-owned homes. — Thomas Gould. [27869/24]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the up-to-date position of consultation with NPWS and the ESB on an area in Cork (details supplied) in finalising

the management plan for this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [27870/24]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, where a person obtains a housing aid for older people or SEAI grant, they can still apply and qualify for croí cónaithe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [27918/24]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a pension-aged person can apply for an insulation grant, new fuse box and other works through any grants available through local government. — Kathleen Funchion. [27954/24]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27965/24]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amount spent on HAP, RAS and leasing programmes in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [27976/24]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports that are available for persons with disabilities or significant medical conditions (details supplied) whose income exceeds the threshold for social housing in order that they can access affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27978/24]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the review of the rental accommodation scheme will be published ahead of Budget 2025. — Louise O’Reilly. [27990/24]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has considered ensuring all cost-rental developments have organic waste facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [27996/24]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the targets set and actual numbers realised for the local authority energy efficiency retrofit scheme from 2020 to 2024, for each local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28006/24]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the options available to a landowner whose land was designated as SAC without notification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [28032/24]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has examined the possibility of allowing mortgage to-rent-tenants buy back their home using incremental payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [28062/24]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the provision of funding to local authorities and approved housing bodies to fund remediation of defective concrete blocks in their housing stock. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28166/24]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the progress of Actions 7.1 to 7.6 of Housing for All, to date, and other actions his Department is taking to increase the supply of housing for people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28167/24]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority housing allocations for people with disabilities in the years 2023-2024, broken down by physical, sensory, mental, intellectual or other classification of disability, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28168/24]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if child benefit is disregarded in the income assessment for social housing eligibility. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28170/24]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement his Department has had with Uisce Éireann and Cork County Council to date in 2024 in advancing a water scheme (details supplied); if any meetings are scheduled to take place in July; if the approved funding has been drawn down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [28262/24]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 343 of 25 June 2024, if he will confirm that access to homeless services is permitted to those Ukrainian beneficiaries of temporary protection who reach the 90-day cut off for State-provided accommodation and who have no alternative accommodation in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28263/24]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the application process for housing aid and housing adaptation grants (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [28284/24]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason staged payments via SHIP and SALF are possible for local authorities and approved housing bodies (AHBs) to make staged payments for social housing delivery, while such staged payments are not available to local authorities and AHBs/cooperatives under the affordable housing fund for the delivery of affordable purchase homes. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28285/24]

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

\*275. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the provisions in place for community and voluntary organisations to support them financially when the auto-enrolment into pensions comes into effect; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [27871/24]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a carer's allowance appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [27823/24]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address an issue in respect of participants on CE schemes being levied with a higher PRSI contribution (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [27846/24]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27847/24]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to detail the process for jobseeker's payment claims (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27880/24]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position on the time limit for carer's benefit; if changes to this time limit are being considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [27917/24]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite the decision on an application for carer's allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [27935/24]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the main policy achievements of her Department since 27 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27969/24]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total amount spent on rent supplement in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [27977/24]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider allowing persons with a diagnosis of fibromyalgia and in receipt of disability allowance on this basis, to work minimal hours similar to carer's allowance, from the point of improving mental health without fear of suffering a loss of entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28011/24]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of individuals who have taken up paternity leave in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28108/24]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what protections or controls are in place to ensure that private landlords in counties where rent levels are lower are not incentivised to displace sitting tenants in order to secure the accommodation recognition payment where such a payment provides a greater return than existing market rent. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28219/24]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of a review in the case of a person (details supplied) who has applied for a backdate of IQA and IQC on their invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28257/24]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made regarding the refusal of carer's allowance to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [28266/24]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding inclusion of a school (details supplied) in the hot school meals programme for the coming school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [28292/24]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the rule whereby her Department will only accept proof of the civil registration of a marriage and not church-registered marriages as proof of a relationship when her Department is considering an entitlement to either a widow/widower pension; and if an allowance will be made for those individuals who were

married abroad in a church ceremony only and are now in a position where they wish to claim the pension. — John McGuinness. [28295/24]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if decision to rescind household benefits payment can be reviewed, with a view to reinstating payment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28298/24]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who, having had their application for an invalidity pension denied, submitted an appeal and has yet to receive a response; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [28303/24]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if gluten-free meals will be provided under the school meals programme, similar to the nut-free policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [28314/24]

\*294. 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. [28323/24]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider introducing assistance with the cost of domestic waste disposal as part of the household benefits package. — Robert Troy. [28325/24]

