



# DÁIL ÉIREANN

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

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

1. 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]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the informal European Council in Brussels. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27043/24]
3. 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]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the informal European Council in Brussels. — Mary Lou McDonald. [27973/24]
5. 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]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent telephone call with President Biden. — Seán Haughey. [26831/24]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent telephone call with President Biden. — Brendan Smith. [26829/24]
8. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent conversation with President Biden. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27033/24]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent phone conversation with President Biden. — Paul Murphy. [27045/24]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent phone conversation with President Biden. — Mick Barry. [27082/24]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent phone conversation with President Biden. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27948/24]
12. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent engagement with US President Joe Biden. — Alan Farrell. [28194/24]
13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent telephone call with President Biden. — Holly Cairns. [28143/24]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35. 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]

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

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*41. To ask the Taoiseach the increases that have been made to funding to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for each of the years 2020 to 2024. — Pa Daly. [28602/24]

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

\*42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will engage with his UK counterpart regarding the condition of Lough Neagh; if this issue can be raised at the North-South Ministerial Council and the British-Irish Intergovernmental Conference; if the problem can also be examined in the context of the shared island initiative; if the Government will offer practical assistance to clean up this major natural resource and amenity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [28433/24]

\*43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to publish his Department's feedback to the International Protection Office on the potential designation of Algeria as a safe country for the purposes of the International Protection Act 2015. — Paul Murphy. [28440/24]

\*44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a foreign birth register application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28441/24]

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

\*45. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the position regarding the energy security review; if and when the proposal from Gas Networks Ireland will be published; when he expects that a final decision will be made; if it will be forthcoming in advance of the Dáil Éireann summer recess; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [28378/24]

\*46. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on species categorisation policy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [28452/24]

\*47. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on species categorisation policy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [28453/24]

\*48. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on species categorisation policy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [28454/24]

\*49. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if it is possible to implement the levy on coffee cups, cigarette packs, plastic vapes and cartons and takeaway soft drink cups, including lids and straws to reduce litter on streets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Josepha Madigan. [28488/24]

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

\*50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of serving members of the Defence Forces who have ever been issued with a serving order, a protection order, or a barring order, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [28485/24]

\*51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of serving members of the Defence Forces who have, through internal Garda investigations, been found to have engaged in domestic, sexual or gender-based violence, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [28486/24]

\*52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of members of the Defence Forces who have been dismissed from the force due to domestic, sexual or gender-based violence, from 2016 to date, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [28487/24]

\*53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of people who have joined the military medicine training scheme in each of the past ten years; the number that qualified

in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [28533/24]

\*54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of people who have left the military medicine training scheme early in each of the past ten years; the amount they paid to leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [28534/24]

\*55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of court cases in which the Defence Forces were a party in each of the past ten years; the length of time the cases have taken to be resolved; and if his Department has a policy of delaying cases as a legal strategy. — Patrick Costello. [28535/24]

\*56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of court cases in which his Department was a party in each of the past ten years; the length of time the cases have taken to be resolved; and if his Department has a policy of delaying cases as a legal strategy. — Patrick Costello. [28536/24]

\*57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the action taken to improve retention levels in the Defence Forces since July 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [28645/24]

\*58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update on capital investment undertaken in defence since July 2020; the major improvements provided by this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [28646/24]

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

\*59. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will make a feasibility study public (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [28400/24]

\*60. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the motor tax office is charging more for the motor tax if it is paid quarterly or twice a year, while we are still in a cost-of-living crisis. — Paul Donnelly. [28467/24]

\*61. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding that was given for the establishment of the Road Safety Authority in 2006; and the amount of funding the RSA was given in its first year, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [28544/24]

\*62. To ask the Minister for Transport the current and capital funding of the Road Safety Authority from 2006 to date, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [28545/24]

\*63. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated annual, first- and full-year cost of making the 20% public transport fare reduction permanent, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [28547/24]

\*64. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated annual, first- and full-year costs of extending the public transport fare reduction from 20% to 30%, 20% to 40% and 20% to 50%, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [28548/24]

\*65. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated annual, first- and full-year costs of extending the 50% fare reduction for young adults and students to 60%, 70% and 75%, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [28549/24]

\*66. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated annual, first- and full-year costs of extending the 20% fare reduction to commercial operators, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [28550/24]

\*67. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated annual cost for 2024 and 2025, as well as the total cost, of the Connecting Ireland rural bus scheme, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [28551/24]

\*68. To ask the Minister for Transport the total funding commitment to the A5/N2 upgrade, as well as an annual breakdown of this commitment for the years 2024-2029, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [28552/24]

\*69. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated annual, first- and full-year costs of employing an additional 25, 50, 75, and 100 driving testers, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [28553/24]

\*70. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the roll-out of electric car chargers nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [27267/24]

\*71. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that adequate personnel are allocated to the Cavan driver test centre to reduce delays in tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28629/24]

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

\*72. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of help-to-buy claims approved since 1 July 2020, broken down by county; and the number of applicants associated with these claims; and the number of claims by homebuyers excluding self-builds, broken down by county, which is the number of these claims relating to purchases. — Cathal Crowe. [28397/24]

\*73. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of the presence of a new nicotine inhaling product type on the market (details supplied); if this product type will be included in the excise regime planned for nicotine inhaling products, as announced in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28421/24]

