



# **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

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

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an overview of the report published by his Department on 14 November 2023, on how Budget 2024 dealt with child poverty and child well-being. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [50712/23]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an overview on the report published by his Department on 14 November 2023, on how Budget 2024 dealt with child poverty and child well-being. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [50713/23]

3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an overview on the report published by his Department on 14 November 2023 on how Budget 2024 dealt with child poverty and child well-being. — Paul McAuliffe. [50714/23]

4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an overview on the report published by his Department on 14 November 2023 on how Budget 2024 dealt with child poverty and child well-being. — Mick Barry. [51893/23]

5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an overview of the report published by his Department on 14 November 2023 on how Budget 2024 dealt with child poverty and child well-being. — Cian O'Callaghan. [52316/23]

6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an overview on the report published by his Department on 14 November 2023 on how Budget 2024 dealt with child poverty and child well-being. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [52322/23]

7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his engagement with French Prime Minister. — Alan Farrell. [50884/23]

8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the French Prime Minister. — Seán Haughey. [51888/23]

9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his engagement with the French Prime Minister. — Mick Barry. [51894/23]

10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Alan Dillon. [50920/23]

11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Mick Barry. [51895/23]

12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — James Lawless. [52245/23]

13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Niamh Smyth. [52246/23]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Paul McAuliffe. [52255/23]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [52256/23]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [52321/23]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Alan Dillon. [50921/23]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Cian O’Callaghan. [52315/23]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Mick Barry. [52324/23]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with Arab and Islamic representatives to discuss the conflict in the Middle East. — Seán Haughey. [52009/23]

21. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his meetings with representatives from member states of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and with ambassadors from various Arab states to Ireland. — Mick Barry. [52323/23]

22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Alan Dillon. [52251/23]

23. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit in his Department. — Mick Barry. [52325/23]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council, a statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52330/23]

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

**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.**

25. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when the ERSI will complete its report on the National Development Plan for

consideration of the NDP ceilings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [52365/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the engagement between his Department the Minister for Health and the Director General of the HSE in advance of the Budget 2024 announcement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [52364/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 38 of 26 October 2023, the status of the review by the Coirib go Cósta Steering Group of the draft revised programme for the Coirib go Cósta flood relief scheme; the timeline for the publication of the revised project programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52247/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW has engaged with Inland Waterways or the ESB with respect to mitigation measures to address flooding on the Shannon Callows; the input by his Department into advancing the River Shannon Management Agency Bill 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52514/23]

#### CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

**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.**

29. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an overview of the progress made to date under National Strategic Outcome 8 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [52299/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he has identified issues likely to impede progress on the delivery of the National Development Plan; the provisions he has put in place to offset these problems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52294/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when the revised and increased carbon pricing will be published; if there is a particular barrier to its publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [52341/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the status of the progress of the flood defences planned for Galway. — Mairéad Farrell. [51992/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the recent fall in corporation tax revenues has raised challenges in terms of public expenditure for his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [52076/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update on the flood relief scheme for Crossmolina, County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [52367/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he plans to legislate to bring senior civil servants under the standard disciplinary measures of the civil service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [52370/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of binding Labour Court recommendations on pay rates for public servants that have yet to be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [52127/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW will fast-track flood management schemes to help the building of flood defences for the areas of east Cork that were badly affected after storm Babet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [52360/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an overview of the progress made to date under National Strategic Outcome 10 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [52298/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline the decisions, if any, that have been made by the OPW to put in place interim measures in Midleton and in the wider east Cork area to help prevent possible future flood damage, pending the completion of local flood relief schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [52309/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if public procurement rules allow for the exclusion of companies based in a state that is under investigation by the International Criminal Court for war crimes, crimes against humanity or genocide. — Matt Carthy. [52358/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when he plans to unwind the remaining elements of the FEMPI legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [52031/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on flood relief for Clarinbridge, Galway city, and other areas in Galway impacted by storm Debi; if he will further outline his Department’s plan for future flooding in these areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [52361/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on plans for extending Mullingar Garda station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [52281/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will list the occasions over the past twelve months in which Government Departments have requested additional funds from his Department; the purposes of these requests; which ones were granted; and which were refused. — Peadar Tóibín. [52077/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update on OPW planned flood relief works across County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [52032/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the actions his Department will take in order to help expedite current flood relief projects, in view of the fact that the average flood relief project is taking 10-12 years to reach a conclusion; if this process can be made more efficient to ensure delivery of projects in a faster timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [52141/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if consideration will be giving to reprioritising the Glashaboy flood relief scheme following severe and unprecedented flooding in Cork; the interaction his Department has had with the local authority and the contractor in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [52126/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when the new infrastructure guidelines for the Public Sector Spending Code, to include consideration of climate and nature impacts, will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [52342/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the analysis that has been conducted on the impact of the increasing reliance on public private partnership and leasing contracts and the potential impact of public finances into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [52368/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the current position of the Blackpool flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [52140/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update on OPW planned flood relief works in the Mornington and Bettystown areas of east Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [52030/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when he will publish the next revision of the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [52254/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on progress being made on flood defences in County Louth, taking into account the recent flood and near flooding in Dundalk and north Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [52339/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the programmes of public expenditure that will be subject to evaluation in the coming year, and whether this process needs to be reformed. — Richard Bruton. [52333/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his views on the €14 billion deficit in the National Development Plan; how this will impact on achievement of our 2030 targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [52282/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline the OPW's plans to address flooding issues in Castlemartyr, County Cork; the timescales for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [52318/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether the budgeting process operated by his Department promotes innovation to a sufficient extent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [52334/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the steps he is taking to reduce the over reliance of the public sector on private consultants making particular reference to the requirement of public bodies to report consultancy fees in their annual financial statement under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [52369/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which his Department continues to identify, isolate and confront delays in the delivery of various services such as housing, health services and educational needs, with a view to ensuring a smooth transition of procedures in order to facilitate the meeting of the various needs on an ongoing basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52295/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the progress his Department as co-chair has made in implementing the National Recovery and Resilience Plan. — Mary Lou McDonald. [49686/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the details of his Department's plan for assisting the recovery of communities in County Galway impacted by recent flooding, with regard to flood relief measures, flood defences and climate adaptation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52248/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if there are plans for looking at mitigations and protections required following north Louth flooding and near flooding recently; what engagement there has been through the OPW and his Department with Louth County Council and other agencies following the flooding in north Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [52340/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the proposals to intensify co-operation with the relevant departments and agencies in



Northern Ireland to deal with flooding problems that affect Border communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52356/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when a flood defence scheme (details supplied) will advance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [52319/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the proposals there are to review and amend the Arterial Drainage Act 1945; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52355/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will consider reforming his Department's function in granting consent to major flood relief schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [52253/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of major flood relief schemes currently in construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [52300/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an overview of the progress made to date under National Strategic Outcome 2 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [52297/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on public pay discussions; his views on widening the current appraisal categories from satisfactory and non-satisfactory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [52280/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if public procurement rules allow for the exclusion of companies that are complicit in war crimes, crimes against humanity or genocide. — Matt Carthy. [52357/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the progress which has been made by the steering group to advance the flood mitigation works at Ballycar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [52303/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will report on his Department's evaluation of the OECD report on Strengthening Environmental Considerations in Public Investment Management in Ireland; how his Department plans to implement the report's recommendations; what impact this will have on the infrastructure guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [52283/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the position regarding Departmental policy or guidelines in relation to the retention, repurposing or sale of former State-owned buildings that are no longer in use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [51946/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of flood management schemes in County Cork; the status of delivery of same; the timeline when they will be delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [52359/23]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*75. To ask the Taoiseach whether the Central Statistics Office considers tax incentives for vehicles that are directly operated by fossil fuels under the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland-administered triple E programme to be a fossil fuel subsidy. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51661/23]

\*76. To ask the Taoiseach if there are personnel in his Department who could be classified as having a significant or exclusive focus of their role dedicated to dealing with integration; if so, to detail the title of the post; the grade level of that post; the core functions of that role; and to provide details of the exact nature of their responsibilities. — John Brady. [51833/23]

\*77. To ask the Taoiseach when the next progress report of the climate action plan will be published; and what targets are still outstanding from Q1, Q2 and Q3. — Darren O'Rourke. [51896/23]

\*78. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work of the climate action delivery board; and the dates on which they met in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023. — Darren O'Rourke. [51897/23]

\*79. To ask the Taoiseach the total number of Freedom of Information requests submitted to his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023; and the total number of such requests that were rejected in their entirety. — Carol Nolan. [51981/23]

\*80. To ask the Taoiseach the total costs incurred by his Department arising from the placing of advertisements with the national broadcaster, RTÉ, in any format, for each of the years 2016 to date. — Carol Nolan. [52172/23]

\*81. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue by organisations (details supplied) from 2020 to date; if so, the topic discussed; and the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings. — Carol Nolan. [52199/23]

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

\*82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he has interaction with other European countries with a view to ensuring that the benefits arising from membership of the EU in terms of financial stratagems do not militate against Irish interests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52558/23]

\*83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs whether he applied to enter Gaza on his recent trip to the Middle East; and if so, whether this application was blocked by Israel. — Paul Murphy. [51816/23]

\*84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if there are personnel in his Department who could be classified as having a significant or exclusive focus of their role dedicated to dealing with integration; if so, to detail the title of the post; the grade level of that post; the core functions of that role; to provide details of the exact nature of their responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51825/23]

\*85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide an update in relation to a response to previous correspondence (details supplied). — Thomas Pringle. [51867/23]

\*86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when an application for a foreign birth registration will be processed; when the applicant can expect a decision (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51868/23]

\*87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if an application for foreign birth registration can be reviewed (details supplied); if an update can be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [51902/23]

\*88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the total cost to date of assisting Irish citizens in Gaza to leave the area following the outbreak of hostilities there on 7 October 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51923/23]

\*89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the total number of Freedom of Information requests submitted to his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023; the total number of such requests that were rejected in their entirety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51973/23]

\*90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when it was agreed to permit Israeli security personnel to be located on the premises of Dublin Airport in order to screen passengers intending to travel on El Al flights from Dublin to Tel Aviv; if similar arrangements are in place for any other sovereign nations' security or intelligence personnel in addition to those of the United States; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52012/23]

\*91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to expedite passport renewals for persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52057/23]

\*92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason a German military aircraft, Luftwaffe 54-21, Air Defender 2023 is refuelling in an airport in the Irish Republic; the number of times this aircraft has landed at an Irish airport; if this military transport aircraft is being used to transport supplies or resources to support the genocide and illegal occupation taking place in Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [52075/23]

\*93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the current guidance provided by his Department to Gaza residents who hold a valid Irish visa, if the Irish Embassy in Tel Aviv fails to not put their names on the departure list to leave Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52089/23]

\*94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if and 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. [52142/23]

\*95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the total costs incurred by his Department arising from the placing of advertisements with the national broadcaster, RTÉ, in any format, for each of the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52164/23]

\*96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue by organisations (details supplied) from 2020 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52191/23]

\*97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to make a statement on the conflict and humanitarian crisis in Sudan. — Matt Carthy. [52223/23]