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

\*296. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the establishment of the Interdepartmental Group to consider what further regulatory measures may be required for OMCs in the context of the Interim Remediation Scheme for Fire Safety Defects in Eligible Apartments and Duplexes and the proposed statutory remediation scheme. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28264/24]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of individuals dismissed from An Garda Síochána owing to court sentences received by them, over the past ten years. — Patrick Costello. [27819/24]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Justice if drones are being considered for An Garda Síochána. — Thomas Gould. [27825/24]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will review the operation of the scheme of compensation for personal injuries criminally inflicted, to ensure that victims of serious crime who suffer serious injuries are not refused compensation simply on the basis of not applying to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal within the prescribed time limits; if she accepts that not all citizens are aware of the timelines involved or are too involved in their own recovery to work within the set guidelines; if she is satisfied with the publicity and state of knowledge among the general public of this scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [27853/24]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on the long-term plans for the progression unit in Mountjoy Prison; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [27872/24]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Justice the main policy achievements of her Department since 27 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27966/24]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress made to date in negotiating increased fees to criminal barristers employed by the State in court actions; when a review of the structure and level of fees will be commenced; if representatives of an organisation (details supplied) have met with officials from her Department to address this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [28020/24]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Justice the position regarding the review of the structure and level of fees paid to criminal barristers; the actions she will take to address the proposed industrial action planned in July as set out by an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [28043/24]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of cases that the Kildare divisional protective services unit dealt with in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [28081/24]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 420 of 21 May 2024, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities in order to have this question answered. — Catherine Murphy. [28082/24]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new unmarked Garda cars and vans that were allocated to the Garda National Immigration Bureau in 2023 and to-date in 2024; and the number of unmarked Garda cars and vans withdrawn from GNIB during same period, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [28083/24]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 462 on 21 May 2024, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities in order to have this question answered. — Catherine Murphy. [28084/24]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of cases dealt with by Wicklow divisional protective services unit in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [28085/24]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of data access requests that An Garda Síochána or the Criminal Asset Bureau have made to telecommunications and social media companies in the past three years to date in 2024 under the Communications (Retention of Data) Bill 2011; The number of requests that were approved by the companies that the data was requested from; and the reason the data was sought in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28095/24]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of unmarked Garda roads policing unit cars that came into the fleet in 2023 and to-date in 2024; the number of unmarked Garda RPU cars withdrawn from the fleet during same period in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28096/24]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of WTE civilian forensic accountants grade 2 working in the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau as of 18 June 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28097/24]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of serving members of An Garda Síochána who have received a criminal conviction for a violent crime and the number of An Garda Síochána who have been convicted of domestic, sexual or gender-based violence, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [28175/24]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide the number of serving members of An Garda Síochána who are currently undergoing criminal proceedings for a violent crime; the number of gardaí who are currently undergoing criminal proceedings for domestic, sexual or gender-based violence, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [28176/24]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a domestic violence refuge for County Roscommon; where it will be located; when it will be opened; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28180/24]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Justice if an extension of time can be provided to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28223/24]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update in relation to the work of the Prison Overcrowding Response Group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [28241/24]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the proposal to reopen the decommissioned prison on the Defence Forces barracks in the Curragh, County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [28242/24]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Justice what role she would have in the dismissal of a serving civil servant/prison officer from their post; what role the Chief Medical Officer would play in a dismissal; whether the dismissal would be by the Minister or by the Prison Service itself; if the criteria used would have changed over time; what system would have prevailed in the period 1986-1996, inclusive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28246/24]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Justice the date on which two outstanding inspector of prisons' reports on the Dóchas Centre will be published (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [28277/24]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in updating their stamps to Stamp 4 in the case of persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28290/24]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will review a citizenship application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28305/24]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Justice when she intends to bring forward the Family Courts Bill 2022. — Pa Daly. [28324/24]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 126 of 22 May 2024 and 518 of 11 June 2024, when she expects the operational code of practice for the installation and operation of community CCTV schemes to be agreed and published; the 36 community CCTV schemes that have been approved for grant funding by her Department to date,

and the current status of each project, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [28326/24]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the Carlow women's refuge; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28327/24]

