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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

1. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on his Department's work on road safety, including road maintenance, to tackle the continuing rise in road fatalities. — Martin Kenny. [28968/24]

2. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on safety measures for staff and passenger's onboard public transport. — Martin Kenny. [28970/24]

3. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the N24 upgrade from both Waterford to Cahir and Cahir to Limerick Junction; and if he will commit to progressing the project to the next stage before the end of the 33rd Dáil. — Mattie McGrath. [28997/24]

4. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on progress in upgrading the N17 from Knock to Collooney. — Marian Harkin. [28723/24]

5. To ask the Minister for Transport what discussions his Department has had to facilitate increased direct train services on the Rosslare to Dublin line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [28936/24]

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OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

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

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

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

30. 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]

31. 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]

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

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

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

54. 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]

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

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

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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 Kiltrush area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [28516/24]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

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Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

69. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will rule out the introduction of a new household charge to be collected by The Revenue Commissioners, instead funding public service broadcasting through direct Exchequer funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [28770/24]

70. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is planning to abolish the regressive TV licence model; if he will instead consider taxing large multimedia corporations to fund public service broadcasters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [28772/24]

71. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reverse plans to raise the price of petrol and diesel through increases in excise duty, scheduled for 1 August; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [28771/24]

72. To ask the Minister for Finance the consideration he is giving to the reinstatement of the 9% VAT rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [28769/24]

73. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress made by his Department on the implementation of a new VRT system for disabled drivers, to enable them to purchase and modify vehicles for themselves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28918/24]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

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

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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]

117. 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]

118. 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]

119. 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]

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will examine a citizenship case for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28672/24]

*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has considered setting up a portal for An Garda Síochána and the Passport Office to allow a Garda log all the details related to their signing of passport applications and associated details (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28762/24]

*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to deepen Ireland's diplomatic presence in both Singapore and Malaysia. — Alan Kelly. [28938/24]

*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the dates in 2024 where the Irish Consul General based in Manchester, UK met the lord mayor of Newcastle, UK, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28939/24]

*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if additional sanctions are being considered at EU level to be applied on North Korea due to its involvement in the Ukraine war. — Paul Donnelly. [29002/24]

*128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the estimated full-year capital and current costs that would be required if another passport printing machine were purchased for the Passport Office in Dublin. — Paul Donnelly. [29003/24]

*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29046/24]

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

*130. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the revenue that has been collected from the temporary solidarity contribution to date; the impact this legal challenge is having on the collection of the temporary solidarity contribution (details supplied); if he has engaged with the Revenue Commissioners on the matter; if the temporary solidarity contribution is being withheld; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [28630/24]

*131. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated full-year cost of providing a €100 electricity credit to each principal private residence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28800/24]

*132. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to detail the different streams of public funding that go into renewable energy production; the total public funding for renewable energy production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28886/24]

*133. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated full cost of a publicly funded retrofitting programme that would bring 50,000 homes in 2023 up to a BER A1 rating; the cost for A2; the cost for A3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28887/24]

*134. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated full-year cost of the warmer homes scheme; the number of homes retrofitted; the estimated number of homes remaining that would qualify for the scheme as currently constituted; and the estimated number of homes that would qualify for the scheme if the requirement to be in receipt of a social welfare benefit were abolished. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28889/24]

*135. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of a pension entitlement for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28914/24]

*136. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated number of dwellings in the State that have either a telephone line, a broadband internet subscription, or that have a subscription television package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [28922/24]

*137. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a person availing of works under the free energy upgrade scheme (details supplied) can expect approval to commence works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [28961/24]

*138. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the fact that wind turbines are classed as a machine under the EU Machinery Directive; if his Department requires certification for wind turbines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [28967/24]

*139. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of grants that were issued by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland to homeowners for attic insulation in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [29013/24]

*140. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of grants that were issued by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland to homeowners for external wall insulation in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [29014/24]

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

*141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of competitions held to date in 2024 for Defence Forces personnel to apply to join the Defence Forces School of Music; and the

number of Defence Forces personnel, by rank, that applied for each of the competitions that were held to date this year, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [28656/24]

*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current position regarding the purchase of a new Government jet; and if he expects a tender process for same will commence before end of 2024. — Alan Kelly. [28943/24]

*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of Air Corps personnel currently undergoing training to become fully qualified air traffic controllers; and when each of those persons will qualify, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28944/24]

*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of Air Corps personnel currently undergoing training to become fully qualified pilots within the Air Corps; and when each of those persons will qualify, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28945/24]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*145. To ask the Minister for Transport how he has improved public transport in Carlow since June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28431/24]

*146. To ask the Minister for Transport the cumulative funding provided for local and national roads in Carlow since June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28432/24]

*147. To ask the Minister for Transport the work his Department is carrying out to ensure that Ireland's port infrastructure is sufficient to meet our 2030 ORE targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27731/24]

*148. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown of the number of applicants and waiting times for each category of professional driving licence at each test centre, in tabular form; and the actions he is taking to reduce waiting times. — Peadar Tóibín. [28683/24]

*149. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the Mullingar town bus service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [28607/24]

*150. To ask the Minister for Transport his response to the Climate Change Advisory Council finding that emissions related to the transport sector rose slightly last year, driven by a rise in demand for petrol and diesel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [28608/24]

*151. To ask the Minister for Transport to make public transport more accessible (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [28715/24]

*152. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans to alleviate the backlog in the community involvement scheme applications in County Sligo; if further funding will be made available to Sligo County Council to carry out these works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [28724/24]

*153. To ask the Minister for Transport the annual estimated cost of improved accessibility for people with disabilities-safer routes to school funding increase for the years 2025 to 2029. — Martin Kenny. [28732/24]

*154. To ask the Minister for Transport the annual estimated cost of the safer routes to school scheme for the years 2025 to 2029. — Martin Kenny. [28733/24]

*155. To ask the Minister for Transport the annual estimated cost of port infrastructure for offshore wind energy for the years 2025 to 2029. — Martin Kenny. [28734/24]

*156. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that will be taken to make a junction located near a school safe for pedestrians, especially for certain cohorts (details supplied); which, despite repeated requests over the years has no school traffic wardens for the two crossings involved, no warning signs, flashing beacons or signs indicating how close to a school the thousands of drivers going through this junction daily are; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28758/24]

*157. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding allocation for each of the years 2019 to 2023 for national routes (details supplied), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [28626/24]

*158. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated full-year cost of making all public transport, including both public service obligation services and private commercial services, free; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28874/24]