\*98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the funding that has been provided by the Irish Government to address the humanitarian crisis in Sudan; the purpose of this funding; if he intends to provide additional funding for these purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [52224/23]

\*99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has had any meetings or engagements in respect of the conflict and humanitarian crisis in Sudan; the detail and outcome of any such meeting or engagement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [52225/23]

\*100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to provide aid to support Belarusians in exile. — Ivana Bacik. [52236/23]

\*101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his representations to the European Union in respect of the need to assist Belarusians in exile whose passports have expired; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [52237/23]

\*102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a decision will be made on an application for foreign birth registration (details supplied); the reason for the delay in processing the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [52276/23]

\*103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs whether, in light of the Taoiseach's recent comments, his Department is actively considering a change to the conditions on which Ireland will provide aid to vulnerable people and communities in Palestine; whether the Minister or his Department has engaged with the Taoiseach on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [52337/23]

\*104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department has investigated whether US military aircraft passing through Shannon Airport towards US military bases in Europe then proceed to travel to Israel, Syria or Yemen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [52338/23]

\*105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the plight of disabled and elderly residents in Gaza (details supplied); the steps his Department will take to address it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52387/23]

\*106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount collected in passport fees during the months of October and September 2023; if he will provide figures for the same period in 2022 and 2021, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [52409/23]

\*107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will assist a person (details supplied) with getting a passport approved for educational purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [52511/23]

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

\*108. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are personnel in his Department who could be classified as having a significant or exclusive focus of their role dedicated to dealing with integration; if so, to detail the title of the post; the grade level of that post; the core functions of that role; to provide details of the exact nature of their responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51823/23]

\*109. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications in view of the timeline for the Land Use Report as set out by a person (details supplied), when he expects to finalise the sectoral emissions ceilings for the first two carbon budgets 2021- 2025 and 2026 – 2030, including LULUCF emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51861/23]

\*110. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a wind farm (details supplied) operates a community benefit fund. — Pauline Tully. [51864/23]

\*111. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total number of Freedom of Information requests submitted to his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023; the total number of such requests that were rejected in their entirety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51971/23]

\*112. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to outline the exact procedure that defective concrete block affected homeowners need to follow in order to avail of SEAI home energy upgrade grants whilst rebuilding their homes; to outline the procedure for those who have already commenced rebuilding works so that they can receive their grants without delay, and the procedure for those who have not commenced rebuilding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [51985/23]

\*113. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the report into the external review of governance within Inland Fisheries Ireland, including an examination of the respective roles of the IFI board and executive will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [51988/23]

\*114. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline a timeline for the construction of floating storage and regasification units by the State; the estimated budget allocation for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52085/23]

\*115. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline the provision managing fracked gas supplies within the proposal by the Government for floating storage and regasification units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52086/23]

\*116. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will clarify the engagement of private entities such as a company (details supplied) in the provision of floating storage and regasification units by the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52087/23]

\*117. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide further details on the proposed locations for floating storage and regasification units currently under review by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52088/23]

\*118. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason it is taking so long for a BER assessment to take place for persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [52139/23]

\*119. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total costs incurred by his Department arising from the placing of advertisements with the national broadcaster, RTE, in any format, for each of the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52162/23]

\*120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue by organisations (details supplied) from 2020 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52189/23]

\*121. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on his representations to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and Dublin City and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Councils in respect of the €2.97 million committed by his Department for the CARO in respect of coastal and marine sustainability and environmental health concerns pertaining to activity in Dublin Bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [52234/23]

\*122. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 113 of 28 September 2023, if he has reverted to the Local Government Management Agency with feedback on the draft Codes of Practice and Data Protection Impact Assessments in order to permit local authorities to install CCTV cameras in the vicinity of bottle banks and other waste collection locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [52274/23]

\*123. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he can address the issue raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [52275/23]

\*124. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a comprehensive list of energy-generating stations in Ireland that are scheduled for closure; their closure timeline; including stations, if any, that have already closed or decommissioned; the fuel



source serving each respective station; their respective energy-generating capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [52277/23]

\*125. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide the mapped locations and acreage around power stations scheduled for closure, decommissioned, and active; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [52278/23]

\*126. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a detailed breakdown of the entire infrastructure present at energy stations that are current, decommissioned and scheduled for closure; the types of facilities, equipment, and technologies employed in energy generation, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [52279/23]

\*127. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of applications for funding from the Climate Action Fund since the beginning of 2020; the nature of these applications; which of the applications were granted funding from the CAF, if any organisations at all received funding from the CAF; what proportion of these organisations were private sector and what proportion represented the public sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [52286/23]

\*128. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress towards a solution to the problem of high energy prices at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [52287/23]

\*129. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated date for the roll-out of fibre broadband to (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [52563/23]

\*130. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what engagement his Department has had with the ESB with regard to the purchase of coal from the Cerrejón mine in Colombia, in particular with regard to the human rights and environmental issues associated with the mine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [52573/23]

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

\*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if there are personnel in his Department who could be classified as having a significant or exclusive focus of their role dedicated to dealing with integration; if so, to detail the title of the post; the grade level of that post; the core functions of that role; to provide details of the exact nature of their responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51820/23]

\*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the total number of Freedom of Information requests submitted to his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023; the total number of such requests that were rejected in their entirety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51968/23]

\*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence in relation to the announcement of the Government intention to purchase a new Government jet capable of 3,500 miles range, if he will outline the number of approved entities on the requisite tenders short list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [51997/23]

\*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department is aware of a former Irish Army soldier (details supplied) with fourteen years' service who has no Army medical records and has informed this Deputy that their medical records were destroyed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [52007/23]

\*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the total costs incurred by his Department arising from the placing of advertisements with the national broadcaster, RTÉ, in any format, for each of the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52159/23]

\*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if her Department, or any body under the aegis of her Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue by organisations (details supplied) from 2020 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52186/23]

\*137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his plans for the items displayed in the Irish Air Corps museum in Baldonnell, which is due to close in December 2023; and if there are any plans to build a new hangar to house the same. — Cathal Crowe. [52397/23]

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

\*138. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of EV charger points in each county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52589/23]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding the N22 road improvement project between Farranfore and Killarney; the up-to-date timeline for the finalisation of the preferred route; the estimated total cost; and the estimated completion date for the project. — Brendan Griffin. [51840/23]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding the construction of the south Kerry Greenway; the up-to-date timeline for the completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51841/23]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding the Tralee northern relief road; the up-to-date timeline for the completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51842/23]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding the construction of the Listowel bypass; the up-to-date timeline for the completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51843/23]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding plans to link the Tralee to Fenit greenway with the Listowel to Limerick greenway via Ardfert, Abbeydorney and Lixnaw; the up-to-date timeline for the completion of the project; if a segregated cycle lane spur to Ardfert village/Banna beach will be included in the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51844/23]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Transport the anticipated amount of capital underspend in his Department for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51845/23]



\*145. To ask the Minister for Transport if he or officials in his Department have received a request from the Department of Rural and Community Development to contribute financially to the LIS scheme; if so, his response to the requests to date; if he will provide an up-to-date response on whether he will contribute to the scheme; if he will state what €30 million would represent as a percentage of his Department's overall capital budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51846/23]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding the N70 Milltown relief road project; the up-to-date timeline for the completion of the project; what cycling and walking infrastructure is planned for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51847/23]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding the upgrade of a bridge in Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51849/23]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm the attendees at an upcoming coroner's hearing (details supplied); and if the costs incurred by the family in pursuit of the same will be covered by the State. — Cathal Crowe. [51899/23]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to an allocation to progress with a relief road for Mountmellick, County Laois in the revised estimates due to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [51907/23]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on a driving test in County Cavan (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51915/23]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of male drivers who have died in single vehicle accidents while travelling alone in each year from 2000 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51927/23]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the new S8 bus route bypasses UCD, Dundrum town centre, and IADT, leaving many hundreds of students, workers, and shoppers without direct access to their places of work, study and recreation; and what public transport options will be made available to these persons. — Seán Crowe. [51952/23]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Transport the solutions being considered for residents to improve connectivity via public transport to the thousands of existing and new residents of Dublin south west, particularly those residents who do not live close to a Luas line in Firhouse, Ballycullen, Scholarstown, Knocklyon, Ballyboden, Edmonstown, and Rathfarnham and who rely on bus services that are now being altered resulting in access to central hubs of education, shopping, and work being more difficult than was previously the case. — Seán Crowe. [51953/23]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Transport if a bus stop at Church Cross, Skibbereen could be relocated due to safety concerns raised by local residents (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [51960/23]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of Freedom of Information requests submitted to his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023; the total number of such requests that

were rejected in their entirety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51983/23]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide in tabular form, for the past five years, details of capital and current funding provided to each airport in Ireland, broken down by individual airport and each year of individual subvention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [51995/23]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Transport how many aircraft are retained or are on standby at Dublin Airport for medivac duty; the number of medivac missions each aircraft made in the past three years and from which base; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [51996/23]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update to Dáil Éireann on any examinations or studies being conducted on improving the railway system's ability to carry freight; if the stations at Portarlinton, Ballybrophy and Portlaoise have been examined as there is a former 'goods store' and storage facilities there. — Brian Stanley. [52015/23]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an updated assessment on the case for a relief road in Mountmellick (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [52016/23]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to permit those with Crohn's disease access to a disabled parking permit. — Gary Gannon. [52021/23]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Transport how many exemption orders for the transport of munitions of war have been granted in each of the last 10 years; how many exemption orders have been issued for munitions destined for Israel in each of the last 10 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [52117/23]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to tackle and reduce road traffic offenses, particularly given the increasing number of fatalities and serious injuries on our roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [52134/23]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Transport if provision will be made to enable persons aged 70 years and over, subject to appropriate medical checks, to drive public service vehicles and vehicles employed on State contracts on behalf of companies under the remit of his Department as difficulties have arisen in many areas with a shortage of qualified drivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52156/23]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Transport the total costs incurred by his Department arising from the placing of advertisements with the national broadcaster, RTÉ, in any format, for each of the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52174/23]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are any plans to review private clamping laws for vehicles in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52179/23]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue by organisations (details supplied) from 2020 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52201/23]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to ensure the provision of real time passenger information signage at Broombridge railway station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52216/23]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to provide free car parking for all staff at Shannon Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [52220/23]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on any planned reviews by the NTA in the Adamstown/Lucan area to facilitate the growing population and growing demand following both the build out of the Adamstown and Clonburris strategic development zones and the integration of Ukrainian beneficiaries of temporary protection into the local community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [52229/23]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Transport the role that the Ryder Cup has played in securing his support for progressing the Adare bypass road with more urgency; if he is comfortable that commercial interests such as this should play such a role in progressing such projects; if projects such as the N24 project and the bypass of Tipperary town are at a disadvantage, given this approach; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [52302/23]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Transport when additional capacity will be provided on a route where a public service contract is operated under the National Transport Authority (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52350/23]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the recruitment of up to 75 additional driver testers, approved by his Department in March of this year; if he will confirm the geographical areas where the first tranche of new recruits were deployed in September; if he will outline how many additional testers were assigned to Waterford; if he will outline how many additional testers were assigned to Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [52353/23]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update from the Road Safety Authority on a new permanent driving test centre for Drogheda, County Louth; if the RSA has any proposals for a new temporary centre for the town in the interim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [52375/23]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has given further consideration to funding the next phase of the Mallow relief road to enable the project to be brought to planning stage. — Sean Sherlock. [52380/23]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Transport the delivery date for the proposed BusConnects 'O' orbital routes serving the South Circular Road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [52389/23]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Transport the action he is taking to address the shortage of mechanics. — Niamh Smyth. [52395/23]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department is aware of the issues a shortage of mechanics is causing for the public transport system in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52396/23]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Transport the capital works projects under the remit of his Department that have received EU funding in 2022 and to-date in 2023; and the EU funding received per project in each of the years in question, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [52401/23]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the Banduff road scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [52415/23]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding that will be allocated to the Ballyvolane Strategic Transport Corridor; how long the improvement project is expected to take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [52418/23]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the Blarney village pedestrian and cycling infrastructure scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [52419/23]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Transport when he intends to open a new round of funding for the Safe Routes to School Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [52420/23]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of schools that applied for the Safe Routes to School Programme; the number of schools that were successful; the number of schools that must wait for the next round of funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [52421/23]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to accelerating the upgrade of the N20 Cork Limerick motorway with a view to an earlier start date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [52422/23]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter in relation to CIÉ pensions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52457/23]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Transport where the 7 km bypass of Adare will start; where it will terminate; if it will be dual or single carriageway along the proposed 7km length; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52461/23]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Transport when the final all-island rail review report will be published; if he will ensure that the outcome of the rail review is reflected in the revision of the TEN-T Network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [52531/23]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Transport to list the number of EV Charger points in counties across the country, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52577/23]