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

\*325. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 191 of 20 June 2024, where in the climate action performance payment scheme documents is the conditionality regarding "current" owners detailed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27822/24]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will publish the Departmental reports into the revelations outlined in a newspaper article of 24 June 2024 regarding microchips at a facility (details supplied) reportedly alerted by a veterinary inspector at the plant on 13 March 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [27829/24]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department notified the gardaí in the matter of tampering, duplication or any other activity regarding microchips apparently notified to it regarding equine slaughter in 2018; if not, the reasons for that decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [27830/24]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the frequency with which operators' licences are examined or assessed in the lifetime of their duration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [27831/24]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of licences issued to persons (details supplied) in the matter of equine handling and-or slaughter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [27832/24]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his Department did not revoke and-or temporarily halt the operating licence of a facility (details supplied); when his Department was made aware of microchip issues at the plant, indicating a possible risk to the food chain and Ireland's reputation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [27833/24]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when his attention was first drawn to issues with microchips in the horse slaughter industry in the State; the immediate and continued actions he took on foot of that information to resolve the situation, to prevent a recurrence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [27834/24]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the direct steps his Department took to address the practices at a facility (details supplied) which was reportedly alerted by an inspector on 13 March 2018; the reason his Department continued to authorise the operation of the plant given the alerts significance for food safety and Ireland's reputation; the security, scientific and health basis on which his Department deemed the operation fit and safe to continue; whether and how his Department can have confidence in the security of the equine microchip system given those revelations; the basis on which his Department has confidence in the food

security of the industry given those revelations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [27835/24]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to publish all contacts and reports his Department had or has with the FSAI regarding horse slaughter and the equine food industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [27836/24]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether any official or agent of his Department has been redeployed within his Department or stood down or not re-contracted or had their duties altered in any way with regard to a facility (details supplied) and/or broader issues within the equine and equine-food industry; if so, the number; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [27837/24]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department can have confidence in the standards and practices of the equine slaughter industry given a horse supposedly slaughtered in 2017 was found to be alive in 2018, according to media reports; if he will publish the reports and actions taken individually by his Department and in association with the FSAI on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [27838/24]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is confident but has not entered the food chain given the microchipping situation reported in a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [27839/24]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of horses slaughtered at a facility (details supplied) following the revelations of alert referred to by a newspaper article as occurring 2018; the number of that were from the racing or show jumping sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [27840/24]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the age of the youngest and oldest horse slaughtered at a facility (details supplied); the average age of the horses slaughtered since operations began, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [27841/24]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has contacted or liaised with the Ministers for Health and Justice in relation to a facility (details supplied); and or the equine slaughter industry in Ireland; if so, the nature of that contact; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [27842/24]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has considered introducing changes to straw shredding regulations, given the shortage of straw and fodder this year as a consequence of weather; if he will consider and opt-out clause; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27848/24]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a greyhound (details supplied) was racing at Curraheen greyhound track on 15 June 2024 while the greyhound is owned by an English-based, highly publicised syndicate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [27897/24]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on an Acres payment application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [27898/24]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a 2023 sheep census will be accepted from a farmer in County Kerry (details supplied), given they had corresponded with his Department in relation to the census submission before the deadline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27915/24]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a 2023 areas of natural constraints payment will issue to a farmer in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27920/24]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27955/24]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a payment will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28007/24]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28034/24]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to list the membership of all boards related to the equine industry that receive State funding, including details of board members who are members of multiple boards; the length of their tenures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [28057/24]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are plans to preclude any person with a conviction for animal cruelty from operating a business with animals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [28058/24]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the research carried out to ascertain the reason there has been a drop from four licensed equine slaughter plants in Ireland which killed 24,000 horses a year to just one licensed slaughter plant, killing less than 2,000 horses a year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [28059/24]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when farmers, including those in special areas of conservation or cooperation project zones under ACRES, will receive payment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [28066/24]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of contracts (details supplied) that have been awarded to carry out services on behalf of his Department in 2023 and to-date in 2024; the nature of services that were provided to his Department; and the amount paid by his Department to this company for such works, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [28080/24]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 319 of 25 June 2024, to outline in detail the difference between form S198

prescribed by his Department and the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland forms referenced in his reply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [28205/24]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will introduce changes to the fodder transport scheme in the future as necessary, given that, currently, fodder must be sourced at least 75 kilometres away in order to avail of the scheme; and if this criterion can be removed and additional supports put in place to assist farmers in sourcing suitable fodder more locally. — Robert Troy. [28268/24]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of any funding streams nationally or from the EU for young fishermen to help purchase vessels to fish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [28289/24]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a decision will be made regarding an application by a person (details supplied) for a licence to fish clams at Ballyness Bay and Magheraroarty in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [28294/24]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the rules and legislation that apply to the transportation of dead horses; if his attention has been drawn to a recent instance of a dead horse being transported openly in a regional town; the actions his Department has taken in response to this and similar instances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28340/24]