*159. To ask the Minister for Transport the annual costs of PSO funding for all transport services. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28875/24]

*160. To ask the Minister for Transport the unit cost of new electric busses. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28876/24]

*161. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of building a Luas network in Cork city and Galway city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28877/24]

*162. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of extending the Luas to Finglas. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28878/24]

*163. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of extending the Luas to Lucan. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28879/24]

*164. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of building metro south west. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28880/24]

*165. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of implementing the recommendations of the All-Island Strategic Rail Review in this jurisdiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28881/24]

*166. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated full-year cost of implementing all remaining elements of the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan that are not scheduled to take place in 2025; if his Department supports speeding up the plan in light of the urgent need to

reduce carbon emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28882/24]

*167. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated full-year cost of expediting all remaining phases of the safe routes to school programme to roll it out in full in 2025. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28883/24]

*168. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an annual breakdown of the total amount of funding provided to the safe routes to schools programme. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28884/24]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated annual cost of abolishing the M50 and East link tolls for drivers to encourage bypassing of Dublin city centre and to lower air pollution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28885/24]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made to date in providing a permanent base for the Coast Guard unit based in the west Connemara area (Clifden-Cleggan-Renvyle area); the date a decision was originally made to explore the possibility of such a permanent base; the date the present temporary base was established at the airstrip in Cluain Leacht an Abba, An Cloigeann, Conamara; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28903/24]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends visiting the temporary base of the Coast Guard in Cluain Leacht an Abba, An Cloigeann, Conamara in the coming two months to familiarise himself with the present facilities there and the need for a permanent base in the area for the Coast Guard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28904/24]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport if An Garda Síochána can issue fixed penalty notices to drivers of vehicles that are registered outside the State. — Alan Kelly. [28946/24]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of motor tax collected in each month of 2024; and if he will provide same figures for the same period in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28952/24]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an itemised breakdown of the cost of operating a national car test. — Alan Kelly. [28953/24]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent to date on a project (details supplied), including all payments to contractors and consultants, from the year 2020 to 1 July 2024, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [28983/24]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent to date on a project (details supplied), including all payments to contractors and consultants, from the year 2020 to 1 July 2024, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [28984/24]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent to date on a project (details supplied), including all payments to contractors and consultants, from the year 2020 to 1 July 2024, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [28985/24]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent to date on a project (details supplied), including all payments to contractors and consultants, from the year 2020 to 1 July 2024, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [28986/24]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent to date on a project (details supplied), including all payments to contractors and consultants, from the year 2020 to 1 July 2024, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [28987/24]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent to date on a project (details supplied), including all payments to contractors and consultants, from the year 2020 to 1 July 2024, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [28988/24]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent to date on a project (details supplied), including all payments to contractors and consultants, from the year 2020 to 1 July 2024, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [28989/24]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent to date on a project (details supplied), including all payments to contractors and consultants, from the year 2020 to 1 July 2024, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [28990/24]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent to date on a project (details supplied), including all payments to contractors and consultants, from the year 2020 to 1 July 2024, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [28991/24]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent to date on a project (details supplied), including all payments to contractors and consultants, from the year 2020 to 1 July 2024, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [28992/24]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport the top four most popular Dublin Bus routes, by passenger numbers and directions, in 2023 and for the first five months of 2024, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [28999/24]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport if TII plans to run advertisement campaign on both social media and print media encouraging passengers to report anti-social behaviour issues on the Luas. — Paul Donnelly. [29000/24]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount the National Transport Authority received from advertisement at bus stops within Dublin in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024; and the rates the NTA charges for such advertisement, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [29001/24]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport when plans will be advanced to combat traffic congestion on the M50 route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29065/24]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport if he expects to be in a position to approve the necessary expenditure to increase the number of rail carriages serving all north County Kildare commuter routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29066/24]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport if he remains satisfied with the adequacy of capital investment in the transport sector for the foreseeable future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29067/24]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which the decarbonisation of the public transport sector continues towards the meeting of targets; the incentives currently available or

likely to become available to the private sector in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29068/24]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport if he remains satisfied that urgently required road improvements and upgrades or new roads previously committed to will continue to be provided as required, given the need to meet future as well as present public demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29069/24]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport if adequate consideration has been given to the provision of parking adjacent to all railway stations with a view to ensuring the availability and convenience of rail services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29070/24]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport when noise reduction improvements will be completed on the M4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29071/24]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he has assisted or can assist the provision or improvement of rural transport nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29072/24]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport if changes are afoot in respect of integrated ticketing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29073/24]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which his Department has studied the weakest links in the transport system nationally; his plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29074/24]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*198. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year cost of uncollected tax revenue as a result of individuals offsetting their private health insurance costs against tax liabilities. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28825/24]

*199. To ask the Minister for Finance if an employer has to facilitate the tax rebate scheme for those who purchase yearly tickets for commuting to work; and in cases in which the employer refuses to facilitate this, the options that are open to the employee. — Brian Stanley. [28932/24]

*200. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a three-month gap in named driver experience renders this non-assessable for an insurance application with some providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [28655/24]

*201. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year yield that would be generated by establishing two new income tax bands of 45% on earnings between €140,000 and €205,000 and 50% on earnings over €205,001. — Pauline Tully. [28671/24]

*202. To ask the Minister for Finance if the FIF/ICNF shows up in the GGD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28725/24]

*203. To ask the Minister for Finance if transfers to the SIF come out of the central fund and are included in net spending figures in the SPU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28726/24]

*204. To ask the Minister for Finance if the figures for net expenditure presented in the SPU include payments to the NTF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28727/24]

*205. To ask the Minister for Finance if in the figures for net expenditure presented in the SPU includes payments to the FIF/ICNF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28728/24]

*206. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide a breakdown of the net lending of non-commercial Semi-State bodies outlined in annex 3 of the SPU, listing the NCSSBs involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28729/24]

*207. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide details on the net lending of local Government outlined in annex 3 of the SPU, listing the key drivers of net lending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28730/24]

*208. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount held in FIF and ICNF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28731/24]

*209. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department will examine the help-to-buy scheme with a view to lowering the 70% mortgage requirement to access the scheme; if he will acknowledge that his threshold excludes thousands of both purchasers and properties from the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [28749/24]

*210. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year revenue that would be generated by imposing a minimum effective corporate tax rate of 15% on pre-tax gross trading profits before deductions, reliefs and allowances and assuming no behavioural change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28773/24]