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

\*189. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of vacant homes identified by Revenue Commissioners as eligible for the vacant homes tax, by local authority administrative area or county, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [52455/23]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are personnel in his Department who could be classified as having a significant or exclusive focus of their role dedicated to dealing with integration; if so, to detail the title of the post; the grade level of that post; the core functions of that role; to provide details of the exact nature of their responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51824/23]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of mortgage accounts that have switched from vulture funds to retail banks since 6 September 2023; the total number of mortgage accounts that switched from vulture funds to retail banks from 6 July to 6 September 2023; and his assessment of the effectiveness of the eligibility criteria agreed by main lenders for customers of vulture funds seeking to switch their home mortgage. — Darren O'Rourke. [51877/23]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Finance if there will be any changes to VRT on electrical vehicles from January 2024 for somebody purchasing a new car. — Brendan Griffin. [51904/23]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of Freedom of Information requests submitted to his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023; the total number of such requests that were rejected in their entirety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51972/23]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Finance the current situation regarding applications for primary medical certificates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [52041/23]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Finance the updated position regarding the review of the Disabled Drivers' and Disabled Passengers' Scheme, and in particular the criteria for the primary medical certificate; what stage the review is at; what steps have been taken since the publication of the Working Group report; what changes are being proposed; the timeframe for the implementation of the proposed changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [52090/23]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Finance how a person who fell into personal difficulty and fell behind on their loan repayments due to personal circumstances can have their credit report amended (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [52131/23]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Finance the total costs incurred by his Department arising from the placing of advertisements with the national broadcaster, RTÉ, in any format, for each of the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52163/23]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue by organisations (details supplied) from 2020 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52190/23]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Finance if the criteria for primary medical certificates can be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52214/23]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Finance if the carer of a primary medical cert holder can have their vehicle adapted to suit the needs of the person they care for where they are no longer able to

drive their own vehicle as it is no longer suitable for their needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52354/23]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Finance when he expects the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland loan scheme to be open for applications for farm development loans (not the energy related loans); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [52363/23]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of returns with respect to the vacant homes tax that have been received to date; the total number of properties recorded as occupied, those recorded as vacant; the total number of exemptions from the tax that have been claimed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [52376/23]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount, in numeric terms and as a percentage of GNI\*, that the private housing industry contributed to the Irish economy through taxes associated with private property sales, purchases, landlord rental incomes and any other relevant taxes for each of the previous five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [52399/23]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has plans to have a bilateral meeting with a person (details supplied). — Pauline Tully. [52402/23]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider affording property owners who are registering for the vacant property tax more than two options with respect to choosing the status of the property, given that at present the only available options are principal private residence or rented; if he has considered providing an option as licensee or caretaker or other; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [52445/23]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department will give consideration to introducing primary medical certificates to all individuals with physical disabilities (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52452/23]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Finance to outline what legislative basis the Revenue Commissioner has for using the fuel mix disclosure, as published by the Commission for Regulation of Utilities, when making a determination on the percentage of electricity that is from renewable sources and therefore eligible for relief from the electricity tax. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52480/23]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Finance whether his Department would consider making it mandatory for any film or TV co-productions shooting in Ireland to engage local Irish performers on equal terms and conditions as any visiting performer whose fees are subsidised by state bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [52569/23]

*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.*

\*209. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if newly built modular homes (details supplied) were fitted out completely prior to being allocated; if they were, please detail the total cost of fitting out each modular home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [52571/23]



\*210. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will consider financially supporting the re-establishment of Benefacts, given its previously invaluable role as a one-stop-shop for providing transparency and information relating to Government funding of the NGO and not-for profit sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52515/23]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if there are personnel in his Department who could be classified as having a significant or exclusive focus of their role dedicated to dealing with integration; if so, to detail the title of the post; the grade level of that post; the core functions of that role; to provide details of the exact nature of their responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51830/23]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 286 of 29 March 2022, if he will provide an update on the Office of Public Works plans to refurbish the vacant public toilets on Infirmiry Road, Dublin 7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [51871/23]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to arrange for Cork City Council to put in place temporary flood defence barriers in an estate (details supplied) in view of the fact that over 25 houses recently suffered severe flooding and this is the second occasion on which it occurred; if the necessary funding will be put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51912/23]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total number of Freedom of Information requests submitted to his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023; the total number of such requests that were rejected in their entirety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51978/23]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline details of the investment that has been made in the development and management of the OPW sites at Scatterry Island and the Ennis Friary in County Clare since 2018; what investment, if any, is planned for the sites for the remainder of 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52004/23]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to consider the creation of a dog-friendly park within Phoenix Park, to be constructed and enclosed for that function. — Gary Gannon. [52020/23]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to detail the final cost for the construction of modular homes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [52122/23]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total costs incurred by his Department arising from the placing of advertisements with the national broadcaster, RTÉ, in any format, for each of the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52169/23]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue by organisations (details supplied) from 2020 to date; if

so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52196/23]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the location of the published annual reports of the mediation officer pursuant to the Civil Service grievance procedure Circular 11/2001; the reason the latest available report dates from 2007; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [52382/23]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of reports from personnel officers and mediation officers received in 2022; the Departments the reports were from; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [52383/23]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the current designated mediation officer in his Department's Civil and Public Service mediation service; the way in which the Civil and Public Service mediation service recruit external mediators; the date of last recruitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [52384/23]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if a panel of mediators is used for the civil and public service mediation service panel; the number of external mediators currently on the civil and public service mediation service panel; the length of time a panel lasts; how the Civil and Public Service Mediation Service decides when to use paid external mediators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [52385/23]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if there is an obligation on Civil and Public Service mediation service mediation officers to give reasons in writing directly to both parties if they do not make recommendation or do not proceed with mediation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [52386/23]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the actions he will take to resolve the situation where 30 staff members in the Cavan Social Protection office are to lose the use of car parking facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [52388/23]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide details of the average pro-rata national capital spend in County Louth and east-Meath over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [52447/23]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if a person (details supplied) is entitled to an increase in their pension as a former civil servant as part of the Building Momentum agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52478/23]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW will consider referencing the connection of Red Hugh (Hugh Roe/ Aodh Ruadh) O' Donnell to Dublin Castle in guided tours and information points at the castle; and if the OPW will consider erecting a plaque at Dublin Castle to commemorate this great leader in



Irish history, similar to the plaque erected by Valladolid City Council in Spain in his memory. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [52512/23]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the reason for the delay in publishing the Health Budget Oversight Group minutes for August and September 2023; the date on which these will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52521/23]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update in relation to a scheme (details supplied); when a decision will issue regarding the confirmation of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [52541/23]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he continues to utilise the concept of reform to enhance and improve delivery of the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52553/23]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to indicate the extent to which reform has become an integral part of all Departments with a view to speeding up the relevant processes in respect of Government projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52554/23]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which his Department receives as near as possible estimates from each Department in the preparation of annual budgets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52555/23]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he expects to advance pay agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52556/23]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which it is now deemed that all aspects of FEMPI have been resolved; the number of cases outstanding, if any; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52557/23]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which public procurement procedures can be enhanced to ensure a more rapid through flow of State projects, while at the same time maintaining best practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52559/23]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether he remains satisfied that every effort is made to utilise best procedure in relation to State contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52560/23]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether he remains satisfied that levels of public expenditure here are adequately proofed to ensure best outcome for the Exchequer and taxpayer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52561/23]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the degree to which reforms throughout the public sector remain in place to ensure accountability, collective responsibility and good value for money; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52562/23]

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

\*240. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there are personnel in his Department who could be classified as having a significant or exclusive focus of their role dedicated to dealing with integration; if so, to detail the title of the post; the grade level of that post; the core functions of that role; to provide details of the exact nature of their responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51831/23]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total number of Enterprise Ireland sponsored jobs, by county for the years 2016 - 2022, inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [51866/23]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, to provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51950/23]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total number of Freedom of Information requests submitted to his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023; the total number of such requests that were rejected in their entirety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51970/23]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of Exchequer funding allocated towards the Eirsat-1 project; to outline the total amount paid to the European Space Agency to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52001/23]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 171 of 28 September 2023, if the review into occupation lists for employment permits for non-Irish/EEA nationals has been completed; if he can provide a breakdown of the occupations on the list; how many permits are being allocated to each occupation; if there will be an increase in the number of work rider permits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [52044/23]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the Department of Foreign Affairs has raised any human rights or foreign policy concerns with his Department in relation to issuing of dual use export licences to Israel in the last five years, and the number of times such issues were raised by the Department per year in relation to Israeli exports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [52118/23]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total costs incurred by his Department arising from the placing of advertisements with the national broadcaster, RTÉ, in any format, for each of the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52161/23]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue by organisations (details supplied) from 2020 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52188/23]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 33 of 8 September 2022, the progress that has been made on the review of the eligibility for the insolvency payment scheme to date; the anticipated timeframe in finding a solution to this long-running saga; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52327/23]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for details of all export licences under the various categories of the Control of Exports (Goods and Technology) Order that have been approved and are currently in existence for export of goods to Israel; the number that fell within the scope of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/1922; the type of export licence issued in each instance; if his Department has been made aware of exemptions from licencing requirements by exporters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52529/23]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what income by Enterprise Ireland has been sanctioned by his Department to ensure that Irish businesses have increased financial supports available under the Brexit adjustment initiative to assist and prepare for the new UK import rules to be imposed on Irish and EU exports and to commence at the end of January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [52320/23]