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

\*358. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 551 of 23 April 2024, when he will publish his Department's legislative proposals arising from its wider review of the Equal Status Act 2000 and the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [27844/24]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress he has made to date in transposing the Pay Transparency Directive into Irish law. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [27845/24]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 525 of 23 April 2024, the funding that has been provided to an organisation (details supplied) in the past three years; and the breakdown of how this funding was utilised in the corresponding timeframe, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [27864/24]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 538 and 539 on 23 April 2024, to detail what the 139.5 respite beds that are currently unavailable are being used for. — Pauline Tully. [27865/24]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he will take to ensure that a family (details supplied) currently required to reside in two different accommodation centres can be reunited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [27879/24]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will clarify the official policy regarding reimbursement for private assessment of need by the HSE with regard to families; the details of any recorded instances of reimbursement to families for private assessment of need despite the stated policy; the criteria and process by which it is determined if individuals are to be eligible for reimbursement; the number of private assessments that have been reimbursed in each of the past five years, in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [27890/24]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 598 of 5 March 2024, if additional occupational therapy services have been allocated to a child (details supplied); if further additional occupational therapy hours can be delivered as a matter of priority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27903/24]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the assessment of needs process of a child (details supplied); and the reason this is taking so long. — Niamh Smyth. [27925/24]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will examine the case of a child (details supplied) needing urgent care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27930/24]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of report compliance concerns in relation to providers of temporary accommodation for Ukrainians benefitting from temporary protection or international applicants; the number of reviews carried out since June 2023; the details on the number and type of compliance issues, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27931/24]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if any financial penalties have been or can be issued where the provider of temporary accommodation for Ukrainians benefitting from temporary protection or international applicants have not met the required contractual standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27932/24]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if, through the recently announced relocation of Ukrainians benefitting from temporary protection he will prioritise the return of active hotel beds to local areas and economies; how this will be balanced against other criteria for ending contracts recently outlined by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27933/24]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his officials will meet with a group (details supplied) and review the process for discharge of courts to make it easier for people to transition to the decision support group. — Brian Stanley. [27936/24]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27956/24]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will urgently sanction an increase in the community neurorehabilitation team in CHO3 from 7

currently to 12 whole-time equivalents, in line with the teams that have been funded in other parts of the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28023/24]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of additional residential places and new emergency residential places for people with a disability in each of the years 2020 to 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [28042/24]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of applications, by type and channel (online/paper), received by the Decision Support Service for the individual months ending 31 January 2024 to 31 May 2024; the average processing time for each application category; the number of full-time equivalent staff employed by the Decision Support Service on 1 January 2024, 1 March 2024 and 1 June 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [28049/24]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of people in receipt of day services for the years 2018-2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [28067/24]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to address the deficiency in essential hydro-therapy infrastructure in the north-west (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [28089/24]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE speech and language therapist in each CDNT based in counties Carlow and Kilkenny in the years of 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28109/24]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will arrange respite care for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [28113/24]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to detail what is envisaged at page 38 of the HSE National Service Plan 2024, where it states “a foetal alcohol project will be undertaken using a multi-care health sector approach (primary care, mental health services etc.)”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28157/24]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will increase funding to the FRC National Programme, specifically an additional €8.5 million in core funding to ensure FRCs can continue to support children, families, individuals and communities throughout Ireland; if he will support the FRC National Programme in its goal to achieve an optimum core funding of €220,000 for all 121 family resource centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [28171/24]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to state the total number of accommodation recognition payments currently being paid to households accommodating persons in receipt of temporary protection; to provide a breakdown of these payments by county; and to provide a breakdown of those payments by accommodation where the recipient is living in the property and where the property is exclusively occupied by recipients of temporary protection. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28218/24]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide the number of children waiting to be seen by children's disability network teams in counties Roscommon and Galway, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [28248/24]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children adopted into the State through the intercountry adoption process in each of the past 20 years where a condition (details supplied) was noted on the birth record, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28251/24]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a physiotherapist vacancy for children with mild to severe disabilities in County Leitrim will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [28255/24]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated time for when a child (details supplied) will be in receipt of the speech therapy they urgently need following a recent diagnosis of level 2 autism; if early interventions are necessary to enable an autistic child to reach their fullest potential; if he will take steps to ensure this child receives the early interventions to help them do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [28296/24]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason persons (details supplied) were moved, with no notice, to Manorhamilton, County Leitrim, despite attending work and school in Carlow town; if they can be accommodated again locally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28328/24]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if all Ukrainian beneficiaries of temporary protection residing at a location (details supplied) have been served notices that they are to be moved to alternative accommodation by the end of June; what consideration has been given to sourcing alternative accommodation in the local area where many residents have spent two years integrating into local schools, sports clubs, employment and the local community; the reason for the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [28352/24]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has any further plans to accommodate persons at a facility (details supplied); if so, to specify who will be accommodated; the number of persons due to be accommodated; the anticipated duration of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [28353/24]