\*74. To ask the Minister for Finance the calculations resulting in a figure of €545 million when estimating the cost of reducing VAT to 9% for food-led hospitality businesses; if he could give a full breakdown on how this figure was reached; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [28466/24]

\*75. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are plans to increase the income cut-off point for retirees and pensioners before they become liable for income tax and DIRT tax on savings, which currently stands at €18,000 and has not changed for several years; if consideration will be given to raising this threshold to at least €22,000 in Budget 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Josepha Madigan. [28489/24]

\*76. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of the advantageous (40% and 39% respectively) visual effects (VFX)-related tax reliefs system the French and UK governments have introduced to support their respective VFX industries; if he is concerned that these measures will create a competitive disadvantage for the Irish VFX sector; if he is considering any measures to address this matter specifically as it relates to the indigenous Irish VFX sector in respect of a potential review of tax credits, for example; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28530/24]

\*77. To ask the Minister for Finance if there has been any progress on the commitment in the Programme for Government to develop new stress tests for financial institutions to look at the impact of tangible risks of higher temperature scenarios and involvement with the fossil-fuel economy on their portfolios, as recommended by the Taskforce on Climate Financial Disclosures. — Paul Murphy. [28543/24]

\*78. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the availability of cash payments to State agencies (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28571/24]

\*79. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is concerned that the decision not to raise the minimum excise duty on cigarettes in Budget 2024 has allowed manufacturers to absorb the 75c general excise increase, rather than pass it on to consumers as intended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [28610/24]

\*80. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a spouse can only access €27,000 of a deceased spouse's credit union savings and any remainder must go to probate; his views on whether this rule is fair when the spouse is clearly the next of kin and automatic beneficiary; and if he plans to review such rules in the short term. — Robert Troy. [28634/24]

\*81. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of the pillar banks refusing outright to provide mortgages to customers who wish to purchase their home from a local authority under the tenant purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [28650/24]

*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.*

\*82. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the additional current costs she anticipates will be involved in revising the Garda retirement age upward from 60 to 62 years. — Pa Daly. [28595/24]

\*83. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he is aware of plans by barristers practising criminal law to withdraw services on 9, 15 and 24 July 2024; if he will provide details of any advice his officials have provided to their counterparts in the Department of Justice following the announcement as part of Budget 2024 to establish a review process to examine the structure and level of fees paid to barristers practising criminal law; if he is in favour of establishing such a process that would allow for restoration of FEMPI-era cuts to fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28513/24]

\*84. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if consideration was given by the Institute of Public Administration to sell its buildings

on Lansdowne Road and move to high end commercial offices or to decentralising outside of Dublin or moving to any other area; if his Department has been assured that public procurement rules have been adhered to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [28546/24]

\*85. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he and the Office of Public Works will consider the construction of a permanent and more substantial boundary wall between facilities now owned by the OPW and the private neighbouring property (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28611/24]

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

\*86. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary school students enrolled in Lucan schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [28379/24]

\*87. To ask the Minister for Education the number of post primary school students enrolled in Lucan schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [28380/24]

\*88. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on forward planning for additional schools in Lucan to meet extra demand driven by growth and projected growths in population through the development of Lucan and the Clonburris and Adamstown strategic zones; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [28381/24]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Education when she expects the stage 3 report relating to the devolved project application made by a school (details supplied) to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28391/24]

\*90. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give detailed consideration to the issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) from a national organisation in relation to education funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28437/24]

\*91. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give urgent consideration to a review of specifications for school accommodation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28438/24]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Education if seats could be secured on the local bus which services the school in an area (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [28443/24]

\*93. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on an appeal (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [28449/24]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine funding issues for a primary school currently experiencing difficulties (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [28455/24]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Education the enrolment options for those within the Darndale D17 school planning area, given that there are no secondary schools within the area; how a defined area can be without any secondary education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [28509/24]

\*96. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to make catchment area maps publicly available and more easily accessible to parents, notwithstanding that catchment areas are defined at a local school level with Departmental oversight and school planning areas defined at a Departmental level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [28510/24]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Education if a school can extend the boundaries of a catchment area to accommodate a child who is without any allocated post-primary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [28511/24]

\*98. To ask the Minister for Education the areas in which occupational therapy services have been piloted in schools; if those pilots have been evaluated; her plans to extend the pilot to schools in other areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28514/24]

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

\*99. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the financial supports available to district motor sport clubs who bring motor sport events to their counties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28572/24]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if alternative funding is available for an artist in County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28613/24]

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

\*101. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to meet with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28760/24]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding streams available to help local authorities to take in charge, and make necessary infrastructural changes to, old housing estates which are not yet in public charge but developers have long since stopped routine maintenance work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28392/24]