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

\*252. To ask the Minister for Education if there are personnel in her Department who could be classified as having a significant or exclusive focus of their role dedicated to dealing with integration; if so, to detail the title of the post; the grade level of that post; the core functions of that role; to provide details of the exact nature of their responsibilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51821/23]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Education if she can review an application for school transport for Ukrainian students to attend a school (details supplied); when a decision will be issued on this application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [51878/23]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Education to outline why a student (details supplied) is not being provided with transport to school despite transport being sanctioned for them under the school transport scheme for children with special needs. — Paul Murphy. [51921/23]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update regarding the provision of a school bus service to a school in Crumlin (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [51959/23]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Education the total number of Freedom of Information requests submitted to her Department in 2022 and to date in 2023; the total number of such requests that were rejected in their entirety; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51969/23]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Education what progress her Department has made regarding redeployment facilities for post primary teachers to allow for a system whereby more teachers can work in their local communities and fill vacant roles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [52024/23]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which both primary and second level school places are available and will be ready for occupation in time for the next school year in the catchment areas of Allenwood, Prosperous, Clane, Straffan whereby boys, girls and co-ed schools are adequately catered for notwithstanding the provisions already in place which causes parents to worry about a possible lack of accommodation in September 2024; if the plans are sufficiently advanced in all cases to provide the accommodation on time and noting the steady increase in the population which is above and beyond expectations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52036/23]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Education when a school place will urgently be made available in the case of the son of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52037/23]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the cost of translation services provided to schools for the deaf in each of the years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form; the manner in which funding is allocated for translation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52047/23]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the redevelopment of a building for a school (details supplied); the timetable for the design and design development stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52048/23]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Education if she will oversee the introduction of new guidelines to develop new school playground guidelines and an analysis of spaces and funds for outdoor school areas which provide an appropriate opportunity to address the different needs of children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [52050/23]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Education if she recognises that a problem exists with schools installing sensory playground equipment, given that schools are afraid of litigation and children with sensory needs are losing out as a result; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [52051/23]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Education if she will oversee the introduction of the Brain Calm Programme to the curriculum in primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [52052/23]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Education what plans her Department has to increase the amount of secondary school places in the Newcastle area of South County Dublin to be in line with population growth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [52078/23]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Education what options are available to the parents of a person (details supplied) who are finding it difficult to find a secondary school place for their daughter next year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [52079/23]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide the formula used in calculating EAL posts with schools applying for such posts, as is the case already with NEEAL posts where

the formula is shared, as this would assist schools in their application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [52092/23]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Education whether her Department has allocated funding to a school (details supplied) for a permanent building to extend the school; and when it expects this work to be completed. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [52107/23]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Education the total costs incurred by her Department arising from the placing of advertisements with the national broadcaster, RTÉ, in any format, for each of the years 2016 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52160/23]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department, or any body under the aegis of her Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue by organisations (details supplied) from 2020 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52187/23]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans for primary schools in the Ballyfermot area identified as having potential demand for a transfer or divestment of school patronage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [52211/23]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that there are enough primary and secondary school places in the Ballyfermot area to service the population in the area; or if there is a requirement to increasing the capacity of existing schools or the establishment of new ones; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [52212/23]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Education to outline plans to tackle the chronic shortage of school places across Lucan, Clondalkin, Newcastle and Rathcoole, where school building projects are progressing too slowly to cope with the surge in demand resulting, in some cases, in children in category one for their local post primary school being placed up to 194th and 229th on waiting lists. — Emer Higgins. [52233/23]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Education to provide the details of the school transport grant; who can apply for same; what the application process is; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52239/23]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) has been approved funding under the summer works scheme to erect a boundary fence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [52243/23]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Education if school secretaries have had their new pay backdated; if not, when this will happen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [52271/23]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Education what progress has been made to improve pay and terms and conditions for school caretakers, similar to school secretaries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [52272/23]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on advances in her announced plan to introduce a foreign language in primary schools across the State; when it will commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52288/23]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 240 of 21 November 2023, the steps she will take to ensure that all qualifying applicants to secondary schools in Greystones are accommodated for September 2024; if a copy of the most recent Departmental review on demand for secondary school places for Greystones can be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [52289/23]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the new school building for a school (details supplied); the timeline for its completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [52311/23]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Education to list, in tabular form, the number of Irish medium post-primary schools which are ETB and those which are voluntary schools; to add a breakdown of these detailing how many of each are DEIS schools, Gaeltacht schools, multid denominational schools and singular faith schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [52328/23]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Education when the design team will be appointed for a new school building (details supplied), given that discussions about the site between the Department and the patron of the school in question have been ongoing since early 2020; as well as the expected date of completion of the building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [52343/23]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Education to outline any programmes or initiatives which are being undertaken to encourage and support recycling and composting in secondary schools; the position regarding information packs or circulars which are issued to secondary schools to provide advice on standard recycling procedures or practices, and the enforcement of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [52352/23]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware that retired teachers with a class A stamp lose the benefit of their supplementary pension if they step in to assist a local school as a substitute teacher; and if she will have this policy changed, considering that so many schools are impacted by the recruitment and retention crisis. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [52381/23]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the ongoing review of the school transport scheme; if the review will be completed and recommendations enacted by September 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [52416/23]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Education if there are any funding options open to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [52417/23]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Education the actions she has taken, or if she has plans to initiate a review of the practice of principals and teachers filling in the educational section of the assessment of need form, taking into account the views of stakeholders and ensuring that the practice complies with the spirit of the Disability Act 2005. — Pauline Tully. [52441/23]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Education the actions she has taken or if he has plans to provide additional funding to organisations that provide equine therapy and assistance dogs to scale-up service provision across the country; and the estimated cost of undertaking this measure. — Pauline Tully. [52441/23]



\*289. To ask the Minister for Education for assistance in securing transport arrangements for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [52471/23]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Education if an individual who sat their Leaving Certificate in 2014 and received a C3 in Gaeilge would be permitted to undertake the primary school teaching degree with a college (details supplied) considering that in 2014, a C3 in Gaeilge was the requirement to study primary teaching, but that grade has now increased to a minimum C2; if the fact the individual received the necessary grade at the time of their Leaving Certificate will still qualify them to proceed with their training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [52524/23]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Education if the Teaching Council recognises the International Postgraduate Certificate in Education with International Qualified Teacher Status through Coventry University, England to allow an individual to obtain primary teaching status in Ireland; whether the Oiriúnú le hAghaidh Cáilíochta sa Ghaeilge or An Scrúdú le hAghaidh Cáilíochta sa Ghaeilge would be required to receive primary teaching status in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [52526/23]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Education if a series of data (details supplied) will be provided in relation to the Cork ETB School of Music, showing the situation before and after Covid lockdowns in the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 academic years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [52528/23]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Education if she will endeavour to expedite an urgently needed NEPS appointment for a person (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [52538/23]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Education the capital funding her Department has provided to each national school in County Cavan in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [52539/23]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a shortage of school places at primary and second level in Kildare north; the steps she is taking to address this issue; if she will provide a schedule of works planned for the provision of new school buildings and the expansion of existing buildings in Clane, Prosperous, Sallins, Naas, Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip; the stage each plan is at; and the expected delivery date of same. — Catherine Murphy. [52545/23]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Education what measures she is taking to allow primary school teachers who have qualified in the UK to more easily qualify to teach in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [52565/23]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on her Department's intention to sign a waiver on the Sherkin Island national school property in order to facilitate its sale. — Holly Cairns. [52570/23]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that school bus route (details supplied) has been cancelled until further notice; when she expects this service to be returned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [52574/23]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 247 of 21 November 2023, the reason this service was suspended in September; if Bus Éireann will provide an update directly to families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [52575/23]

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

\*300. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if research has been carried out relating to visitor numbers and spending in locations where there has been displacement of tourism beds by refugees or other state supported accommodation recipients; if the findings will be provided; if she is concerned about any particular locations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51817/23]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there are personnel in her Department who could be classified as having a significant or exclusive focus of their role dedicated to dealing with integration; if so, to detail the title of the post; the grade level of that post; the core functions of that role; to provide details of the exact nature of their responsibilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51834/23]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total number of Freedom of Information requests submitted to her Department in 2022 and to date in 2023; the total number of such requests that were rejected in their entirety; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51982/23]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to delays in releasing sports capital grant funding for a club (details supplied); if this funding can be issued before the end of the year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [52000/23]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to outline the measures she intends to take to oblige social media platforms and internet service providers to ensure that minors are protected from access to pornography; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [52116/23]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total costs incurred by her Department arising from the placing of advertisements with the national broadcaster, RTE, in any format, for each of the years 2016 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52173/23]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department or any body under the aegis of her Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue by organisations (details supplied) from 2020 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52200/23]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on a sports capital application for an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52219/23]



\*308. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on a sports capital application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52244/23]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she can confirm receipt of an application for grant aid under the sports capital programme from a club in County Cork (details supplied), and when it is expected funding will be allocated to these applicants. — Michael Creed. [52391/23]

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

\*310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are personnel in his Department who could be classified as having a significant or exclusive focus of their role dedicated to dealing with integration; if so, to detail the title of the post; the grade level of that post; the core functions of that role; to provide details of the exact nature of their responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51828/23]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what exactly the plans are for the site of St. Finian's Hospital, Killarney (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51835/23]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a detailed update with regard to the details and timelines in respect of the remediation of apartment defects to help allay any anxieties of apartment owners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51865/23]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the valuation mechanism that is in place for properties accepted on the tenant-in-situ scheme; the protocols that are in place in incidences in which properties are undervalued by the council compared to valuations from independent estate agents; if he is aware that this disparity is contributing to private landlords not progressing the scheme for their tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [51913/23]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of Freedom of Information requests submitted to his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023; the total number of such requests that were rejected in their entirety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51976/23]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding allocated to Met Éireann in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52003/23]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the review regarding a system of holding rental deposits; when the outcome of this review will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [52043/23]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of meetings between his officials led by organisations (details supplied) in 2022 and 2023 on the issue of the financial sustainability of homeless services and the review of funding arrangements