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

\*389. To ask the Minister for Health if assistance will be provided to expedite a review regarding registration with CORU (details supplied). — Imelda Munster. [28046/24]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Health if fee increases are being considered to (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [28244/24]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Health the number of individuals dismissed from the HSE owing to court sentences received by them, over the past ten years. — Patrick Costello. [27820/24]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1743 of 17 January 2024, if there is any further development in the provision of a pathway for a person to claim compensation for what they believe to be illegal nursing home charges paid between 1977 and 1979, who has not as of yet made any claim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27821/24]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Health when physiotherapy services will be reinstated in Graiguecullen, County Laois, as the nearest health centre providing these services is Mountmellick, which is a distance of 50 kilometres (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [27843/24]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the funding and subsequent introduction of a model of care for sufferers of hereditary amyloidosis, which was approved in October 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [27850/24]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a patient's checkup has been cancelled three times (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [27854/24]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 138 of 19 June 2024, the chronic and enduring mental illnesses that have seen caused by medical transition. — Patrick Costello. [27855/24]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 138 of 19 June 2024, if the National Gender Service can share statistics showing that the frequency of declines has decreased since applying its model of care in 2019. — Patrick Costello. [27856/24]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 139 of 19 June 2024, if the National Gender Service's clinical governance committee reviews deaths by suicide; and if so, how many have been mentioned in the minutes. — Patrick Costello. [27857/24]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 140 of 19 June 2024, how the National Gender Service would define conversion therapy; and if this would include being physically abused for wearing clothing of the chosen gender. — Patrick Costello. [27858/24]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the National Gender Service believes a conversion therapy ban would "make it impossible to develop a children's gender service in Ireland" as reported in an article (detailed supplied). — Patrick Costello. [27859/24]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Gender Service plans to attend or submit papers for WPATH in Lisbon in September 2024 to share its model of care with the broader medical community. — Patrick Costello. [27860/24]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Health how the National Gender Service advises GPs when other providers request sex steroid blood tests. — Patrick Costello. [27861/24]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE transgender lead will be attending WPATH in Lisbon in September 2024 to meet with the world's leading experts in the field and review the latest evidence. — Patrick Costello. [27862/24]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that funding is provided for a dedicated consultant neurologist and support staff at Letterkenny University Hospital, in line with the national model of care for neurology. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [27866/24]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the new amyloidosis model of care, submitted in August 2020 and approved in October 2022, has not been implemented or acted on to date; the reason a request for funding for phase 1, as well as funding for phase 2 of the model of care, has not been allocated by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [27867/24]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting so long for an operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [27875/24]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Health when the ADHD in adults national clinical programme, covering Kerry and west Cork, will resume, having been paused in December 2023. — Holly Cairns. [27886/24]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Health the standard procedure in CHO3 and CHO5 with regard to the submission of sick certificates for HSE staff on sick leave with a critical illness, such as cancer and on TRR; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [27891/24]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Health how regularly sick certificates must be submitted to HR by staff on leave with critical illness in CHO3 and CHO5; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [27892/24]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Health if it would be standard practice for a person on sick leave with a critical illness to be obligated to submit sick certificates once a week in CHO3 and CHO5; if so, if this would be the case when the individuals reason for leave has been identified as critical illness and their ability to return to work can be identified in advance, and should not need to re-confirmed on a weekly basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [27893/24]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a standard procedure for the handling of sick certificates and staff on leave with critical illness across the HSE in all CHOs, or if it differs area to area; if it does vary area-to-area to any great degree, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [27894/24]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Health if the regularity in which staff on leave with critical illness must submit sick certificates varies depending on their role/position in the HSE and CHO area; if so, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [27895/24]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Health the length a staff member may remain on TRR once they have used all TRR; the options available to staff who are still incapacitated with a critical illness and are unable to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [27896/24]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 823 of 11 June 2024, if he will outline, given the National Gender Service was unable to share how much of its clinical staff's time is spent on assessment, how it ensured its outstanding business cases had an appropriate balance of clinical roles. — Paul Murphy. [27904/24]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 351 of 11 June 2024, to clarify that when the National Gender Service says it regularly meets people who go on to detransition, how many times per year it is that a patient detransitions. — Paul Murphy. [27905/24]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 351 of 11 June 2024, that in the experience of the National Gender Service, what proportion of those who detransition express regret about medically transitioning. — Paul Murphy. [27906/24]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Health what the National Gender Service believes are the risks of transgender people not having access to HRT. — Paul Murphy. [27907/24]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Health what the requirements are for vaginoplasty and phalloplasty for transgender patients under the treatment abroad scheme; and if this includes approval by two consultant members of a multidisciplinary team. — Paul Murphy. [27908/24]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Health if HSE acute operations has approved funding for a new location for the National Gender Service; and what consultation with the community was involved. — Paul Murphy. [27909/24]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Health how the HSE transgender lead plans to take into account bad faith international research produced by those that oppose trans healthcare. — Paul Murphy. [27910/24]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of comments previously made by a SPLC-designated anti-LGBTQ hate group in relation to the appointment of the HSE transgender lead (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [27911/24]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Health if an organisation (details supplied) will be provided with Section 39 funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27921/24]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE pest control units currently in operation in Dublin city; to provide a breakdown of the full-time equivalent employees serving in HSE pest control units in Dublin city, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [27922/24]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Health when a person in County Kerry (details supplied) will receive a neurology appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27927/24]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Health