\*103. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a timeline within which local authorities should process and approve section 180 (taking-in-charge applications) as per the Planning and Development Act 2000; if local authorities have the right to refuse to accede to section 180 applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28393/24]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider a review of the vacant property refurbishment fund, in particular that it would be awarded in stage payments rather than a lump sum after work has been completed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28399/24]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will arrange to have a meeting with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [28439/24]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to alter the means test condition based on previous years income for approval for social housing grants, especially those recently retired or left the workforce where their income at the current time is and will remain substantially lower than the previous full year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28445/24]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the standard charge for the disconnection of a water meter. — Marian Harkin. [28448/24]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider implementing a separate and more simplified planning route with regard to renovating existing properties; his views on whether that such a change could assist in bringing vacant properties back into use in a more efficient manner. — Robert Troy. [28477/24]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider introducing a tax incentive system for developers in tandem with the croi conaithe scheme. — Robert Troy. [28478/24]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if assistance is available for voluntary housing groups (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28479/24]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a funding scheme is available to local authorities in order to provide additional parking at council estates where there is insufficient room for residents' car parking, leading to situations where concerns have been raised about emergency vehicles getting through and where grown-up children are residing at home and using their cars to commute to college and work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28532/24]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with regard to monies given to local authorities for adaptation grants, and not allocated in any given financial year, if he will clarify how the unallocated funds are accounted for; and if they are repurposed or if they are returned to the Exchequer for reallocation. — Patricia Ryan. [28587/24]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are procedures for local authorities where it comes to housing allocations for victims of domestic violence; if not, the reason that is; if procedures will be drawn up; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [28649/24]

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

\*114. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the schools in Dublin mid-west that avail of the hot school meals programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [28382/24]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision on a treatment benefit application for hearing aids by a person in County Kerry (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28390/24]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to examine the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [28436/24]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to examine the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [28434/24]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide a complete list of applicants for a programme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28470/24]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a list of late applicants for a programme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28471/24]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are plans to revise the means testing criteria for the fuel allowance, specifically concerning the calculation of an applicant's income which currently includes the gross income of any family member living with them; if the Government will consider only taking into account the net contribution made by the family member towards the household; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Josepha Madigan. [28490/24]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on a pay claim and Labour Court recommendation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28541/24]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine the case of illness benefit overpayments (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [28583/24]

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

\*123. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has engaged with criminal barrister representatives on the issue of their pay restoration, given the significant cuts to their professional fees since 2008 and the subsequent lack of restoration; if she is aware that an organisation (details supplied) is recommending a further withdrawals of service on 9, 15 and 24 July, causing significant concern for all involved in the administration of criminal justice; if she plans to address this disparity in pay, which is causing concern among the legal profession, particularly those specialising in criminal law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28966/24]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Justice if, in light of the planned withdrawal of service by criminal law practitioners on several dates in July, she will move quickly to deliver an independent, meaningful, time-limited and binding mechanism to determine the fees paid to criminal barristers by the Director of Public Prosecutions and under the criminal justice (legal aid) scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brid Smith. [29236/24]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Justice to meet with representatives of an organisation (details supplied) to avoid the disruption that will impact on persons, including the victims of crime, those accused of criminal offences, juries and others involved in the administration of criminal justice.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [29266/24]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Justice if all of the papers/documents produced by the Charlton Tribunal are available in hard copy and digital format for research or other purposes; if the responses to freedom of information requests dealt with by the Tribunal during the course of its work are available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [28398/24]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 168 of 20 June 2024, if she can be more specific as to when the Civil Legal Aid Review Group will issue its recommendations; when she expects to increase the eligibility limits for civil legal aid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [28422/24]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the introduction of a fast-track recruitment process for Garda Reserve personnel, to join An Garda Síochána, where their Garda Reserve experience could be taken into account. — Paul Murphy. [28456/24]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of serving gardaí who have ever been issued with a serving order, protection order, or barring order, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [28482/24]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of serving gardaí who have, through internal garda investigations, been found to have engaged in domestic, sexual or gender-based violence, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [28483/24]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who have been dismissed from the force due to domestic, sexual or gender-based violence, from 2016 to date, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [28484/24]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Justice the average processing time for an application for the extension of work permit conditions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28491/24]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Justice when her Department will formally commence the Government commitment in the context of Budget 2024 to establish a review process to examine the structure and level of fees paid to barristers practising criminal law; if she will provide details on the reasons such a process has not commenced; if she will provide clear details and a timeframe/framework in respect of the process announced in October 2023; the form of engagement her Department has had to date with the Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform on the issues in questions and the framework of a process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28512/24]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of burglaries reported in County Roscommon in 2023 and to date in 2024. — Claire Kerrane. [28519/24]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of burglaries reported in County Galway in 2023 and to date in 2024. — Claire Kerrane. [28520/24]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community gardaí assigned to Garda stations in County Roscommon; and the stations they are based in. — Claire Kerrane. [28521/24]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of two Garda stations (details supplied); the number of gardaí assigned to both stations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28522/24]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí, by rank, assigned to each station in County Roscommon. — Claire Kerrane. [28523/24]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí, by rank, assigned to each station in County Galway, excluding Galway city. — Claire Kerrane. [28524/24]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of death-in-custody reports that have been submitted by the Office of the Inspector of Prisons to her in each on the past three years, broken down by prison; and the number from each year that still await publication. — Patrick Costello. [28537/24]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will list all reports from the Office of the Inspector of Prisons that await publication, providing details of date received by her Office and by the type of the report. — Patrick Costello. [28538/24]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Justice the reasons for the delay in publication for any report her office has received from the Office of the Inspector of Prisons for more than four weeks. — Patrick Costello. [28539/24]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Justice the first- and full-year cost of paying Garda trainees a training allowance at the lowest point on the Garda pay scale for the duration of their training. — Pa Daly. [28593/24]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Justice for a breakdown of the current policy or legislative reviews taking place within her Department; and the actual and projected costs associated with each, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [28594/24]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Justice the costs that have been associated with the establishment of the community safety innovation fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [28597/24]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Justice the cost of creating one IRP card in 2023. — Pa Daly. [28598/24]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of familicides or domestic homicides that have taken place in the past five years; and the estimated cost to her Department or any other organisation of reviewing the causes behind each incident of same. — Pa Daly. [28599/24]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Justice the current budget for the family law legal aid panel. — Pa Daly. [28600/24]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Justice the projected cost for a doubling of the Garda diversion schemes. — Pa Daly. [28601/24]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated cost of a 10% increase in funding to legal aid. — Pa Daly. [28603/24]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated cost of a 10% increase in prison services funding. — Pa Daly. [28604/24]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated cost of doubling investment in restorative justice programmes. — Pa Daly. [28605/24]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a family reunification visa application (details supplied); and the current processing target times for applications of this nature, given the six-month target time advised in her Department's FAQ has passed. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28612/24]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps she will take to divert withdrawal of services from criminal law barristers (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28616/24]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Justice when the legislation to increase the retirement age for prison officers from 60 to 62 years will be enacted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28635/24]