in the homeless sector; the dates on which those meetings occurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52058/23]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the proposed review of section 10 funding for homeless services that was agreed in 2021 did not proceed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52059/23]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to set out the detail of the review of homeless services recently initiated in the wake of the revelations regarding funding issues at an organisation (details supplied); who is conducting the review; the terms of reference of the review; the timeline for the review; and if he will consider the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Housing, Local Government and Heritage playing a role in public consideration of the outcome of this review. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52063/23]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many people are waiting to be housed under the social housing scheme in County Longford in total; and if he will provide the details, in tabular form (men, women and children, etc). — Sorca Clarke. [52102/23]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has proposals to amend planning laws to permit the excavation of peat for horticulture purposes in tandem with efforts to determine alternatives to the use of peat by the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [52104/23]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of a proposed development (details supplied) in County Cork which has been approved under Section 179a of the planning regulations; if he is aware of the local concern regarding design in this development; if he is prepared to carry out a review of the design given locally expressed concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [52109/23]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that landlords who enter a HAP agreement are having their HAP payments suspended if the tenant fails to pay their portion to HAP (details supplied); if he will amend the system that all HAP payments will continue to be made whilst the tenant remains in the house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [52111/23]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will contact local and national Traveller organisations to assess the level of difficulty Travellers have in accessing social housing lists; if he will further initiate appropriate research to meet his Department's outstanding commitment on this matter since 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [52119/23]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that amendments to the Housing Act 1988 will not narrow the definition of homelessness or restrict access to emergency homeless accommodation and other supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52129/23]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total costs incurred by his Department arising from the placing of advertisements with the national broadcaster, RTÉ, in any format, for each of the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52167/23]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update by his Department to combat Japanese knotweed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52182/23]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue by organisations (details supplied) from 2020 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52194/23]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of permits that his Department has granted for decoy crows in each of the years since 2020; the number of applications that have been received for such permits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52204/23]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason decoy crows cannot be used without a permit by farmers to protect crops and animal feed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52205/23]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the repair of local authority homes effected by defective concrete blocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [52209/23]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will announce the completion of the public consultation on the review of Part B (fire safety) of the Building Regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [52226/23]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage why there is no independent appeals process outside of the local authority to which an applicant applies in respect of the croí cónaithe scheme; if he believes it is good policy practice for local authorities to manage reviews or appeals on applications on which they have made a determination; if he plans to review this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [52238/23]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an application for funding has been received (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [52270/23]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will raise the price ceiling for the first homes scheme in County Clare, which is currently set at €325,000, so as to entice further applications and drawdowns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [52284/23]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will advise on the situation where local authority tenants who are housed with approved housing bodies and wish to transfer are informed by the AHB that this is the responsibility of the local authority, which in turn states that it is the responsibility of the AHB; if he will clarify which body is reasonable for transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [52460/23]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties in the private rental sector inspected, by each local authority; the number that met

minimum standards for 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [52462/23]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Government-owned properties, which would be considered derelict under the conditions of the Derelict Sites Act 1990, are subject to the derelict sites levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [52464/23]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has provided funding to support campaigns to encourage non-EU citizens, or international protection applicants to vote in local elections from 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52485/23]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration is being given to enabling homeowners to apply for grants or other financial supports to assist in repairing or replacing malfunctioning septic tanks; if consideration is being given to households requesting a local authority for an inspection of systems where there is concern at their effectiveness; if consideration has been given to this in the past and the reasons for the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [52504/23]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of septic tank inspections that have been carried out on a national basis by county in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the targets for inspection, if any; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [52505/23]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what statutory powers vacant homes officers in local authorities have; to provide a list of local authorities with vacant homes officers in place; if each of those is a full-time dedicated vacant homes officer; if not, if they have other duties; if there are any local authorities without such roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [52516/23]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what guidance has been provided to local authorities for the role of a vacant homes officer; if he will provide a copy of any memos, circulars or guidance provided since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [52517/23]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what powers local authorities have to ensure that units in apartments controlled or owned by investment funds are not kept deliberately vacant; if vacant homes officers are allowed to investigate the level of vacancy in apartment complexes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [52518/23]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he intends increasing the HAP rent limits as due to the continuous increases in rents generally as many tenants are finding it impossible to find accommodation on the market at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [52530/23]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his attention has been drawn to UCC's "Ireland's Offshore Islands: Housing Needs Survey"; what measures he is taking to ensure housing options are made available to enable younger generations and full-

time residents to remain on our offshore islands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [52568/23]

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

\*347. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to review a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51852/23]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to review the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51863/23]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on the application on a funeral grant for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51869/23]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Questions 302, 303 and 304 of 14 November 2023, if she will address a matter in relation to test cases (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [51882/23]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on the application for disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51885/23]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for disability allowance will be finalised for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51906/23]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to arrange for her Department to appoint a liaison person to deal with the residents in an area in County Cork (details supplied) which suffered severe flooding recently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51911/23]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51914/23]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 845 of 13 June 2023, if she will confirm the status of the application for the State pension (contributory) by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [51954/23]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of Freedom of Information requests submitted to her Department in 2022 and to date in 2023; the total number of such requests that were rejected in their entirety; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51980/23]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the pension entitlements being worked on for carers by her Department at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51984/23]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if pension entitlements being worked on for carers by her Department at present will be extended to long-term foster carers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51986/23]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will have the carers allowance payment re-instated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [52018/23]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) who was awarded the disability allowance will receive payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [52019/23]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an appeal for invalidity pension by a person (details supplied) will be processed and a decision made on it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [52034/23]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for invalidity pension that are on appeal to the Social Welfare Appeals Office; the number that have been under consideration for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 months or a year or more; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [52035/23]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which a person (details supplied) qualifies for household benefits and the fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52038/23]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for a disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52039/23]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the 27 Ability Programmes nationwide will be informed of their funding allocations for 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [52108/23]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a fuel allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52132/23]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made to date to create a single scheme that combines the current reasonable accommodation fund grants and the disability awareness support scheme into one scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52146/23]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made to date to review the application processes for reasonable accommodation fund grants and the disability awareness support scheme with a view to making it less complex, user-friendly and to ensure that it is aligned with a needs-based approach; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52147/23]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made to date to provide approval in principle for employers and jobseekers applying for reasonable accommodation fund grants



and the disability awareness support scheme to assist their planning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52148/23]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made to date to extend the supports provided by reasonable accommodation fund grants and the disability awareness support scheme to other employers in the community and voluntary sector and commercial State-sponsored sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52149/23]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made to date to extend the employee retention grant so that it also available to new recruits and employees with pre-existing disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52150/23]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made to date to enhance the disability awareness support scheme to offer wider training that also includes employers who currently do not have a disabled employee on staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52151/23]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made to date to increase the number of support hours (interpreter, in-work support, and so on) eligible for funding under reasonable accommodation fund grants and the disability awareness support scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52152/23]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made to date to ensure there are changes to reasonable accommodation fund grants and the disability awareness support scheme to allow for equipment, software, and assistive technologies to be made available where the need arises, including blended working arrangements and full-time working from home arrangements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52153/23]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made to date to develop a communication plan to ensure targeted and accessible promotion of any reforms to reasonable accommodation fund grants and the disability awareness support scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52154/23]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total costs incurred by her Department arising from the placing of advertisements with the national broadcaster, RTÉ, in any format, for each of the years 2016 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52171/23]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive a decision on their application for disability allowance. — Peadar Tóibín. [52180/23]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether a person who applied for disability allowance before Christmas, but will not receive a decision until after Christmas, will be entitled to back payments to the date of application; and whether these back payments will also include the Christmas bonuses, lump sums and fuel allowance entitlements which accompany the disability allowance. — Peadar Tóibín. [52181/23]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the grounds upon which an application for the fuel allowance was refused in the case of a person (details supplied); if the application can be reviewed with a view to offering all assistance available in this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52183/23]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department, or any body under the aegis of her Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue by organisations (details supplied) from 2020 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52198/23]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a response will be issued by her Department to this Deputy in relation to a query regarding a household benefit claim (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [52207/23]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a recent application for carer's allowance by a person (details supplied) in respect of their father can be reviewed given that he is in need of full-time care and attention, which they provide seven days a week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52208/23]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Social Protection why a person (details supplied) is receiving a reduced rate of Social Welfare of €129.70; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [52213/23]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a disability allowance appeal by a person in County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52222/23]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the cost-of-living bonus will be paid to a person in County Kerry (details supplied) who transferred from the working family payment to illness benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52232/23]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an illness benefit claim by a person (details supplied) will be issued; the reason for the delay in switching from QAA; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [52310/23]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total annual expenditure on the daily expenses allowance paid to IP applicants each year since 2020; the expenditure for 2023 to date; the estimated expenditure by year end 2023 and for 2024; and to identify the relevant programme sub-head in the REV. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52373/23]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of external consultant reports commissioned by her Department in 2022 and to-date in 2023; the companies involved; and the title and publication date by report, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [52403/23]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will offer advice to a person who has reached the limit of their eligibility for carer's benefit and does not qualify for carer's allowance, but cannot return to work as they are still needed to act as a carer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [52446/23]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the circumstances by which a family can avail of means-tested welfare payments and on subsequently being discovered to have huge cash assets, the measures taken to recoup the obvious overpayments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [52450/23]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of cases within her Department where overpayments are being repaid by the client, broken down into groups of over €100,000,



€50,000 to €99,000 and €20,000 to €49,000; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [52453/23]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of claims for overpayments being made by her Department against the estates of deceased clients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [52454/23]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether there are circumstances in which domiciliary care allowance or carer's benefit would be paid to the parent of an infant who is a long-term in-patient in a hospital when the hospital requires that the parent be part of their care and present in the hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [52488/23]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if free travel is available for a person with a condition (details supplied) who is not on a social welfare payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52494/23]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a carers allowance appeal by a person (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [52543/23]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite a decision on an application for a carer's allowance by a person (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [52544/23]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of an application for a PPSN for a person (details supplied); when can they expect the number to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [52584/23]

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

\*398. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are personnel in her Department who could be classified as having a significant or exclusive focus of their role dedicated to dealing with integration; if so, to detail the title of the post; the grade level of that post; the core functions of that role; to provide details of the exact nature of their responsibilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51829/23]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Justice whether there are any arrangements whereby small businesses can be compensated if an important member of staff is called for jury duty, which can be highly disruptive and costly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [51832/23]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Justice given the impact high legal fees are having in driving up insurance premiums, when he plans to publish the findings of a report (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [51851/23]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Justice to report on the number of Garda officers, by rank, attached to Nobber Garda station in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; the number of Garda officers who retired from Nobber Garda station in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [51874/23]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times gardaí were called to the scene of a domestic violence incident in each county, in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [51884/23]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Justice when strand 4 endowment applications for the Immigrant Investment Programme will be processed; if she will outline the projected timeframes for processing of application under this strand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [51903/23]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022; whether guidelines on what documentation and financial information can be requested from patrons will be issued to bookmakers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [51951/23]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of Freedom of Information requests submitted to her Department in 2022 and to date in 2023; the total number of such requests that were rejected in their entirety; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51977/23]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of members of An Garda Síochána who have been redeployed or retired from the Clare Garda division during the first nine months of 2023; the number of members of An Garda Síochána that have been assigned to the Clare Garda division for duty during both years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52002/23]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Justice the up-to-date position regarding applications for consideration under the International Investment Programme by an organisation (details supplied) in County Kerry; when the organisation can expect to hear an update regarding whether their applications will proceed to the next phase; if anticipated timelines for the overall process will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52006/23]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Justice when it was agreed to permit Israeli security personnel to be located on the premises of Dublin Airport in order to screen passengers intending to travel on El Al flights from Dublin to Tel Aviv; if similar arrangements are in place for any other sovereign nations' security or intelligence personnel in addition to those of the United States; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52011/23]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Justice if plans for the deregulation of the pub industry will result in more off licences in the future; if this will de-value the cost of a licence; and if off-licence hours of businesses will be extended under the plans (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [52045/23]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will introduce new criminal law legislation to empower judges to impose significant maximum terms of imprisonment, including whole life terms, for criminals convicted of murder; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [52046/23]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of flights arriving into each international airport in Ireland that have been attended by immigration officers as passengers disembark; how many passengers travelled without passports and documentation; their country of origin; how many were detained, and how many were denied entry and placed on return flights, in each of the