the exact amount allocated to each individual for post-mastectomy care in each county, given that there may be disparities in products available depending on which county a person resides in; if he will provide assurances that allowances will be standardised across all counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [27940/24]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of all the legal costs incurred by the HSE, or his Department, in providing protection where families have taken legal action claiming a failure to provide child assessments for disabilities in a timely manner, from 2020, in tabular form. — Pat Buckley. [27953/24]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Health the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27964/24]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Health the number of advanced paramedics currently serving in Clare; if there are plans to expand, maintain or reduce advanced paramedic recruitment; the number shifts in the last twelve months have not had an advanced paramedic serving on them in spite of the Government's promise to maintain 24-7 advanced paramedic presence when closing Ennis Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [27980/24]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question 7 of 2 May 2024, when the issue of pay restoration and the WRC agreement will be paid to persons (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [27983/24]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Health if a substantive reply will issue to correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [27991/24]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric ENT surgeons and paediatric ENT registrars at CHI Crumlin in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Joan Collins. [27992/24]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients that suffer from sleep apnoea within CHO7, in tabular form. — Joan Collins. [27993/24]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant orthopaedic surgeons and orthopaedic registrars at St. James's Hospital in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Joan Collins. [27994/24]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Health when his Department will provide clarity in order that a former HSE employee (details supplied) will receive their pension and net lump gratuity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [27995/24]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cataract surgeries carried out at the Mater Hospital in 2023 and to date in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [27997/24]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the rollout of oral immunotherapy for children; the locations of each facility in which this treatment is dispensed; and the funding and timeline for same. — Joan Collins. [27998/24]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE clinical nurse specialist in developmental care at the Coombe Maternity Hospital in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Joan Collins. [27999/24]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Health the number of resuscitation bays in each hospital part of Dublin Midlands Hospital Group, in tabular form. — Joan Collins. [28000/24]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant plastic surgeons at Tallaght University Hospital in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Joan Collins. [28003/24]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Health the current diagnostic pathway for sufferers of suspected fibromyalgia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28008/24]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Health the current general systematic plan for pain management of fibromyalgia sufferers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28009/24]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 848 and 849 of 11 June 2024, which failed to answer the questions submitted, if a reply will issue that responds to the matters raised (details supplied). — Michael Fitzmaurice. [28033/24]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the funding details for persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28039/24]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the 11 CAMHS/AMHS specialised hubs for eating disorders that have been opened nationwide, since the conception of the Model of Care in 2018; the number of full-time equivalent staff employed by the service; the number of vacancies on 1 June 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [28050/24]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Health if all public sector pay increases for bus drivers who provide transport through agencies for special needs children has been implemented by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [28054/24]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Health to detail all staff based in the special care baby unit at a hospital (details supplied) in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [28060/24]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Health if he will urgently expedite the approval of fenfluramine for the treatment of dravet syndrome (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [28063/24]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Health if he will approve the funding of a specific drug for a child, on compassionate grounds (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [28064/24]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Health to review case (detail supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [28065/24]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Health his position regarding indicative timelines for a medicine to complete the application/approval process which he committed to in February 2023; if these have been introduced as per his request to the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [28068/24]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Health the reason no pathfinder programmes, such as the one recently announced for the RSV vaccine, have been implemented for cancer patients in need of newly licenced oncology medicines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [28069/24]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Health the reason no pathfinder programmes, such as the one recently announced for the RSV vaccine, have been implemented for patients with rare diseases and in need of newly licenced orphan treatments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [28070/24]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant respiratory medicine and WTE respiratory medicine registrars attached to the Mater Hospital in 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [28071/24]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for first-time appointments for ADHD assessments in CHO9. — Catherine Murphy. [28072/24]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Health the number of orthopaedic procedures, by type that were carried out at Naas General Hospital in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [28073/24]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Health the number of knee replacement surgeries carried out at Beaumont Hospital in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [28074/24]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Health the number of chiropody cards issued by the HSE to medical card holders aged over 66 years in CHO9 in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [28075/24]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [28090/24]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Health to approve funding for a dedicated mobile hoist compatible with the loop system slings for the paediatric ward in Midlands Regional Hospital Mullingar. — Robert Troy. [28093/24]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE rapid response vehicles based in counties Carlow and Kilkenny on a 24-7 basis in 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024 in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28099/24]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultants in intensive care medicine at University Hospital Waterford in 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28100/24]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost to recruit nine additional WTE suicide crisis assessment nurses for the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28101/24]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional WTE psychiatric nurses that were recruited by the HSE for CHO5 in 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28102/24]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Health the number of orthognathic surgeries performed at St. James's Hospital in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28103/24]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been brought to the difficulties faced by many Long Covid patients in accessing Covid-19 booster vaccines, in particular a non-mRNA vaccine (details supplied); if he will engage with the HSE to ensure that there is a clearly documented process to signpost how Long Covid and immunocompromised patients can