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

\*156. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that TAMS 3 funding under the solar capital investment scheme is limited to farmers who have a minimum of five hectares of owned, leased or rented lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [28447/24]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to examine the case of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28457/24]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when participants in ACRES 1 will be informed of the measures available to choose from in order to receive the ACRES top-up grant; the reason for the delay in this matter; if, in view of inflation, farmers can buy materials for this scheme and use them after the approved date; if they will be entitled in time to a reimbursement of the costs of these materials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28529/24]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the 2023 BPS, ANC and ECO scheme payments to a farmer in County Kerry (details supplied) will be reviewed given the significant reduction in their payments in comparison to payments for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28606/24]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will ensure that payments due under Acres will issue at the earliest possible date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28648/24]

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

\*161. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of adults under 65 years living in a nursing home and supported under the fair deal scheme in 2023 and 2024; the measures his Department has undertaken to address the Wasted Lives report published by the Ombudsman in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [28493/24]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to reform the funding mechanism for an organisation (details supplied), which provides vital services in home and community care for vulnerable people, to enable them to continue to provide these services safely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [28588/24]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 343 of 25 June 2024, his Department's plan to accommodate Ukrainian beneficiaries of temporary protection who reach the 90-day cut-off for State-provided accommodation and who have no alternative accommodation in place; the options available to persons who find themselves in such a position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28394/24]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason his Department has put a cap of 180 days on the mother and baby redress scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28401/24]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to ensure that family resource centres receive funding (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28402/24]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide enhanced supports to family resource centres (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28403/24]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated first-, full-year and annual cost of increasing the current minimum rate of pay for early years educators, by €0.85, €1, €1.25, €1.50, €1.75 and €2; and the first-, full-year and annual estimated cost to increase all other grades covered by the early years employment regulation order. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28404/24]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated first- and full-year costs associated with the proposed early years and childcare State agency; the status of the establishment of the agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28405/24]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost to increase the building blocks improvement grant allocation by 10%, 20%, 25% and 50%. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28406/24]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated annual, total first- and full-year cost to increase the number of State residential care

units for children in care by 10%, 25% and 50%, in tabular form; what this equates to in bed numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28407/24]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated annual, first- and full-year cost to increase the aftercare payment for all young people up to the age of 23 years, irrespective of whether they are in full-time education; and the annual costs over a five-year period. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28408/24]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated annual, first- and full-year costs of extending the mother and baby homes redress scheme to 0-6-month-old babies, who are currently excluded. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28409/24]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated capital cost of providing 24, 36 and 48 additional planned residential places, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28410/24]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the first- and full-year current cost of providing 24, 36 and 48 additional planned residential places, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28411/24]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated capital cost of providing one, two and three additional respite centres for people with disabilities in each of the nine CHO areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28412/24]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the first- and full-year current costs of providing one, two and three additional respite centres for people with disabilities in each of the nine CHOs, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28413/24]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated capital cost of providing 100, 250 and 400 additional intensive support packages for children with disabilities who have high/complex support needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28414/24]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated annual, first- and full-year cost to provide 500, 1,000 and 1,500 additional adult day service places. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28415/24]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost of providing 100,000, 200,000 and 500,000 additional personal assistance hours for people with disabilities, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28416/24]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated first- and full-year current costs of providing 100, 250 and 400 additional intensive support packages for children with disabilities who have high/complex support needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28418/24]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the effect demographic pressures are likely to have on demand for intensive support packages for children with disabilities who have high/complex support needs over the next five and ten years, respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28419/24]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide improved supports to family resource centres (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28435/24]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the English-language supports available to children who are international protection applicants (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [28444/24]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how the new data protection officer in Tusla can be independent if they are also a director of services within Tusla. — Peadar Tóibín. [28458/24]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of personal data breaches for residential care services, child protection and welfare services and for the adoption services that are under Tusla's remit, broken down by the description of the breach, the risk rating and whether they have been reported to the Data Protection Commission and the affective data subjects. — Peadar Tóibín. [28459/24]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if Tusla has any plans to change its reporting of data breach policies to the Data Protection Commission; and if so, to provide details of these changes. — Peadar Tóibín. [28460/24]