past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [52053/23]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Justice how many passengers arriving into each international airport in Ireland were found to have false passports and documentation at the point of entry, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [52054/23]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Justice her views in regard to the “Working to Change” programme; what plans, if any, she has for continuing it beyond the current timeframe; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [52055/23]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Justice about the case of a person (details supplied) who applied in June 2023 for an extension of their visa that was due to expire and has not received any response back regarding the status of their extension application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [52135/23]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Justice to report on the general scheme of Sale of Alcohol Bill 2022, which seeks to reform alcohol licensing legislation in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [52136/23]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress made to date in progressing an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52145/23]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Justice the total costs incurred by her Department arising from the placing of advertisements with the national broadcaster, RTÉ, in any format, for each of the years 2016 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52168/23]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department, or any body under the aegis of her Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue by organisations (details supplied) from 2020 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52195/23]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Justice if the allocation of prisoners to Loughan House in Cavan is being reviewed in light of recent reports (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52228/23]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Justice the options for Irish citizens who have family members in Gaza in terms of refugee or family reunification programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [52374/23]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of family liaison officer courses held for gardaí within Cavan-Monaghan division in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and the duration of this course. — Pauline Tully. [52404/23]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prisoners currently serving a custodial sentence in the State where a declaration was made to the courts and/or the prison services as having an official diagnosis of a disability or health condition under categories (details supplied), in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [52442/23]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons served with the Probation of Offenders Act 1907 in the State where a declaration was made to the courts as having an official diagnosis of a disability or health condition under categories (details supplied), in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [52443/23]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of foreign nationals who have successfully applied for Irish citizenship in each of the past ten years. — Michael Ring. [52448/23]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Justice if it has ever been considered that certain Garda duties should be accompanied by a white Garda helmet, which have been successful in other jurisdictions in enhancing visibility and a sense of safety. — Richard Bruton. [52465/23]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Justice whether the period of continuous residence in the State exercised by temporary protection beneficiaries would qualify as part of the duration of reckonable residence required for the purposes of eligibility to apply for long term residency in the State. — Pa Daly. [52490/23]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Justice whether the period of continuous residence in the State exercised by temporary protection beneficiaries would qualify as part of the duration of reckonable residence required for the purposes of eligibility to apply for naturalisation in the State. — Pa Daly. [52491/23]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Justice whether and which immigration permission temporary protection beneficiaries reside in the state under and how, following any cessation of the temporary protection directive, this would interact with the criteria and terms of stamp 4 permissions. — Pa Daly. [52492/23]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda recruits who passed through Templemore Garda Training College in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [52506/23]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is an optimum number of gardaí per 1,000 inhabitants; if so, the number, by rank; the ratios currently in place, by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [52507/23]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Justice to detail in tabular form the amount of funding that has been given out since the closure of the immigrant investment programme, and the successful organisations that have received same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [52576/23]

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

\*432. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are personnel in his Department who could be classified as having a significant or exclusive focus of their role dedicated to dealing with integration; if so, to detail the title of the post; the grade level of that post; the core functions of that role; to provide details of the exact nature of their responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51818/23]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an extension could be given to the beef suckler farmers for the new scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51901/23]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine Food and the Marine to list the companies and State agencies that have engaged in the Woodland Environmental Fund since its formation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [51910/23]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reasons for overpayments which have arisen against herd owners (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [51916/23]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 930 of 7 November 2023, if he will advise on funding distribution (details supplied) for 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [51918/23]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether, in light of a High Court ruling, he would reinstate the policy directive on banning inshore trawling within the six-mile limit whilst providing adequate notice to the required EU and UK bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [51965/23]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of Freedom of Information requests submitted to his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023; the total number of such requests that were rejected in their entirety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51966/23]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how many applications for funding have been received to date under the reconstitution ash dieback scheme 2023-2027; how many applications have been successful; the total funding allocated and the number of grant recipients per county to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52029/23]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is permitted to export stone from Borrow Pits, for which no licence or permit is required, out of the forest in which the pit is located, onto public roads to another, different forest in accordance with the licence/permit requirement exemption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52049/23]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 228 of 28 September 2023, if he will update his response based on engagement since the original question. — Sean Sherlock. [52105/23]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his proposals to allow the mushroom sector to source peat from within the State while it continues to identify potential alternatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [52106/23]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if applications have commenced for the Shannon Callows compensation scheme; if a farmer (details supplied) can be considered for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [52112/23]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52121/23]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total costs incurred by his Department arising from the placing of advertisements with the national broadcaster, RTÉ, in any format, for each of the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52157/23]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of afforestation licences issued to date in 2023 as a percentage of his Department's targets in this area for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52175/23]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue by organisations (details supplied) from 2020 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52184/23]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether the requirement within ACRES that plants provided to farmers must be of Irish origin or Irish provenance is sustainable, given the small number of retailers and nurseries and so on, that can provide for this across the range of plants in question; if he is satisfied that this narrow requirement does not exclude many traders who are not in a position to provide a full range of plants with such provenance; if he is satisfied that this will not favour unscrupulous traders over genuine ones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [52202/23]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will make a statement on the need for increased veterinary supports in rural areas. — Ivana Bacik. [52235/23]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise on the requirement for plants to be of Irish origin or Irish provenance and purchased from DAFM-registered professional operators; if he will advise on concerns that nurseries may face challenges in meeting the demand for these plant types; how his Department will support small nurseries and businesses with providing this range of products; if there is a process for nurseries and businesses to become a registered operator; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [52241/23]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when applicants (details supplied) will know if they are successful in their applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [52242/23]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason there is no tiered system in relation to the spreading of nitrates on land (details supplied); if he will address this matter in order that farmers stocked at 125kg/hectare do not face such a cliff edge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [52261/23]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if she will provide an update on the forestry licensing plan for the remainder of 2023 and 2024, given indications in October that the plan is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [52262/23]



\*454. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what the additional funding secured for the TB programme will be utilised for; if he will provide an update on additional staff being recruited or allocated to effectively implement the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [52266/23]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on reports of additional controls being put in place and with regard to certain aspects of the TB programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [52267/23]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what supports are in place for farmers who have TB lockdown herds in their local area; the steps his Department is taking to ensure they are not negatively affected by such measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [52268/23]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 2 of 9 March 2023, if he can reconcile the response with the eventual diametrically opposite position taken by Bord Iascaigh Mhara in correspondence between the fishers and a representative of an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [52301/23]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine why a person (details supplied) is being charged for SNP testing when the cost of testing is covered by the DAFM-HSI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [52329/23]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to review correspondence (detail supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52332/23]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when payment will issue to a person in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52379/23]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is considering restricting the importation of certain raw wood products such as unsawn timber from areas where the bark beetle *Ips typographus* has been identified; the measures that are in place or are being considered to prevent the arrival of the bark beetle into Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [52486/23]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if information on how to identify trees that have ash dieback and need to be removed for public safety has been issued to landowners; if not, whether there are plans to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [52487/23]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the most recent engagement he and his Department have had with the EU Commission with respect to the European Union and Mercosur states trade agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52489/23]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are any schemes that are, or may become, available to farmers where damage to farms other than buildings has occurred as a result of recent flooding; and if he can engage with the particular farmers

organisation (details supplied) with respect to difficulties experienced by farmers following flooding events. — Ged Nash. [52537/23]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the exception to fencing upland hill land is still the same in 2023 considering the guide to land eligibility 2015 states that uplands are exempted, provided they are farmed in the traditional manner, but the 2023 guide does not state this as clearly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [52540/23]

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

\*466. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of staff currently employed in Enable Ireland in Cavan-Monaghan; the number of vacancies in Enable Ireland in Cavan-Monaghan; what posts these vacancies are in; the funding allocated to Enable Ireland in Cavan-Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52258/23]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is a mechanism for private providers to indicate their willingness to participate in the provision of services for children post-assessment of needs in situations where the health service is unable to do so in an adequate timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [52456/23]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is any capital funding available to private childcare facilities who need to relocate due to expansion of their service. — Pauline Tully. [51814/23]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are personnel in his Department who could be classified as having a significant or exclusive focus of their role dedicated to dealing with integration; if so, to detail the title of the post; the grade level of that post; the core functions of that role; to provide details of the exact nature of their responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51819/23]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the minimum notice period for a crèche which decides to withdraw from the core funding scheme, and if consideration is being given to extending it given the disruption it causes to parents and children for a crèche to withdraw. — Paul Murphy. [51879/23]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in view of the withdrawal of a crèche (details supplied) in Firhouse from the core funding scheme and resultant significant increases in fees for parents, the action he intends to take to ensure that affordable childcare is available in the area. — Paul Murphy. [51880/23]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he intends to increase funding for the childcare sector. — Paul Murphy. [51881/23]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the investigation into the care home in the south east (details supplied); if each individual case has been investigated; if legal action is being taken or is planned to be taken against any