access the non-mRNA vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [28115/24]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Health to detail what is envisaged at page 38 of the HSE National Service Plan 2024 where it states “a foetal alcohol project will be undertaken using a multi-care health sector approach (primary care, mental health services etc.)”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28158/24]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the membership of the multi-stakeholder departmental group on the management of ongoing or anticipated high-impact medicine shortages; the frequency with which it meets; the work that it is currently conducting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [28159/24]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Health if there is an eating disorder team in CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28173/24]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any existing eating disorder supports for children and adults living in Roscommon and Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28174/24]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 386 of 18 June 2024, if consideration has been given to supporting medical students studying across Europe, particularly in Poland, with a view to them returning to Ireland to start their careers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28178/24]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the proposed provision and operation of a satellite dialysis unit in Ennis Hospital, County Clare; the reason for any delay in progressing the proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [28206/24]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 636 of 30 April 2024, to report the item and amount per item, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [28217/24]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Health to detail each of the unfilled posts in every eating disorder team; and the posts that are affected by the HSE recruitment pause, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [28224/24]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment. — Barry Cowen. [28247/24]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cases which recorded a primary diagnosis of a condition (details supplied) in each of the past 20 years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28250/24]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children born in each of the past 20 years where a condition (details supplied) was noted on the birth record, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28252/24]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the waiting times for children with disabilities in the Sligo-Leitrim area who require an MRI with sedation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [28256/24]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Health when a person in County Kerry (details supplied) will receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28258/24]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals to CAMHS Wexford south in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; the number of referrals to CAMHS Wexford north in the corresponding timeframe; the number of referrals accepted to Wexford CAMHS south in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; the number of referrals to Wexford CAMHS south not accepted in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; to provide similar data for Wexford CAMHS north in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; the number of referrals accepted; the number of referrals not accepted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [28261/24]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical card holder will be refunded charges paid for an MRI at a location in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28265/24]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Health if the post of dentist for patients with special needs which has been vacant since January 2024 at a health centre (details supplied) has been advertised; the interest in the position; when the new dentist will take up their post; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [28270/24]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the expected timeline for the approval of 60 new beds for a nursing home (details supplied) by HIQA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [28271/24]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that there is no service for assessment of adult ADHD on the northside of Dublin; if there are plans to fill this gap; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [28272/24]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Health the services that are currently provided at the HSE health centre in Shannon, County Clare; if there are plans to increase services provided by this centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28273/24]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Health if negotiations have been held with the Irish Dental Association regarding the dental treatment services scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [28281/24]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Health if an agreement has been reached with the Irish Dental Association regarding attracting more dentists to the dental treatment services scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [28282/24]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the fund for those suffering from the long-term effects of Covid; if this fund is currently in operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [28313/24]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 831 of 11 June 2024, if a response will issue to the question (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [28317/24]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the progress of an extension to a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [28321/24]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Health the amount that has been spent by his Department in each of the past ten years on reducing maternal mortality. — Peadar Tóibín. [28336/24]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Health when a paediatric neurologist will be employed at University Hospital Limerick given it has been without same for approximately two and a half years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [28337/24]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive an urgent appointment for a surgical procedure at Galway University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [28348/24]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to the adding of polycystic ovary syndrome to the HSE's PCRS in relation to a drug (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [28349/24]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an explanation as to why a facility (details supplied) is not fully operational; the reason it is instead opening up in stages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [28350/24]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1356 of 9 April 2024, if the waiting-list figures cited in the response for child and adolescent mental health services in CHO4 refer to wait-times for an initial psychology appointment only; if clients are then placed after this assessment on another psychology waiting-list not cited in the response, if deemed suitable for the service; and if so, the breakdown of these internal lists per LHO within CHO4, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [28366/24]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in the implementation of the WRC agreement of October 2023 for the projects in the canal communities' alcohol and drugs task force (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [28369/24]