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

\*187. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on a review his Department has undertaken with regard to cardiac services; if he intends to devise a new cardiovascular disease strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28377/24]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the presence of a new nicotine inhaling product type on the market (details supplied); to provide details of the regulations which apply to this product type; the agency responsible for the enforcement of these regulations; the enforcement actions, if any, taken to date; the taxation category which applies to this product category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28420/24]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the ongoing review into the surgical management of developmental dysplasia of the hip at Cappagh and Temple Street Children's Hospitals; if he is aware that the review was instituted in response to concerns in relation to the number of procedures taking place that may not meet the generally accepted threshold for surgery; if he is aware that a recent FOI request revealed that approximately 40% of these procedures were funded privately in Cappagh; if he has any concerns in relation to profit being a potential driver in any of this surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [28442/24]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Health when the adult ADHD clinics for the Dublin north, Dublin northwest, and Dublin north central catchment areas will be funded for the assessment

and treatment of ADHD; when the recruitment of diagnostic staff will occur; when the waiting list opened for service provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [28472/24]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1338 of 20 March 2024, if the planning and statutory consents process has begun on the new emergency department at Beaumont Hospital; if the preliminary business case has been finalised; when a timeline will be provided for the project's completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [28474/24]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide data, broken down by CHO, on the number of day and night-time respite services available, compared with population per CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [28475/24]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Health if a decision has been made on a primary medical certificate application in respect of a person in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28476/24]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting on primary care psychology services by age and length of time waiting in 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [28494/24]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Health what he intends to do to restore the chronic pain relief department in Sligo University Hospital and to ensure that it is adequately funded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [28495/24]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Health when the remaining 58 beds in the Shiel hospital, Ballyshannon, will be open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [28496/24]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a three year monthly break down of all deaths of residents in Cherry Orchard Hospital, Ballyfermot, inclusive of all people who relocated to another facility up to June 2024. — Paul Murphy. [28497/24]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Health for a complete and full record of all communication between his Office, the HSE and HIQA in regard to the relocation of residents from the Sycamore and Willow units in Cherry Orchard Hospital. — Paul Murphy. [28498/24]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Health the number of concerns raised with his office regarding issues in nursing homes in each of the years 2020 to 2023, and to date in June 2024. — Paul Murphy. [28499/24]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he has taken to address the concerns raised by residents and families regarding their experiences in care during Covid; and the supports the Government has provided to bereaved families. — Paul Murphy. [28500/24]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public beds that have closed in nursing homes since 2020; the number that have opened; and the efforts that are being made to secure additional beds. — Paul Murphy. [28501/24]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a detailed copy of all financial audits on additional funding to private and voluntary care facilities since 2020. — Paul Murphy. [28502/24]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he has taken to address the rights of the residents of a nursing home (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [28503/24]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Health the processes that are in place to assess the impact of transfer trauma for older people in care in Ireland. — Paul Murphy. [28504/24]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 39 advanced nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist inflammatory bowel disease related posts that were to be appointed by approximately July 2023 who have been formally recruited and have commenced their employment; the number who have been empanelled and are awaiting formal offers of employment; the number of successful candidates who have been informed that their post is lost and will not proceed; when posts still on offer will be filled, by each CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28518/24]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Health if a location and funding will be provided for a primary care centre in Ballyvolane, Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [28531/24]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify if there has been any updating/extension to the positive aging strategy (2013-2017); and if so, to provide details of same. — Patricia Ryan. [28584/24]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give consideration to providing funding for voluntary first responder groups, and if so, to provide details. — Patricia Ryan. [28589/24]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Health the reason behind the lack of acute beds in the mental health system, specifically for older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [28590/24]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Health if he is concerned that the decision not to raise the minimum excise duty on cigarettes in Budget 2024 has rendered this ineffective as a policy tool to support public policy objectives, allowing tobacco manufacturers to absorb the 75c general excise increase, rather than pass it on to consumers as intended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [28609/24]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Health if the new contract model for private ambulance providers is awarded on a sole provider basis; if so, if these contracts contain a requirement for a minimum number of vehicles; and the checks in place to ensure ambulance cover in the event that the company which has been awarded the contract runs out of ambulance availability. — Pauline Tully. [28627/24]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Health the private ambulance providers that have been awarded contracts by the HSE; the hospitals these providers are contracted to serve; and the number of ambulances that each of these providers operate, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [28628/24]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will put in place a permanent funding model contract to adequately fund a meals on wheels programme in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28644/24]

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

\*214. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the options available to international protection applicants who wish to enter third level education in Ireland (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [28446/24]

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

\*215. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she is aware of the study by Fáilte Ireland regarding the Beara Breifne walkway, estimating that it will take up to €22 million to bring the trail up to a world-class standard; if her Department is in a position to work with community groups and development companies on the Beara Breifne Way and local authorities to deliver the walkway improvements required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [28383/24]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she is aware of the concerns being expressed by community groups regarding proposed changes to the funding arrangements under the walks scheme; if she accepts that funding allocated to these community groups for walks improvement carries no overhead or administrative costs and consequently delivers better value for money; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [28388/24]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the changes she is initiating regarding funding to development companies and community groups, respectively, with regard to maintenance works and payment to landowners under the walks scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [28389/24]