individual or organisation arising from the investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [51889/23]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason for the delay in offering a contract for accommodation offered to his Department for Ukrainian people fleeing the war (details supplied). — Pauline Tully. [51922/23]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in view of the Ombudsman report Wasted Lives, the number of disabled people under the age of 65 years that remain in a nursing home and who are deemed not appropriately placed. — Pauline Tully. [51928/23]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated number of residential places for disabled people that will be needed over the next 5, 10, 15 and 20 years, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [51929/23]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the residential places for disabled people that were delivered in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the residential places for disabled people that were allocated in Budget 2024. — Pauline Tully. [51930/23]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth : the current unmet need in residential places for disabled people. — Pauline Tully. [51931/23]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated number of respite places for disabled people that will be needed over the next 5, 10, 15 and 20 years, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [51932/23]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current unmet need in respite for disabled people. — Pauline Tully. [51933/23]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the respite places that were delivered in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the respite places that were allocated in Budget 2024. — Pauline Tully. [51934/23]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of people currently working as homecare assistants in both the public and private sector, in tabular form; and the estimated number of people needed to fully staff the homecare sector in both the public and private sector, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [51935/23]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of people currently assessed as in need of homecare who have not been allocated hours due to a shortage of staff. — Pauline Tully. [51936/23]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the Autism Innovation Strategy; the timeframe for the publication of the Autism Innovation Strategy; and if he has plans to establish a committee or monitoring group featuring autistic people to participate in monitoring the Autism Innovation Strategy. — Pauline Tully. [51937/23]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated final cost of publishing the Autism Innovation Strategy. — Pauline Tully. [51938/23]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has plans to initiate a national autism acceptance campaign to promote the participation of autistic people in all areas of social and cultural life; and the estimated cost of initiating a national autism acceptance campaign. — Pauline Tully. [51939/23]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has plans to collect disaggregated data for the purposes of forward-planning for the autistic community; if so, if his Department will consult with the autistic community and their families to establish how best to implement this plan; and the estimated cost of collecting this data. — Pauline Tully. [51940/23]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has any plans to establish a dedicated cross-departmental unit in his Department to facilitate a whole-of-government approach to autism and to embed joined-up cross-departmental services; and the estimated cost of establishing a dedicated cross-departmental unit in his Department. — Pauline Tully. [51941/23]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason that the optional protocol of the UNCRPD has not yet been ratified; and the timeframe for the ratification of the optional protocol of the UNCRPD. — Pauline Tully. [51942/23]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if all Government Departments have a dedicated autism policy in place; and which Departments have developed a policy and which have not, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [51943/23]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what actions he has taken to address the staffing issues in disability services, including the recruitment and retention of staff. — Pauline Tully. [51944/23]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost of establishing a one-stop-shop where autistic people and their families and carers can receive information and link in with services that they require. — Pauline Tully. [51945/23]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason for the delay in offering a contract to an organisation (details supplied) for accommodation offered to his Department for Ukrainian people fleeing the war. — Pauline Tully. [51948/23]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what efforts are being made to ensure that an organisation (details supplied) can continue to provide a much-needed service for children following the announcement of reduced funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [51958/23]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of Freedom of Information requests submitted to his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023; the total number of such requests that were rejected in their entirety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51967/23]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the urgency attached to implementing the arrangements under the Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme Act 2023, having regard to the advancing years of some of the applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [52040/23]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will reverse the funding cuts that an organisation (details supplied) have received; if he will ensure that they are adequately resourced to continue their vital work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [52042/23]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 464, 465, 467, 468 and 469 of 14 November 2023, the expected total maximum occupancy of the 37 properties referenced once they are fully operational; and by what date they are expected to become operational. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52060/23]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 464, 465, 467, 468 and 469 of 14 November 2023, what proportion of children in the international protection system will be entitled to the new payment provided for by Budget 2024; and the eligibility criteria for same. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52061/23]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 464, 465, 467, 468 and 469 of 14 November 2023, if all of the programme output targets provided in the table were met; if not, by how much they were missed; in the case of 2023, if they are on course to be met; and if not, by how much they are off target. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52062/23]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the recruitment process for a CDNT manager in County Louth will be completed; if this position is exempt from the HSE recruitment freeze; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [52091/23]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider removing the requirement for crèche operators to have professionally produced accounts; if he will consider increasing funding to the sector, particularly to small independent operators, in order to keep pace with the rising cost of living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [52144/23]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total costs incurred by his Department arising from the placing of advertisements with the national broadcaster, RTE, in any format, for each of the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52158/23]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue by organisations (details supplied) from 2020 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52185/23]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 843 of 20 September 2023, if he will provide an update on the

engagements he has had with a charity (details supplied) in relation to its funding situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52206/23]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that his Department is requiring early year service providers who are receiving core funding to submit accounts for their facilities in a format which is not in accordance with the Revenue Commissioners (details supplied); if he will rectify this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [52260/23]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are plans to use a property (details supplied) for the purpose of emergency accommodation for people seeking international protection; if so, the public engagement and consultation that has been conducted in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [52273/23]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details of funding streams (details supplied); when each fund opens annually; the number of applications per individual fund; the value of the grants applied for each fund; the value of the individual grants awarded per fund, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [52304/23]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details in tabular form of Ireland's potential share in total of the asylum, migration and integration fund; how much has been awarded to date under the fund; if matching funding is required by the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [52305/23]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details as to whether the asylum, migration and integration fund can be used to fund the return of failed international protection applicants to countries other than those on the safe countries list; if so, whether the list has to be an official EU safe country list; if not, if Ireland can compile its own safe country list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [52306/23]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details of the amount in the Ireland for Ukraine fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [52307/23]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details of how the Ireland for Ukraine Fund compares to the international protection integration fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [52308/23]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for the current estimate of funding required to meet demographic and unmet need in the disability sector; and if these figures have been adjusted for inflation. — Holly Cairns. [52335/23]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 192 of 4 October 2023; if the information sought can be provided as soon as possible (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [52345/23]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 439 of 21 November 2023, if he has made representations to his



counterparts in Britain and Northern Ireland in respect of ensuring that legislation to prohibit the practice of conversion therapy is sufficient to prevent persons from being sent to Northern Ireland to access such prohibited therapies. — Ivana Bacik. [52351/23]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 466 of 14 November 2023, the equivalent average cost per night in privately owned accommodation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52372/23]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details on the research commissioned by his Department to examine issues of concern relating to children aged under 16 years of age being able to access a gender recognition certificate and/or self-declare their gender; the person or company contracted to provide this research and the costs incurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52393/23]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost to implement a 12.5% increase across the board for youth funding schemes. — Pauline Tully. [52410/23]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of applications received to date in 2023 for respite care in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and the number of persons on a waiting list to get respite care service in the counties, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [52411/23]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of applications received to date in 2023 for respite care; and the number of persons on a waiting list to get respite care service. — Pauline Tully. [52412/23]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way the charter of accounts for core funding aligns with the practical and financial realities in the childcare sector, given the COA's complex requirements seem excessive, particularly for small providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [52413/23]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he has taken, or if he has plans to establish a single-entry point to children's disability services and child and adolescent mental health services for autistic and disabled children to ensure that children are no longer passed between services. — Pauline Tully. [52423/23]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he has taken, or if he has plans to liaise with third-level institutions to develop work placement schemes to attract staff to disability services. — Pauline Tully. [52424/23]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he has taken, or if he has plans to initiate a campaign in secondary schools targeting Leaving Certificate students to promote careers in disability services. — Pauline Tully. [52425/23]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he has taken, or if he has plans to engage with the relevant professional bodies representing speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, psychologists and nurses to inform a long-term strategy to address the staffing issues in disability services. — Pauline Tully. [52426/23]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he has taken, or if he has plans to rebalance the distribution of resources between staff working on assessments of need and staff implementing therapeutic supports. — Pauline Tully. [52427/23]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he has taken, or if he has plans to resolve pay parity issues for organisations who provide services under section 39 of the Health Act 2004; and the estimated cost of achieving pay parity issues for organisations who provide services under section 39 of the Health Act 2004. — Pauline Tully. [52428/23]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he has taken, or if he has plans to attract staff in disciplines relevant to disability services who have the right to work in Ireland to return by subsidising travel costs to return to Ireland; and the estimated cost of undertaking this measure. — Pauline Tully. [52429/23]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he has taken, or if he has plans to recognise the work of community groups who support autistic people by establishing a distinct funding stream to develop their work and to facilitate the establishment of new autism community groups across the country; and the estimated cost of undertaking this measure. — Pauline Tully. [52430/23]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he has taken, or if he has plans to develop opportunities for career progression within public disability services for professionals in areas such as occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, psychology; and the estimated cost of undertaking this measure. — Pauline Tully. [52431/23]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he has taken, or if he has plans to incentivise working within the public health sector to ensure that fewer professionals leave Ireland and that staff do not feel compelled to supplement their income by working in the private sector; and the estimated cost of undertaking this measure. — Pauline Tully. [52432/23]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he has taken, or if he has plans to ensure that public sector health workers are satisfied to work exclusively within the public health sector; and the estimated cost of undertaking this measure. — Pauline Tully. [52433/23]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he has taken, or if he has plans to roll out suitable autism training for all public health staff to ensure that they can engage with and meet the needs of the autistic community; and the estimated cost of undertaking this measure. — Pauline Tully. [52434/23]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he has taken, or if he has plans to develop clinical guidelines, along the lines of those developed by National Institute for Health and Care Excellence in the United Kingdom, for undertaking an autism assessment and ensure that they are adhered to by professionals within the public health sector and the private health sector. — Pauline Tully. [52435/23]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he has liaise with the Department of Education to adopt an approach which integrates

the school inclusion model and the children's disability network team model to ensure that in-school therapies are available along with community-based services for autistic people; and the estimated cost of undertaking this measure. — Pauline Tully. [52436/23]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he has taken or if he has plans to develop and enforce guidelines to ensure that interventions provided to autistic people and disabled people are evidence-based and rights-based. — Pauline Tully. [52437/23]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he has taken or if he has plans to provide adequate financial supports to families who access assessments and supports privately due to their unavailability in the public health system until such time as vacant positions within CDNTs have been filled; and the estimated cost of undertaking this measure. — Pauline Tully. [52438/23]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he has taken or if he has plans to increase the capacity within respite care across all community health organisations; and the estimated cost of undertaking this measure. — Pauline Tully. [52439/23]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the Government-approved National Site of Conscience on the site of the former Magdalene Laundry, Sean McDermott Street, Dublin; what stage the project is at; the estimated date for commencement of works and completion date; the funding that has been allocated to the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [52459/23]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of people in County Mayo currently in the direct provision system; to list the type of accommodation international protection applicants are being housed in; the length of time spent by international protection applicants in these accommodation types; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [52499/23]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number and location of each accommodation property for beneficiaries of temporary protection from Ukraine in County Mayo; the occupancy and contracted capacity of each centre and location in each of the approved accommodation categories, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [52500/23]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number and location of each accommodation property for international protection applicants in County Mayo; the occupancy and contracted capacity of each centre and location in each of the approved accommodation categories, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [52501/23]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons from Ukraine who are being provided with accommodation by the State per county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [52502/23]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of international protection applicants who are being provided with accommodation by the State per county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [52503/23]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of small, independent pre-schools that are struggling to meet the chart of accounts requirement in their core funding application due to high accountancy costs and limited time to complete their application by February 2024; the reason these accounts are needed; if late submissions will be accepted; if additional funding will be provided to assist small preschools with these additional costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [52522/23]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether his Department can provide a pathway for organisations such as (details supplied) to access funding for assistive technology and augmentative and alternative communication, as currently all applications for funding need to be submitted by the public team (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [52566/23]