*211. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year revenue that would be generated by imposing a financial transaction tax of 0.1% on shares and securities and 0.01% on derivatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28774/24]

*212. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year revenue that would be generated disallowing historic losses (losses forward) as tax deductions for banks and insurance companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28775/24]

*213. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year revenue that would be generated by introducing a 4% levy on profits of pharmaceutical companies and private health companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28776/24]

*214. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year revenue that would be generated by abolishing the SARP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28777/24]

*215. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year revenue that would be generated by establishing four new income tax bands of 50% on earnings between €100,000 and €150,000,

55% on earnings between €150,000 and €200,000, 60% on earnings between €200,000 and €275,000, and 65% on earnings between over €275,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28778/24]

*216. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year cost of introducing three new bank holidays, including estimating increases in VAT and tax receipts that would increase due to increased activity, tourism and spending on these bank holidays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28781/24]

*217. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of property owners paying LPT on one property, two properties, three properties, four properties, between five and ten, between ten and 20, between 20 and 50 between 50 and 100 and 100 or more, excluding local authorities and AHDs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28782/24]

*218. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year cost of abolishing the LPT and introducing a tax on NPPRs as follows: single NPPR - €1,000; ten or less NPPRs - €1,500 per property; 11 or more NPPR's - €2,500 per property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28783/24]

*219. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year revenue that would be generated by introducing a levy of 33% on commercial aviation fuel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28784/24]

*220. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year revenue that would be generated if Ireland imposed the European Commission's proposed tax on aviation fuel in Budget 2023 and where that tax would be imposed on all flights including executive and corporate flights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28785/24]

*221. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year revenue that would be generated by establishing a new levy of 5% on the profits of all airlines and aircraft leasing companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28786/24]

*222. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year revenue that would be generated by increasing the zoned land tax to 25% of market value of the land, and where the levy will also be imposed if the planning permission is not commenced within 12 months of its granting or where the development is not completed within 36 months of the planning permission being granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28787/24]

*223. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year revenue that would be generated by establishing a 10% levy on vacant or derelict residential property, as per the number of vacant properties identified in the recent census, but where properties tied up in probate, the fair deal scheme or holiday homes are excluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28788/24]

*224. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year cost of abolishing the help-to-buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28789/24]

*225. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year revenue that would be generated by increasing stamp duty on non-residential property to 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28790/24]

*226. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide details of the latest figures of the net worth of Irish households, including the net worth of the top 1%, the top 5% and the top 10% of these households; the estimated revenue that would be generated by levying a tax of 2% on the top 5%, allowing for a tax free allowance for each household of €1 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28791/24]

*227. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year cost of lost VAT to the Exchequer by introducing price controls that cap petrol/diesel at €1.30 and €1.40 per litre, electricity at €0.25 per kilowatt hour, natural gas at €0.08 per kilowatt hour and oil (kerosene) at €1 per litre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28792/24]

*228. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year cost of reducing the pension earnings limit from €115,000 to €60,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28793/24]

*229. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year revenue that would be generated by increasing CGT to 40%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28794/24]

*230. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year revenue that would be generated by establishing a new rate of corporate tax of 50% on the profits of all energy companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28795/24]

*231. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year cost for index linking the existing tax bands to inflation in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28796/24]

*232. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year cost of increasing tax bands by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28797/24]

*233. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year cost of reversing the 2023 carbon tax increase and postponing the 2024 increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28798/24]

*234. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year cost of abolishing USC for all earners and replacing it with a higher income social charge of 10% on all earnings over 100,000 per year; the estimated revenue that would be generated by the introduction of this new higher income social charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28799/24]

*235. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of tax expenditures and a breakdown of corporate tax expenditures in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28801/24]

*236. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of people who do not use their full tax credit; the estimated total cost of refunding unused tax credits to the people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28804/24]

*237. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide a breakdown of general Government revenues in 2023, by source; the anticipated total changes to revenue in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28805/24]

*238. To ask the Minister for Finance the total revenue raised by the Exchequer in 2023 from VAT on new build residential homes; and if VAT reductions can be applied to new-build homes for sale to owner-occupiers only rather to all new build homes including those intended for the private rental market. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28911/24]

*239. To ask the Minister for Finance how changes in income tax bands and the universal social charge since July 2020 have benefitted those paying; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [28933/24]

*240. To ask the Minister for Finance the action taken to sustain and boost Ireland’s economic competitiveness since July 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [28934/24]

*241. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to support the office of the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman in order that citizens’ disputes can be adjudicated on inside one year; if the office has indicated a need for additional staff; if there are any key vacancies of skilled staff that is prolonging adjudication timelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28965/24]

*242. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on actions implemented by the Government to deliver on the Programme for Government commitment to “prioritise Green Finance strategic actions that are developed in line with climate justice targets and Sustainable Development Goals”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [28994/24]

*243. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Government supports moves at G20 level to agree the principle of a 2% minimum annual tax on the wealth of billionaires to help tackle the climate crisis, global poverty and wealth inequality; if any formal contact has been made by the initiators of this proposal with the Government at any level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28995/24]

*244. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised by introducing a 3% income tax surcharge, levied through the USC, on individual incomes with the respect to the portion above €140,000, in first- and full-year terms; and the estimated revenue raised in each of the years 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029, respectively. — Pearse Doherty. [29029/24]

*245. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised by removing tax personal, employee and earned income tax credits on a tapered basis from individual incomes between €100,000 and €140,000 at a rate of 2.5% per €1,000 above €100,000, in first and full year terms, and the estimated revenue raised in each of the years 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029, respectively. — Pearse Doherty. [29030/24]

*246. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which working capital continues to be made available to the farming and business sectors, with particular reference to smaller enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29075/24]

*247. To ask the Minister for Finance if he remains confident that inflationary forces remain within the manageability of the economy; if indicators exist that such inflationary tendencies are likely to level off as predicted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29076/24]

*248. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which this country remains attractive for foreign direct investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29077/24]

*249. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he can encourage consumer spending in a direction that is most beneficial to our economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29078/24]

*250. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which his Department continues to monitor developments in the insurance industry, in particular the need to provide insurance cover for all types of insurance at viable rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29079/24]

*251. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which corporation tax changes are likely to impact on this country's future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29080/24]

*252. To ask the Minister for Finance if he remains satisfied that our taxation system is sufficiently broadly based to avoid dependency on any one sector to such an extent that it might become a threat to the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29081/24]

*253. To ask the Minister for Finance the degree to which he can influence and coordinate fiscal matters in such a way as to support and encourage growth and development throughout the island of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29082/24]

*254. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has identified particular steps needed to check inflation in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29083/24]

*255. To ask the Minister for Finance the degree to which he expects our economic forecast to be affected by international developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29084/24]

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.