\*218. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail cén dul chun cinn atá déanta chun comhairleoirí a cheapadh le staidéar a dhéanamh ar riachtanais maidir le cúrsaí calaidh in Inis Meáin sa todhchaí; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28570/24]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL  
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 4 JULY, 2024**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has analysed the impact abolishing fares would have on speeding up bus journey times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [28462/24]

2. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he continues to monitor the effects of the dispute at Aer Lingus with particular reference to the urgent need to ensure that the general public are not discommoded other than to the minimum and that every effort is made to resolve this dispute and any other such disputes that might follow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28585/24]

3. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on all phases of the western rail corridor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28207/24]

4. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason public transport fares have been increased during a climate and cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [28461/24]

5. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the work of the unit within his Department that was established last year to actively engage with shared mobility operators and partnerships, local authorities, and the National Transport Authority to develop and guide policy around shared mobility and promote the use of shared mobility nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [28620/24]

6. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding provided to maintain the Parnell Place bus station in Cork; and for an update on plans to renovate same. — Thomas Gould. [28578/24]

7. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress in rolling out the local area hackney scheme; if further consideration will be given to the provision of hackney services in rural communities where it is not feasible to have a bus service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28640/24]

8. To ask the Minister for Transport to sanction the planned new motorway M20 as toll-free; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [28395/24]

9. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of ongoing issues with the TFI real time app for Bus Éireann services in Cork city; and his plans to resolve this. — Thomas Gould. [28577/24]

10. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 77 of 16 May 2024, the status of the feasibility study for light rail in Galway, which is being undertaken as part of the Galway metropolitan area transport strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28385/24]

11. To ask the Minister for Transport the date a decision was made to carry out the All Island Strategic Rail Review; when it is intended to publish it; the steps that will be then taken to implement the review; the construction inflation in this State between the date of the original decision to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28342/24]

12. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the preparation of tender documents for the N53 project in County Louth; the timeline for the upgrade works to be completed; if funding is being made available by TII for these works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27981/24]

13. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Dublin-Navan rail line upgrade; if he will report on the work completed to date; when he expects the upgrade will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [28615/24]

14. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on MetroLink and the appointment of project director for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [28198/24]

15. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider making funding available to local authorities to carry out safety works on roads within their remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [28286/24]

16. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the extension of the Luas to Finglas; and the latest projected timeline for delivery. — Paul McAuliffe. [28450/24]

17. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on plans for active travel in County Carlow. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28316/24]

18. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for increasing the funding and supports to local authorities for the maintenance and upkeep of regional and local roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [28618/24]

19. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan in County Carlow; and the date by which all bus routes under the Plan will be up and running in the county. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28315/24]

20. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will take action ensure direct DART services to Howth, Sutton and Bayside are retained as part of the DART + Coastal North Project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [28345/24]

21. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is concerned that carbon emissions from transport increased last year; and the measures he intends to take to address this. — Paul Murphy. [28463/24]

22. To ask the Minister for Transport the incentives or alternatives he is examining to combat the slowing down of sales of electric cars and the poor trade in and sale prices for electric cars. — Niamh Smyth. [28469/24]

23. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress to date on the regional and local EV infrastructure network plan's public consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [28619/24]

24. To ask the Minister for Transport on the matter of providing co-funding for developments at Waterford Airport. — Leo Varadkar. [25979/24]

25. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the planned N4 upgrade from Mullingar to Rooskey; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [28642/24]

26. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the recruitment of driving testers by the RSA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [28555/24]

27. To ask the Minister for Transport for a progress report on the TEN-T project for Donegal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [28119/24]

28. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the issue of ghost buses and no shows across the fleets; the steps that have been taken to date to counteract this; and for an update on any measures already implemented. — Paul Donnelly. [28116/24]

29. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the works to complete the Coonagh-Knockalisheen Road; when he expects works to recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [28558/24]

30. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure further substantial financial allocations are made by his Department to progress the development of the East West route, with particular reference to the Cootehill/Shercock/Carrickmacross/Dundalk road in view of this road's strategic importance for the Border region and the urgent need to upgrade same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28641/24]

31. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends to fund further rollouts of Local Link services, to meet the demand in their various areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28152/24]

32. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an outline on plans to upgrade the Dublin to Rosslare line, along with details of plans for the electrification of the line to Wicklow town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28574/24]

33. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount collected annually in this jurisdiction from toll roads in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [28278/24]

34. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for park-and-ride facilities along the N3 in County Cavan to encourage more people to make use of public transport and reduce the dependence on private car use in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [28617/24]

35. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has considered whether a ban on fossil fuel advertising could play a role in reducing demand for fossil fuels and fossil-fuelled vehicles, which, according to the latest annual review of transport from the Climate Change Advisory Council, is still increasing. — Paul Murphy. [28465/24]

36. To ask the Minister for Transport when it is intended to publish the All Island Strategic Rail Review; if, following its publication, he will fast track the commencement of the opening of the western rail corridor from Athenry to Claremorris, as was done in the case of the reopening of the Foynes to Limerick line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28343/24]

37. To ask the Minister for Transport the projected date for the beginning and completion of construction of the N2 Clontibret-to-the-Border road scheme; and the timeframe for commencement of the N2 Ardee to Castleblayney road scheme. — Matt Carthy. [28526/24]