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

\*497. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason there has been no movement on apprentices (details supplied) who are waiting on their next phase of training. — Niamh Smyth. [27851/24]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the average cost to the State of a place on an undergraduate course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27888/24]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for a list of all health and social care courses offered in the State; the number of students enrolled on each course; the average annual cost to the State of delivering the courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27889/24]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 630 of 24 October 2023, the status of the proposed new

veterinary school for expanded veterinary education in Ireland; the status of the negotiations between the Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine and his Department concerning this new school; the possibility of it being located at the University of Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27941/24]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of funding for and the quantity of additional veterinary education places that will be available in the proposed new veterinary school for expanded veterinary education in Ireland at the University of Limerick; if these additional veterinary education places will be listed and available for students to apply for on the CAO system for the 2025-2026 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27942/24]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will review a briefing document (details supplied) for expanded veterinary education in Ireland, which highlights the positives of granting the contract to the University of Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27943/24]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27963/24]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated first- and full-year cost of reducing the student contribution charge by €1,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27984/24]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current core funding deficit for the university sector; the estimated first- and full-year cost of reducing this by a third; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27985/24]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated first- and full-year cost of extending free fees initiative to graduate entry medical students up to €10,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27986/24]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated first- and full-year cost of providing free Irish language classes to all adults; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27987/24]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated first- and full-year cost of abolishing all craft apprenticeship course fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27988/24]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated first- and full-year cost of extending State support for allowances for craft apprentices by increasing the rates by 50%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27989/24]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a full list of capital works projects currently ongoing at present valued in excess of €1 million that were funded by Higher Education Authority at each university; the nature of

each of these capital works projects; and when each of these works projects will be completed, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [28079/24]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a Disability is recognised by the CAO (details supplied); what criteria does the CAO require for proof of disability for DARE purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28253/24]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for his views on a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28254/24]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason a person (details supplied) is not in receipt of the full grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [28306/24]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the evolution of participation rates in higher and in further education for representative years since 1990; and how the student-to-staff ratios have evolved in the same years. — Richard Bruton. [28308/24]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if an Irish citizen, who moved to Switzerland with their family five years ago, will be classed as a foreign student and charged fees as such, if they were to attend university in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [28322/24]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to provide increased financial supports for students of Masters in Post Primary Education; if he will report on his engagement with the Minister for Education in respect of the need to train more teachers; and the existing financial supports in place. — Ivana Bacik. [28367/24]

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

\*517. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if funding streams are available for the construction of a new public horse stables, similar to those already in place in a location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [27919/24]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for an update on the work of the high-level stakeholder group to consider and make recommendations to strengthen policy concerning dog control issues; when the group will issue recommendations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [27928/24]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of dog wardens partaking in the national training programme; where this training is taking place; the overall cost of the programme; if this is a voluntary or mandatory training programme; the person or body that developed the training programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [27929/24]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the main policy achievements of her Department since 27 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27968/24]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding available to a community (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28036/24]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the capital and current projects within her Department that received EU funding in 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024; the amount of EU funding received per project per year, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28105/24]