*256. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the locations of underground car-parks and multi-storey car-parks either owned by the OPW or leased by the OPW for the usage of other State agencies; the number of car-parking spaces in each of those car-parks; and the names of State agencies that have access to those car-parks, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [28657/24]

*257. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the Garda stations within Cavan-Monaghan Division that were refurbished by the OPW where the value of works is in excess of €35,000 in the years of 2023 and to date in 2024; the nature of refurbishment works that were carried out, by station; if each refurbishment works are still ongoing or completed; and if works are still ongoing, when refurbishment works are scheduled to be completed, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [28658/24]

*258. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of members of the civil service and public service who have been convicted of crimes or are currently before the courts charged with criminal offences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [28894/24]

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

*259. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the level of trade between Switzerland and Ireland in 2023. — Pauline Tully. [28669/24]

*260. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if driver training for all terrain vehicles will be made mandatory (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28722/24]

*261. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the action taken to sustain and expand employment since July 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [28930/24]

*262. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures taken to help the SME sector since July 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [28931/24]

*263. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he plans to visit the United States of America during Quarter 3 of 2024. — Alan Kelly. [28950/24]

*264. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if all sections of all Acts under the remit of his Department in the past two years have been commenced; and the number of sections within Acts that are outstanding. — Alan Kelly. [28951/24]

*265. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reasons the Employment (Restriction of Certain Mandatory Retirement Ages) Bill 2024 will not be enacted before the summer recess; if he will commit to introducing the Bill this autumn; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28971/24]

*266. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of WTE forensic accountants working in the Corporate Enforcement Authority as of 28 June 2024; if this number will be further increased before end of the year. — Paul Donnelly. [28998/24]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*267. To ask the Minister for Education the number of agencies and the number of offices which operate under her Department; and if, in respect of each, she will outline the latest annual budget and employment level, the year they were first established, and their broad remit. — Richard Bruton. [28675/24]

*268. To ask the Minister for Education the efforts being made by her Department to ensure play areas in co-educational settings are catered to allow for girls to play, and not dominated by male counterparts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [28676/24]

*269. To ask the Minister for Education the key circulars which set out the terms of operation for school boards and their patrons at primary and at secondary levels respectively; and the frequency with which these are updated. — Richard Bruton. [28677/24]

*270. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children whose special education needs are accommodated with special supports at primary and at secondary level; and the number of resource teachers, SNAs and other support staff, the most recent year and for representative years over the past twenty years. — Richard Bruton. [28678/24]

*271. To ask the Minister for Education if she will indicate the expenditure on in-service training her Department incurs; the number of participants; and if she will distinguish between training relating to curriculum changes, digital skills, teaching methods, and leadership. — Richard Bruton. [28679/24]

*272. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which in-service training courses undertaken result in a certified qualification with international recognition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [28680/24]

*273. To ask the Minister for Education the numbers deployed in her strategic policy unit; the priority issues upon which they are working; their publications over the past three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [28682/24]

*274. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the position with an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [28694/24]

*275. To ask the Minister for Education if a sensory room grant application from a school has been received (details supplied); when a decision is expected on this application; if a lottery system will be implemented in the event a large volume of applications from primary schools are received that exceed the budgetary provisions of this sensory room grant scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28699/24]

*276. To ask the Minister for Education to restore the allowance for teaching through Irish (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28700/24]

*277. To ask the Minister for Education to provide additional places and scholarships on training courses (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28702/24]

*278. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the case of eight students in Greystones, County Wicklow who do not have a school place for the coming school year; the actions she will take to follow through on her Department's commitment to provide school places for them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [28704/24]

*279. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide additional supports for Irish as an additional subject for students with special educational needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28707/24]

*280. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide additional allocation of special education teachers in Irish-medium and Gaeltacht schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28708/24]

*281. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of the delivery of a special school in County Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28719/24]

*282. To ask the Minister for Education in respect of the ongoing review into the potential delivery of a special school in County Monaghan, the form that review will take; the criteria that will be applied; the timeframe in which the review will be completed; the likely timeframe for the opening of a special school in Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28720/24]

*283. To ask the Minister for Education if an application for home-based July provision can be approved (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [28738/24]

*284. To ask the Minister for Education to clarify the co-educational status of a school (details supplied) for the academic year 2025-2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [28739/24]

*285. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a timeline for the completion of works at a school (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [28755/24]

*286. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full-year cost of reducing the pupil teacher ratios to 1:15, across primary and post primary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28845/24]

*287. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full-year cost of making primary- and post-primary education totally free, i.e., abolishing all charges (including voluntary contributions), providing free school uniforms, books and all other required equipment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28846/24]

*288. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full-year cost of doubling capitation grants to primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28847/24]

*289. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full-year cost of providing universal access to the school transport scheme and providing access to all applicants based on applications made last year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28848/24]

*290. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full-year cost of increasing expenditure on education to the OECD average per student of 27% per capita GDP; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28849/24]

*291. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full-year cost of increasing the ancillary grant to a level sufficient to cover average school running costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28850/24]

*292. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full-year cost of reinstating the numbers of assistant principals to the highest previous level. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28851/24]

*293. To ask the Minister for Education the number of psychologists currently employed by NEPS; the number of sanctioned psychologist posts in NEPS; the estimated full-year cost of running NEPS; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28852/24]

*294. To ask the Minister for Education the number of special needs assistants currently employed by her Department; the number of sanctioned SNA posts; the estimated full-year cost of employing these SNAs; the average cost of each SNA to her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28853/24]

*295. To ask the Minister for Education the number of special education teachers currently employed by her Department; the number of sanctioned SET posts; the estimated full-year cost of employing these SETs; the average cost of each SET to her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28854/24]

*296. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full-year cost of a new staff member in each education and training board to promote disabled students' participation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28855/24]

*297. To ask the Minister for Education when a meeting will be arranged (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [28893/24]

*298. To ask the Minister for Education the procedures to be followed to enable a school to change to a different patron; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [28917/24]

*299. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on school building projects in the Maynooth area (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [28925/24]

*300. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the school transport scheme, specifically in relation to concessionary tickets, and on the specific case of a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28960/24]