38. To ask the Minister for Transport the Intra-City railway stations that are planned in Limerick; when work is expected to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [28557/24]

39. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to ensure “increased ambition for public transport capital investment”, as recommended by the Climate Change Advisory Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [28464/24]

40. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he proposes to take to reduce the wait time for driving tests from 15.6 weeks to the projected target of ten weeks. — Niamh Smyth. [28468/24]

41. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that the transport plan for Ballyfermot will lead to a series of issues (details supplied); how this is compatible with being a sustainable local travel model for the area.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28145/24]

42. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the progress of the all island strategic rail review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [28554/24]

43. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on plans to extend the LUAS to Bray; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28573/24]

44. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will allocate additional funding to Monaghan County Council to repair and maintain local roads to an acceptable condition. — Matt Carthy. [28525/24]

45. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will establish a taskforce to examine all transportation options, both current and future, to and from Shannon Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28276/24]

46. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has plans for further regional airport development after 2024; if it is likely that Shannon will receive further funding in this or similar schemes from 2025 onwards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [28517/24]

47. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the progression of the Cork city northern distributor road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [28279/24]

48. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding a direct bus route from Dublin 15 to the airport. — Paul Donnelly. [28117/24]

49. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on his Department's efforts to increase road safety and reduce road fatalities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [28197/24]

50. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the delivery of the MetroLink. — Paul McAuliffe. [28451/24]

51. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the current status of a town bus service for Mullingar. — Robert Troy. [28287/24]

52. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the application from the City of Derry Airport to have Government support for the Derry to Dublin air link reinstated. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [28118/24]

53. To ask the Minister for Transport the formula, if any, used by his Department to allocate funding to local authorities for annual regional and local roads funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [27428/24]

54. To ask the Minister for Transport to sanction urgent infrastructure changes to junctions on the N22 Macroom to Ballincollig road to ensure safety for road users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [28396/24]

55. To ask the Minister for Transport in the context of the electrification and extension of the DART to Maynooth and beyond, the full extent of these proposals at present with particular reference to the extension of the service to Kilcock and beyond thereby providing service to a much wider catchment area without excessive expenditure and greatly facilitating rail transport effectiveness and efficiency as the demand grows; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28586/24]

56. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will seek changes to be made to the route licencing of coaches that operate in the day-tour sector, as managed by the National Transport Authority, in order that a more strategic approach to tourism is taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28275/24]

57. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 187 of 23 January 2024 and 181 of 20 February 2024, for an update on establishment of an additional NCT testing centre in the Clare-Limerick area to reduce the waits in the area; his views on the RSA's position that there are no plans to develop a centre in the Kilrush area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [28516/24]

58. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is in a position to resource Local Link to meet demand in local communities when it comes to adding stops in rural villages; if such requests for additional stops are considered by his Department and funded, where necessary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28151/24]

59. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the 103 and 109 Bus Éireann bus service, its performance standard and plans to improve it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [28614/24]

60. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ask his Department to liaise with Irish Rail and Local Link in order that they can co-ordinate with each other to connect train times and bus times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [28556/24]

61. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports being provided by his Department to relevant ports to progress offshore wind development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [28569/24]

62. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the proposed new Local Link bus service from Kinlough, County Leitrim to Grange, County Sligo via Ballintrillick; the timeline for when the service is due to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [28347/24]

63. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the €35 billion commitment for transport infrastructure made in 2021 as part of National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28208/24]

64. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update following the publication of the Population Ageing and the Public Finances report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [28221/24]

65. To ask the Minister for Finance the action he is taking that the future evolution of cash infrastructure in the State will be managed in a fair, orderly, transparent, and equitable manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [28426/24]

66. To ask the Minister for Finance whether in the forthcoming budget he will give a break to ordinary workers by abolishing the USC for those earning less than €100,000 per year, given that it was originally proposed as a temporary emergency tax in the austerity period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28565/24]

67. To ask the Minister for Finance if he shares the concerns that the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme is no longer fit for purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [28506/24]

68. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to reduce the cost of insurance; if he will support legislative proposals through the Judicial Council (Amendment) Bill 2021 to ensure that reduced claims costs are passed onto insurance consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [28559/24]

69. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on the vacant homes tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [28592/24]

70. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of rent tax credit claims made in each of the years 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28621/24]

71. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 207 of 25 January 2024, if he is aware that the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme is limited to family members of the disabled person; his views on whether this restriction is in line with the Government's commitments to the rights of people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [28515/24]

72. To ask the Minister for Finance his proposals to reduce insurance costs for motorists and business owners. — Matt Carthy. [28528/24]

73. To ask the Minister for Finance the basis upon which it was decided to divest from some but not other companies which derive profit from their activities in illegal Israeli settlements within the state of Palestine; and the amount of funds currently invested. — Matt Carthy. [28527/24]

74. To ask the Minister for Finance the impact the infrastructure, climate and nature fund will have on the general Government debt; if expenditure out of the climate and nature from 2026 onward will impact on the general Government balance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [28631/24]

75. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will commit to supporting incomes by reductions in the rates and increases in the thresholds for USC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [28560/24]

76. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will introduce a digital tax on the profits of social media companies to fund the replacement of the current TV licence fee and provide the funding necessary to safeguard the future of public service broadcasting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28563/24]

77. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address the situation whereby if a person has over paid tax or failed to claim a credit, they can only claim back up to a maximum of four years, but there is no time limit for how far back the Revenue Commissioners can seek reimbursement if tax is owed to it; if he will ensure parity of treatment in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [28638/24]

78. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Future Ireland Fund will be sufficient to make public finances sustainable beyond 2041; if so, the number of years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28647/24]

79. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 118 of 21 May 2024, his plans for the phasing out of the help-to-buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28387/24]

80. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on Exchequer returns to date in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [28624/24]

81. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on his Department's consideration of the Illegal Israeli Settlement Divestment Bill 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28576/24]

82. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of people who have been approved for the mortgage interest relief and the number eligible. — Thomas Gould. [28580/24]

83. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will amend the BIK exemption for employer contributions to PRSAs in light of concerns that it has facilitated aggressive tax planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [28566/24]

84. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether it is acceptable that film producer companies in receipt of section 481 film tax credit are claiming the credit on the grounds that they are providing quality employment and training, while claiming simultaneously and on an on-going basis that the same producer company is not the employer of the film crew on the film productions for which the credit is claimed whenever workers on those productions attempt to assert their employment rights, particularly their rights under fixed term workers legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28562/24]

85. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 64 of 21 May 2024, the timeline for the NTMA to fully divest from all ISIF global portfolio investments in companies on the UN Human Rights Council database of business enterprises; the details of the risk analysis which led to the NTMA's recent divestment from six such companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28386/24]

86. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on the work of the Office for the Promotion of Competition in the Insurance Market, particularly in relation to reducing the cost of public liability insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28015/24]

87. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of eligible claims currently being made for the rent tax credit made in counties Offaly, Laois, Westmeath, Longford, Meath and Louth and Kildare, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [28427/24]

88. To ask the Minister for Finance if intends to make any changes to the section 481 film tax credit in the forthcoming budget in light of the recommendations of the Budgetary Oversight Committee report on Section 481, particularly in relation to addressing employment rights, lack of employment security and recognition of service for film crew and the use of buy-out contracts for actors, performers, writers and directors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28561/24]

89. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the work being carried out in his Department to fix the anomaly where many workers who live in Northern Ireland and who work in the South are precluded from working from home due to the significant Revenue implications for their employers; if he will detail any contacts his Department has had on the matter with the equivalent British department in the past six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28014/24]

90. To ask the Minister for Finance to outline his Department's mission statement with particular reference to his intention and proposals to address the important issues now arising and likely to present a challenge in the future to family households and the productive/caring sectors as required and necessary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28582/24]

91. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the work that has been carried out to date in relation to a new modern, fit-for-purpose vehicle adaptation scheme to replace the mobility allowance and motorised transport grant that were both discontinued to new entrants in 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [28632/24]

92. To ask the Minister for Finance the action he is taking to ensure that there will be widespread nationwide availability of ATMs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28424/24]

93. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of eligible claims currently being made for the rent tax credit made in counties Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford and Waterford, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28423/24]

94. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on income tax revenues to date in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [28623/24]

95. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of eligible claims currently being made for the rent tax credit made in counties Limerick, Clare, Tipperary, Cork and Kerry, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [28429/24]

96. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on his recent engagement with ECOFIN meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [28222/24]

97. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will commit to postponing scheduled increases in the carbon tax in light of the cost-of-living pressures that households continue to face; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [28567/24]

98. To ask the Minister for Finance the tax measures he is considering to support the hospitality sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [28591/24]

99. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners have been engaging with farmers and farming organisations in relation to VAT requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28622/24]

100. To ask the Minister for Finance whether in the forthcoming budget he will consider introducing a millionaires' tax on the wealthiest 5% of households, whose average wealth is in excess €4 million each, excluding family homes as progressive replacement for the local property tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28564/24]

101. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing a 9% VAT rate for hospitality businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [28637/24]

102. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will be introducing new tax measures to help hospitality businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [28481/24]

103. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide, in tabular form, a regional and county breakdown of the number of businesses who remain non-compliant with the debt warehousing scheme; if he has any concerns as to a disproportionate effect in terms of rural and regional economic fallout; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [23236/24]

104. To ask the Minister for Finance if it is his intention that criteria will be prescribed on a regional basis to require that a percentage of the population must be within a distance of no more than ten kilometres from an ATM; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [28430/24]

105. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of eligible claims currently being made for the rent tax credit in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [28425/24]

106. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to increase the rates available to those eligible for the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [28633/24]

107. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered any innovative policy measures to mobilise the sustained higher levels of saving among Irish consumers post-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [28639/24]

108. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he proposes to ensure the protection of the public finances in the compilation of the forthcoming budget while at the same time addressing issues such as the impact of inflation on family budgets; if he intends to ensure that this economy remains competitive and at the same time addresses concerns such as vital infrastructure throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28581/24]

109. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will ensure that there must be a minimum number of ATMs per 100,000 people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [28428/24]

*110.* To ask the Minister for Finance if he will be reviewing the tax incentives for the SME sector in the context of Budget 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [28480/24]

*111.* To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to review the VAT treatment of farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [28505/24]

*112.* To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on the development of the Greystones Media Campus, which is partly funded by the Strategic Investment Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28575/24]