*301. To ask the Minister for Education the schemes/grant-aid available to assist in the provision of facilities (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28982/24]

*302. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of a proposal (details supplied) in relation to the future of an institution; if her Department plans to provide the necessary approval for the proposal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [29018/24]

*303. To ask the Minister for Education if there is funding available for works at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [29019/24]

*304. To ask the Minister for Education if a second level school place can be made available to a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29059/24]

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

*305. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she last met formally with a person (details supplied). — Pauline Tully. [28667/24]

*306. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if all State agencies under the remit of her Department received more than 66% of their total current funding income from the Exchequer for the year 2023; and if not, the agencies that received less than the 66% of their total current funding from the Exchequer, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [28668/24]

*307. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the proposals, if any, there are to extend the remit of an agency (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28964/24]

*308. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount spent following the night-time economy taskforce; the number of night time economy advisers in-situ in each local authority; and if she has received any further report updates on the taskforce's report since publication. — Sean Sherlock. [28996/24]

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

*309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of requests his Department has received from Monaghan County Council seeking funding to purchase additional fire appliances and or specialist emergency fire equipment for Monaghan fire services in 2023 and to date in 2024; and of the number of requests received; the number that were approved or pending per year, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [28665/24]

*310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of requests his Department has received from Cavan County Council seeking funding to purchase additional fire appliances and or specialist emergency fire equipment for Cavan fire services in 2023 and to date in 2024; the number of requests received; and the number that were approved or pending per year, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [28666/24]

*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage If he has a plan to prevent Irish wind farms from being forced to shut down before 2030 due to the expiration of planning permission, as reported in the Irish Times this week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [28625/24]

*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of towns and villages in County Wicklow that have been awarded funding under the urban regeneration and development fund in the lifetime of this Government, broken down by funding level, location and year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [28713/24]

*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 13 of 7 December 2023, the progress to date in advancing the project; when this project will proceed to the next stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28735/24]

*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homes delivered in County Wicklow under Housing for All in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [28740/24]

*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homes delivered in County Wicklow by AHBs in 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [28741/24]

*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the rate of increase in average rental prices in Bray, Greystones, Wicklow town and Baltinglass between 2021 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [28742/24]

*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of people currently accessing HAP and rental assistance payment in Wicklow county in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [28743/24]

*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of adults and children, respectively, who are currently homeless or living in homeless accommodation in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [28744/24]

*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will reform the planning objection procedure (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28745/24]

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Harmonised Index of Core Prices, core HICP or some other inflation figures are used when estimating State house building programmes into the future, as contained in the stability programme update; the inflation figures used for house building programmes in the SPU out to 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28746/24]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to reform a grant application procedure (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28747/24]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will reform a housing grant procedure (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28748/24]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an association will be included on a stakeholder forum (details supplied) to be established by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28761/24]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason different levels of discounts were applied to two different affordable purchase housing developments (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [28766/24]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost to the social housing retrofitting scheme of retrofitting all remaining local authority housing stock

that is below a B3 BER rating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28890/24]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of extending the social housing retrofitting scheme to Approved Housing Bodies and retrofitting all AHB housing stock that is below a B3 BER rating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28891/24]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason recipients of the caravan loan scheme are expected to pay a deposit of €500 to the local authority in order to receive a loan, particularly as many of the recipients of loans under the scheme are living solely off social welfare payments; whether he intends dropping this requirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28906/24]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated total number of individual dwellings in the State at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [28923/24]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of land in hectares purchased by the National Parks and Wildlife Service in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28940/24]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps taken since July 2020 to help renters and support the rental market; his assessment of the impact of these measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [28958/24]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps taken since July 2020 to help first-time buyers; his assessment of the impact of these measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [28959/24]

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

*332. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year revenue that would be generated by establishing a new employer PRSI rate of 19.75% on any salaries paid over €90,000 per year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28779/24]

*333. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year revenue that would be generated by increasing the 11.05% employers PRSI rate to 13.05% on salaries paid below €90,000 per year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28780/24]

*334. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is examining the possibility of amending the regulations in the upcoming Budget to allow for a reduced rate or partial pension for class D contributors (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [28913/24]

*335. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a reduced debt repayment plan on an overpayment will be accepted from a person in County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28651/24]

*336. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are supports through community welfare services for direct provision centres for the cost of pre-test driving lessons and Safe Pass fees. — Robert Troy. [28695/24]

*337. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the number of schools in County Wicklow currently providing a hot school meals programme; the number of additional schools that will begin to provide this service in the new school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [28711/24]

*338. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 405 of 23 April and 209 of 30 May 2024, to provide updated long-term projections; how the level of pension and other social supports payments are calculated; whether they are adjusted in line with inflation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28759/24]

*339. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of abolishing the means test for carer's allowance and providing access to all who meet the other criteria for it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28856/24]

*340. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of extending child benefit to all children aged 18 years or under, including those in the international protection process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28857/24]

*341. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing child benefit by 10% and extending payment to all children aged 18 years or under, including those in the international protection process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28858/24]

*342. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing the carer's support grant to €2,500; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28859/24]

*343. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing the domiciliary care allowance to €350; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28860/24]

*344. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of providing free school meals for all post-primary school pupils in public schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28861/24]

*345. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of extending eligibility for the fuel allowance to all pensioners, to all in receipt of the working family payment and/or a medical card; the estimated full-year cost of abolishing the waiting period of a year for those on jobseeker's allowance, and of increasing the rate by €20 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28863/24]

*346. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of extending eligibility for the household benefits package to all pensioners and to all in receipt of the working family payment and/or a medical card; and of increasing the rate to €60; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28864/24]

*347. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of restoring the pension age to 65 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28865/24]

*348. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing all headline weekly social protection payments to €350 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28866/24]

*349. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing all headline weekly social protection payment to €300 per week, excluding disability-related payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28867/24]

*350. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing disability, blind pensions and invalidity pension to €350 per week. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28868/24]

*351. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing maternity, paternity and parent's benefit to €300 a week. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28869/24]

*352. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing maternity benefit to €300 a week and extending it to 52 weeks. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28870/24]

*353. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing maternity benefit to 52 weeks at current levels of payment. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28871/24]

*354. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of extending parent's benefit to 52 weeks. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28872/24]

*355. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of extending parent's benefit to 52 weeks and increasing the level of the payment to €300 a week. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28873/24]

*356. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will follow through on her previous commitment and implement the recent Labour Court recommendation LCR22987 in order to give the Citizens Information Service staff their long awaited pay rises; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [28902/24]

*357. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) can access any supports under social protection, including secondary benefits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28909/24]

*358. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of persons under the age of 66 years who are currently entitled to the benefits of the free travel scheme, by age and, by category of applicant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [28919/24]

*359. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware that children with acute disabilities are not entitled to free public transport. — Gary Gannon. [28927/24]

*360. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she will take to reduce poverty among carers, given the recent report from an organisation (details supplied) showing 69% of carers find it difficult to make ends meet. — Gary Gannon. [28928/24]

*361. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when supplementary welfare can be made in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29045/24]

*362. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which habitual residency is determined on the basis of time living in this jurisdiction where the applicant has no other option and has no other ties to any other country, as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29055/24]

*363. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an exceptional needs payment might be made in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29056/24]

*364. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the social welfare decision in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29057/24]

*365. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether an exceptional needs payment, or similar, can be made in the case of persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29058/24]

*366. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a recent grant of arrears was not backdated to the date of application in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29063/24]

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

*367. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applicants who applied to be members of An Garda Síochána in its latest recruitment phase. — Paul McAuliffe. [28652/24]

*368. To ask the Minister for Justice the average time from first interview to completion of training for An Garda Síochána recruits. — Paul McAuliffe. [28653/24]

*369. To ask the Minister for Justice the current number of candidates on a waiting list to be recruited to An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [28654/24]

*370. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí, by rank, attached to juvenile liaison services within the Cavan-Monaghan division in the years of 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [28663/24]

*371. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of incidents that the Garda air support unit were requested to attend to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [28664/24]

*372. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons enrolled on community return schemes, by area, to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [28681/24]

*373. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will expedite an application for a work permit for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [28691/24]

*374. To ask the Minister for Justice the current station strength as of 29 June 2024 of each station in the Cork city and county divisions, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [28908/24]

*375. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of charges and convictions under Part 4 of the Purchase of Sexual Services of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017 since the Act was commenced until 1 June 2024, broken down by year, in tabular form; if she is satisfied the law is achieving the aims as set out as the purpose of this provision when it was being enacted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28915/24]

*376. To ask the Minister for Justice whether she is aware of any concerted pattern or practice whereby drivers in a company (details supplied) or other taxis are being hired to bring asylum seekers from Northern Ireland to Dublin; the steps that are being taken to monitor such practices; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [28921/24]

*377. To ask the Minister for Justice the legal basis for the recording of hate incidents (non-crime) by An Garda Síochána; the legal basis for investigations of such incidents; whether the identities of persons against whom complaints are made are recorded on the PULSE system; whether the retention of such data is in line with the relevant data protection laws in view of the fact that no crime has been committed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [28924/24]

*378. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times An Garda Síochána have hired out external facial recognition expert to carry out work on its behalf in 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28947/24]

*379. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of WTE civilian Garda staff, by job title working within the Garda band as of 29 June 2024; and if she will provide same figures as of 30 June 2022, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28948/24]

*380. To ask the Minister for Justice the budget allocation to An Garda Síochána's small capital works programme in 2022, 2023 and 2024; and the amount of that budget that was spent in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28949/24]

*381. To ask the Minister for Justice the next steps, following the EU Migration Pact's approval; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28973/24]

*382. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the process for implementing the EU Migration Pact's measures now that it has been approved by both Houses of the Oireachtas. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28974/24]

*383. To ask the Minister for Justice the average number of gardaí recruited per year from 2020 to 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28977/24]

*384. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who resigned or retired in each of the years 2020 to 2023; and the number expected to retire or resign from the force in 2024. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28978/24]

*385. To ask the Minister for Justice the average cost of a member of An Garda Síochána in the years 2020 to 2023; and the average cost in 2024, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28979/24]

*386. To ask the Minister for Justice the Garda districts within the DMR where the “See Something, Say Something” initiative is operating, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [29006/24]

*387. To ask the Minister for Justice the standard equipment provided to gardaí assigned to the public order unit; where this is provided to every Garda assigned to this unit; and the standard equipment provided to gardaí who have received public order training but are not currently assigned to the public order unit. — Paul Donnelly. [29007/24]

*388. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of vehicles seized by gardaí for having no insurance within the K district of the DMR in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [29008/24]

*389. To ask the Minister for Justice the duration of each category of firearm training that takes place in either Garda HQ or the Garda Training College, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [29009/24]

*390. To ask the Minister for Justice if a deportation order might be deferred for the reasons already submitted in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29047/24]

*391. To ask the Minister for Justice to indicate if and when a join family visa permit might issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29048/24]

*392. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is aware that a senior social worker with Tusla has expressed concern that children in some family law cases are being subjected to immersion therapy, with resultant damage and abuse to children, having particular regard to recently announced proposals by her in family law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29051/24]

*393. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has considered the concept of immersion therapy in the context of any research it has undertaken in respect of parental alienation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29052/24]

*394. To ask the Minister for Justice to indicate notwithstanding replies to recent PQs, if the case of a person (details supplied) can be urgently reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29061/24]

*395. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure to be followed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29064/24]

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

*396. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if all State agencies under the remit of his Department received more than 66% of their total current funding from the

Exchequer for the year 2023; and if not, the agencies that received less than the 66% of their total current funding from the Exchequer, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [28670/24]

*397. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when information as discussed by the Joint Committee on Agriculture Food and the Marine held on 25 January 2023 on inventory of the quantity and quality of what Coillte has in stock in its 40-year cycle will be forthcoming as previously requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [28721/24]

*398. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to extend a programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28750/24]

*399. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to review the capital acquisitions tax (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28751/24]

*400. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on certain aspects of the capital acquisitions tax (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28752/24]

*401. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to increase State aid to farmers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28753/24]

*402. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will devise education programmes for young farmers on taxation reports and VAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28754/24]

*403. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for the provision of supports addressing high production costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28756/24]

*404. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he will appoint an animal welfare inspector for Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [28765/24]

*405. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated full-year cost to increase, by 25,000 hectares per year, land under forestry or biodiversity regeneration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28892/24]

*406. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of WTE veterinary inspectors, by grade, employed by his Department as of 1 July 2024; and if he will provide corresponding figures as of 1 July 2021, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28941/24]

*407. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of WTE staff by job title from the Department that are based in both Dublin Port and Rosslare Europort as of 1 July 2024; if he will provide the same figures as of 1 July 2021, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28942/24]

*408. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of WTE staff, by job title, working in the marketing department of Horse Racing Ireland in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [29004/24]

*409. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of WTE staff, by job title, working in the marketing department of Greyhound Racing Ireland in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [29005/24]

*410. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how a person (details supplied) might apply for a herd number in their own right given that they work on their parents' farm at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29054/24]

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

*411. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated full-year cost of providing free school meals for all pre-school children in the ECCE scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28862/24]

*412. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of speech and language therapists employed in each CDNT; and the vacant positions in each CDNT relating to speech and language therapists, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [29022/24]

*413. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the statutory review of the Birth (Information and Tracing) Act 2022 will commence. — Holly Cairns. [28685/24]

*414. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will seek the direct input of affected people for the statutory review of the Birth (Information and Tracing) Act 2022. — Holly Cairns. [28686/24]

*415. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how he plans to gather the direct input of affected people for the statutory review of the Birth (Information and Tracing) Act 2022. — Holly Cairns. [28687/24]

*416. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure that adequate time is allowed to ensure that affected people both in Ireland and abroad have an opportunity to contribute directly to the statutory review of the Birth (Information and Tracing) Act 2022. — Holly Cairns. [28688/24]

*417. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the special advocate for survivors will be invited to contribute to the statutory review of the Birth (Information and Tracing) Act 2022. — Holly Cairns. [28689/24]

*418. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, what weight will be given to the direct and indirect input of affected people both in Ireland and abroad in relation to the statutory review of the Birth (Information and Tracing) Act 2022. — Holly Cairns. [28690/24]

*419. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide infrastructure and support for early year settings operating through Irish outside Gaeltacht

regions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28703/24]

*420. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to make strategic investments in early years education (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28705/24]

*421. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to introduce measures to support naíonraí in hiring staff (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28706/24]

*422. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the eviction and transfer of Ukrainian parents and children from an accommodation centre (details supplied) in County Cork; if parents and children could be included in the exemption for those over 65 years and those with medical conditions; and if support will be provided to residents to find alternative private accommodation locally. — Holly Cairns. [28736/24]

*423. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the case of a child (details supplied) who, having been referred via the public health nurse over a year ago for an assessment to Blackberry Park children's disability network team, Limerick, has yet to receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [28768/24]

*424. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost to clear assessment of needs waiting lists for children with autism. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28813/24]

*425. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated full-year cost of ensuring that the timelines for assessment of needs outlined in the Disability Act 2005 are adhered to for every child in need of such an assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28837/24]

*426. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated full-year cost of providing free childcare for all children under five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28839/24]

*427. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated full-year cost of providing free after school childcare for all children in primary school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28840/24]

*428. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated full-year cost of increasing spending on childcare to 1% of GDP. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28841/24]

*429. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated full-year cost of increasing wages for all childcare workers by €2 an hour via a public subsidy. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28842/24]

*430. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated full-year cost of increasing childcare subsidies to 100% of fees paid by parents availing of childcare subsidies. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28843/24]

*431. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount of annual funding provided for children with disabilities to participate in preschool education. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28844/24]

*432. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding spent on the drive to recruit health and social care professionals into children's disability network teams which ended in January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [28899/24]

*433. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacancies advertised through the drive to recruit health and social care professionals into children's disability network teams which ended in January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [28900/24]

*434. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the availability of the 2023 national report on children's disability network teams staff census and workforce review; to provide a copy of such if available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [28901/24]

*435. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number and location of therapist posts, including speech and language therapist, psychological and others appointed to special schools within CHO3, in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28937/24]

*436. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the projects approved to date for funding in Cavan/Monaghan under a scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28972/24]

*437. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when his Department expects to have assessed the submissions received under the expression of interest for acquisition or lease of international protection accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28975/24]

*438. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the average duration spent in IPAS accommodation by persons denied protection status post-decision for applications in which a final decision was made from January 2023. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28976/24]

*439. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how the implementation of the EU Migration Pact, particularly in respect of the Recast Reception Conditions Directive and Procedures Regulation, will affect the State's obligations as regards the provision of accommodation for international protection applicants. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28980/24]

*440. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the occupancy of IPAS accommodation at the end of each month from January 2023 to June 2024;

and if these figures are inclusive of those with status currently being accommodated in IPAS. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28981/24]

*441. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on HSE funding for adult transition supports for young adolescents transitioning from post primary or special schools into disability day service; the funding allocated for this in CHO7 in 2022, 2023 and 2024, and the number of young adolescents in CHO7 to transition from post primary or special schools into disability day services in the corresponding timeframe, in tabular form; . — Paul Donnelly. [29016/24]

*442. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if urgent assistance can be provided in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29062/24]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*443. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE emergency medicine registrars working in the minor injuries unit at Monaghan General Hospital in the years of 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased. — Pauline Tully. [28659/24]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health the primary care centres within CHO1 that currently provide HSE civil registration services, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [28660/24]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant plastic surgeons attached to each hospital part of RCSI Hospital Group in the years of 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [28661/24]

*446. To ask the Minister for Health the reason babies born from April to September are not eligible for the RSV immunisation. — Thomas Gould. [28673/24]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide extra resources to hospitals dealing with the significant rise in Covid-19 cases recently (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [28684/24]

*448. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 611 of 14 May 2024, when a response will issue from the HSE. — Holly Cairns. [28697/24]

*449. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the rejection of a medical card application (details supplied); the actions he will take to ensure that this is reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [28716/24]

*450. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the decision not to carry out pre-legislative scrutiny on the The Public Health (Tobacco) (Amendment) Bill 2024 on raising the legal age for tobacco products to 21 years; for an update on plans to publish a regulatory impact assessment with regards to this planned legislation; the timeline for when his Department will publish the responses to the consultation on tobacco in December of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [28717/24]

*451. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied with the resourcing levels of the enforcement regime that provides for test purchasers to monitor for underage sales of tobacco and nicotine products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [28718/24]

*452. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the initiative to raise the age limit of purchasing cigarettes to 21 years (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28737/24]

*453. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of providing and staffing 1,000 additional acute beds in a public hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28806/24]

*454. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of providing and staffing 100 additional ICU beds in a public hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28807/24]

*455. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of clearing homecare package waiting lists. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28808/24]

*456. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing universal free primary care. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28809/24]

*457. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing universal free GP care. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28810/24]

*458. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to hire 100 speech and language therapists, 100 psychologists, 100 occupational therapists and 100 physiotherapists. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28811/24]

*459. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost to hire 100 permanent consultants. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28812/24]

*460. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost to bring mental health services spending in line with WHO recommendations of 12% of the health budget. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28814/24]

*461. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of hiring 1,000 new nurses on the pre-2011 rate of pay. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28815/24]

*462. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of reducing prescription charges by €0.50. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28816/24]

*463. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of reducing the DPS threshold to €50 and €100, respectively. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28817/24]

*464. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of abolishing accident and emergency charges. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28818/24]

*465. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to reinstate the 2008 dental treatment services scheme. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28819/24]

*466. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of permanently increasing and staffing fully and on a permanent basis the number of acute beds to get 85% occupancy in our hospital network. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28820/24]

*467. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of the current levels of nursing home care provided through the public health system. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28821/24]

*468. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of the subsidies paid to private nursing homes. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28822/24]

*469. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of the fair deal scheme. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28823/24]

*470. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of subsidies paid to the private hospital network. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28824/24]

*471. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health consultants in the employ of the public health service; and the estimated full-year cost of employing them. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28826/24]

*472. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of employing an additional 100 neurological nurses. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28827/24]

*473. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of giving all health service staff a 10% pay increase. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28828/24]

*474. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of ensuring that the living alone allowance is not assessable income for medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28829/24]

*475. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of reducing the maximum payment on the drug payment scheme to €40; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28830/24]

*476. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of providing free dental care for all; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28831/24]

*477. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of abolishing all inpatient and emergency department charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28832/24]

*478. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of abolishing all prescription charges for medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28833/24]

*479. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of abolishing all parking charges at public hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28834/24]

*480. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of introducing a fully funded universal contraception scheme. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28835/24]

*481. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of staffing public health teams to the WHO recommended levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28836/24]

*482. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost in 2023 of reinstating all the benefits that were available under the dental treatment services scheme before the economic crash; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28838/24]

*483. To ask the Minister for Health if hearing aids will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28895/24]

*484. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a compensation scheme for persons who have died due to Covid-19 and from long-Covid, respectively. — Pauline Tully. [28896/24]

*485. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a hospital procedure will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [28897/24]

*486. To ask the Minister for Health the role the HSE has in ensuring that people have access to a GP in their community and in recruiting a new GP/practice in an area that does not have any GP service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28898/24]

*487. To ask the Minister for Health if it is compulsory for a person in County Cork (details supplied) to have to retire on 26 September 2024; and if he will outline the legal basis for this. — Michael Creed. [28907/24]

*488. To ask the Minister for Health if he will urgently intervene to expedite respite for the family of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28916/24]

*489. To ask the Minister for Health if the remuneration package of the chief executive of the Health Service Executive includes the free use of a car owned or provided by the executive; the terms under which it is offered; the estimated cost of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [28920/24]

*490. To ask the Minister for Health following the passage of the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Bill 2022, when the issue of citizenship for a child born through IVF to an Irish citizen living outside of Ireland will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [28926/24]

*491. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the current waiting times to access speech and language therapy in CHO8. — Robert Troy. [28929/24]

*492. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE secretaries attached to consultant neurologists at Cork University Hospital in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28954/24]

*493. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE orthodontists, by grade, working within primary care service in CHO5 in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28955/24]

*494. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE secretaries attached to consultant ENT surgeons at University Hospital Limerick in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28956/24]

*495. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric urologists working in public health services; his plans to expand this number; the international recommended best practice ratio for paediatric urologists to population; and the current ratio. — Alan Kelly. [28957/24]

*496. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be released for orthodontic treatment at St. Camillus in Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28962/24]

*497. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment for orthodontic treatment will be facilitated for a child (details supplied); when an appointment will be given; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28963/24]

*498. To ask the Minister for Health the discussions his Department and or the HSE in taking over the running of a nursing home (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [28993/24]

*499. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who attended the accident and emergency department at Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [29010/24]

*500. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times the HSE has advertised for the post of consultant in emergency medicine since January 2022. — Paul Donnelly. [29011/24]

*501. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional patients seen on the dental treatment service scheme under the €5 million waiting list reduction scheme 2023; and the estimated total cost of these sessions in the CHO9 area. — Paul Donnelly. [29012/24]

*502. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists employed in each CDNT; and the vacant positions in each CDNT relating to occupational therapists, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [29020/24]

*503. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric occupational therapists employed in each LHO; and the vacant positions in each CDNT relating to paediatric occupational therapists, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [29021/24]

*504. To ask the Minister for Health the number of physiotherapists employed in each CDNT; and the vacant positions in each CDNT relating to physiotherapists, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [29023/24]

*505. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychotherapists employed in each CDNT; and the vacant positions in each CDNT relating to psychotherapists, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [29024/24]

*506. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric speech and language therapists employed in each LHO; and the vacant positions in each CDNT relating to paediatric speech and language therapists, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [29025/24]

*507. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric physiotherapists employed in each LHO; and the vacant positions in each CDNT relating to paediatric physiotherapists, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [29026/24]

*508. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric psychotherapists employed in each LHO; and the vacant positions in each CDNT relating to paediatric psychotherapists, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [29027/24]

*509. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric audiologists employed in each LHO; and the vacant positions in each CDNT relating to paediatric audiologists, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [29028/24]

*510. To ask the Minister for Health when treatment can be expected in the case of a person (details supplied), which is urgent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29044/24]

*511. To ask the Minister for Health when a long-term illness card might issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29049/24]

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

*512. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will clarify the reason applicants cannot take part in ETB courses without a valid work permit, and if he intends to amend the criteria. — Robert Troy. [28693/24]

*513. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when an allocation of funds will be given to the HEA for the provision of 2,700 low-cost student housing beds, which was promised last winter, given the urgent need for such beds and the fact that many universities have plans for such accommodation that could proceed rapidly if funding was approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28912/24]

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

*514. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of towns and villages in county Wicklow that have been awarded funding under the rural regeneration and development fund in the lifetime of this Government, broken down by funding level, location and year, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [28714/24]

*515. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of vacant WTE posts at the Charities Regulator; and the timeframe for which each of those vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [28662/24]

*516. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of towns and villages in County Wicklow that have been awarded funding under the town and village renewal scheme in the lifetime of this Government, broken down by funding level, location and year, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [28712/24]

*517. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the new Stakeholder Group on Dog Control has met; and when the group hopes to conclude its business; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [28763/24]

*518. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the promised additional dog wardens will be appointed in the major cities around the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [28764/24]