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

\*547. To ask the Minister for Health if he would extend the pandemic payment eligibility criteria to cover all categories of Enable Ireland staff which were initially identified by the organisation as eligible for the pandemic payment. — Holly Cairns. [52336/23]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Health if he will advise on the proposed closure of mental health services, Ard Mhuire, Ballinasloe, County Galway and relocation to admissions unit attached to St. Brigid’s Campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [52458/23]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Health if there are personnel in his Department who could be classified as having a significant or exclusive focus of their role dedicated to dealing with integration; if so, to detail the title of the post; the grade level of that post; the core functions of that role; to provide details of the exact nature of their responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51827/23]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied) by grade, for University Hospital Limerick, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover.. — Maurice Quinlivan. [51836/23]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied) by grade, for CHO3, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Maurice Quinlivan. [51837/23]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied) by grade, for University Hospital Limerick, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Maurice Quinlivan. [51838/23]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied) by grade, for CHO3, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Maurice Quinlivan. [51839/23]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of a case (details supplied) regarding a waiting list for treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [51822/23]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the provision of menopause services, specifically the number of clinics available through the public health service; the contact details for each menopause clinic; the waiting times for a first appointment at a menopause clinic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51850/23]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of the memorandums CEO ref 09954 and 10166 of 2023, by grade for the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Chris Andrews. [51853/23]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of the memorandums CEO ref 09954 and 10166 of 2023, by grade for CHO5, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Chris Andrews. [51854/23]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of the memorandums CEO ref 09954 and 10166 of 2023, by grade for the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street, in tabular form; and the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate. — Chris Andrews. [51855/23]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of the memorandums CEO ref 09954 and 10166 of 2023, by grade for St. Vincent's University Hospital, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Chris Andrews. [51856/23]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of the memorandums CEO ref 09954 and 10166 of 2023, by grade for CHO5, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Chris Andrews. [51857/23]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of the memorandums CEO ref 09954 and 10166 of 2023 by grade for St. Vincent's University Hospital, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Chris Andrews. [51858/23]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Health if financial assistance is available to help with the purchase of braille devices; if so, the source and application process for such funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51860/23]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Health when the harm/benefit analysis of proposed animal experimentation projects are conducted, whether his Department considers the utility of the product to be tested on animals, or the utility of the product a component substance of which is to

be tested on animals, as a factor in that harm/benefit analysis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [51870/23]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Health if the drugs taskforce for the south east is operating with a full complement of staff; the level of funding allocated to the project for each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [51883/23]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite an appointment (details supplied) for a hip replacement in Cappagh Hospital as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51890/23]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Health if respite can be offered in a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51891/23]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Health the number of IVF-related patients accessing care in a HSE-associated healthcare setting in each of the years 2018 to 2023. — Ivana Bacik. [51892/23]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Health the number of attendances to the minor injury unit in Monaghan Hospital per month for 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51898/23]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Health if a child in County Kerry (details supplied) will be reassessed by CAMHS for ADHD following the submission of an assessment confirming ADHD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51905/23]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Health what plans and policies are in place to ensure the continuation of the dermatology services in Sligo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [51908/23]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Health what plans and policies are in place to ensure the continuation of the dermatology services in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [51909/23]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a surgery referral for a person (details supplied). — Seán Canney. [51919/23]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of people employed full time, part time and as contractors by the HSE in each year from establishment to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51924/23]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the ongoing works at Raheen Community Hospital, County Clare; the reason these works preclude the provision of palliative care at the facility; when the works commenced; when the works are scheduled to conclude; how many palliative beds will be operational in the facility at the conclusion of said works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [51949/23]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons behind the discontinuation of funding for a project (details supplied), facilitated by the HSE and the Clondalkin drugs and alcohol task force; what measures are being taken to ensure the continued support of the vulnerable community members previously served by this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [51957/23]



\*576. To ask the Minister for Health he will engage with an organisation (details supplied) to find out the number of complaints made in the years 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the number of complaints the PPC advised of no further action; the number of complaints referred to mediation or inquiry, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [51961/23]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Health the last time his Department engaged with an organisation (details supplied); to whom the organisation reports, as an agency of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [51962/23]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Health whether a risk assessment was conducted prior to the decision to freeze recruitment in the HSE. — Holly Cairns. [51963/23]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the current outstanding staffing need which has been identified in CHO4. — Holly Cairns. [51964/23]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of Freedom of Information requests submitted to his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023; the total number of such requests that were rejected in their entirety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51975/23]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the current HSE recruitment freeze was extended to all HSE staff except consultants, doctors in training and 2023 graduate nurses and midwives (details supplied); his plans to reverse the recruitment freeze; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [51994/23]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients recorded on trolleys at each public hospital in the State in the period from January to September 2023 and for the same period in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52005/23]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Health if the provision of an osteoporosis medication (details supplied) for the Irish market will be examined and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52008/23]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce a GP-led model of care for transgender people, based on informed consent; his views on the current practice by the National Gender Service which advises GPs not to administer blood tests to transgender patients who are self-medicating; his plans to reduce the waiting list for assessment at the National Gender Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [52010/23]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Health the funding that was provided to the National Maternity Strategy in 2023; the level of funding sought by the HSE National Women and Infants Health Programme for the National Maternity Strategy in 2023; if he expects the €43.6 million required to implement the strategy by 2026 to be provided in full and the level provided to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52025/23]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Health the meetings held by his officials from assistant principal level upwards with representatives of the food industry in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the dates, attendees and matters that were discussed at each meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52026/23]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Health the meetings held by his officials from assistant principal-level upwards with representatives of the tobacco and nicotine inhaling products industry in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the dates, attendees and matters that were discussed at each meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52027/23]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who, having been referred to Croom Orthopaedic Hospital, Limerick by their GP for an appointment regarding an injury to their ankle, has yet to receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [52072/23]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Health if he has evaluated the dexcom diabetes treatment pillars, which have been submitted for consideration by the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he is in a position to put them into action. — Richard Bruton. [52073/23]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Health if a place in a facility will be expedited for a person (details supplied) following discharge from Cavan General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52074/23]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Health if he has appointed a rare disease liaison within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [52093/23]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the formulation of an updated national rare disease plan; if the plan will be published within the lifetime of this Government as per the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [52094/23]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Health to publish the number of unimplemented actions from the National Rare Disease Plan 2014-2018; to outline each unimplemented action, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [52095/23]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Health how his Department in reviewing the unimplemented actions of the National Rare Disease Plan 2014-2018; whether he intends to publish this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [52096/23]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to support the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) (Amendment) Bill 2021 to provide for a dedicated pathway for the reimbursement of orphan medicinal products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [52097/23]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Health his views on an indicator survey (details supplied) showing Irish patients are waiting an average of 877 days to access EMA-approved orphan medicinal products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [52098/23]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the next steps of a working group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [52099/23]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether legislative change is required to improve Ireland's reimbursement system for orphan medicinal products. — John Paul Phelan. [52100/23]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Health if he supports interim access reimbursement models which allow early access to rare and ultra-rare disease medicines, as utilised in Scotland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [52101/23]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE recruitment freeze exemptions will also cover CDNT managers; if not, why not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [52103/23]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the provision of a Parkinson's nurse specialist for Waterford and Tipperary University Hospitals, following a funding allocation under Budget 2023 for the provision of 22 neurologist speciality nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [52110/23]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Health what measures he is taking to ensure that children who require treatment from a paediatric orthopaedic consultant in Temple Street will get the treatment they require; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [52113/23]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider widening the eligibility for further covid-19 vaccines to more age groups; if he will consider reinstating PCR testing for covid-19; what steps he will take to ensure there is better data on the prevalence of covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [52115/23]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Health if he expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied) to see a physiotherapist in Cavan General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52120/23]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52123/23]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Health how many people are currently participating in the fair deal scheme, and how many of them are in receipt of rental income on their main home/principal residence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [52128/23]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the timeline for the publication of the new palliative care policy for adults, which it is intended to revise and update the guidelines set in the 2001 Report of the National Advisory Committee on Palliative Care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [52130/23]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a primary medical certificate appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52137/23]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) was informed in Drogheda Hospital that a physiotherapist would treat them in Ballyjamesduff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52143/23]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Health the total costs incurred by his Department arising from the placing of advertisements with the national broadcaster, RTÉ, in any format, for each of the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52166/23]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Health the current status on the draft National Rare Disease Plan for the period post 2018; when this plan will be published; the reason for the delay in publishing the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [52176/23]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the progress to date on each of the recommendations in the National Rare Disease Plan for Ireland 2014 - 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [52177/23]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to fund the 18 European rare disease reference networks that involve Irish clinicians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [52178/23]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue by organisations (details supplied) from 2020 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52193/23]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Health what facilities two-week respite is provided on an annual basis to carers in the home; what the waiting time is for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52203/23]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) who suffers from ADHD has been declined a long-term illness card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [52215/23]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Health if PCR testing centres or free PCR tests will be made available to the public given a recent uptick in infections and hospital admissions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [52217/23]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown in tabular form of the number of private nursing homes by county owned by domestic and international private investment firms, respectively; the names of each investment group; and the number of years of ownership of each nursing home. — Peadar Tóibín. [52221/23]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Health if the national school dental service has ceased in Counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52227/23]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department is seeing an increase in reports of rodents, mainly rats, causing concerns for health in towns and villages nationwide; what his Department is doing with other Departments to combat this problem; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52231/23]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 791 of 1 February 2022, if he will provide an update on his plans to promote and advertise the use of the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive scheme to help alleviate waiting lists for medical procedures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52240/23]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff currently employed in CAMHS in the Cavan-Monaghan mental health service; the funding allocated to CAMHS in the Cavan-

Monaghan mental health service for 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52257/23]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a group of workers (details supplied) who work with a private service provider providing residential services to persons with additional needs and funded through Section 39 have been deemed ineligible for the pandemic special recognition payment; how the decision is consistent with the fact that workers, for example who work for private providers in the nursing home sector are eligible for the payment; if he will review this policy issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [52269/23]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of a problem that some psychotherapists and psychologists are facing whereby they cannot get appropriate rooms or space to run their services to meet the demand (details supplied); if he will address this issue to aid the reduction of waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [52290/23]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Health when the freeze of a GP's panel will be lifted to allow patients to transfer to and from the GP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [52317/23]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Health if he will comment on the implementation plan of a review (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [52344/23]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish the most recent performance profile for 2023 to date for the acute hospitals network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [52346/23]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Health if he will comment on the use of private bed capacity as a surge measure for a hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [52347/23]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Health if he will comment on the implementation of a plan in a hospital group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [52348/23]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the members of a board and their credentials (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [52349/23]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is an embargo on recruitment in the HSE coming into the worst time of the year, given that in University Hospital Limerick last Christmas, many lives were lost due to staff shortages; will this be the same this Christmas; if this is due to a budget deficit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [52377/23]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the rates of refund allowed for specialised spectacles for children in CHO 2 has been reduced, as this cutback is having a big impact on parents of low income whose children require expensive specialised spectacles; the amount of the savings that these cutbacks will accrue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [52378/23]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a surgery appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [52390/23]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in completing the development of the primary care centre in Ballyhaunis, County Mayo; the reason the development on the project has ceased, given it was due to be operational in 2021; the person or body responsible for the delay; the steps the HSE is taking to recommence building works; at what stage are negotiations between the HSE, the main contractor and sub-contractor; when building works will recommence on this project; if there is an update on the completion date; and if he will provide a copy of the building contracts. — Peadar Tóibín. [52392/23]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider increasing accessibility to adult ADHD support services by allowing for a more inclusive diagnostic process (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [52398/23]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Health the additional funding provided for mental health services in Budget 2023 and Budget 2024, broken down by ELS and ‘new measure’, in tabular form; and to provide a detailed breakdown of the status of each of the measures announced. — Pauline Tully. [52405/23]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE child psychologists in CHO1 based in Cavan and Monaghan in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [52406/23]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people availing of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) via the public system since the programme was established, by clinic and year, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [52407/23]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who died from sepsis within Ireland in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [52408/23]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Health if the service that is provided to a person could be reviewed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52449/23]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will give consideration to introducing primary medical certificates to all individuals with physical disabilities (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52451/23]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not received a pension from the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52463/23]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated number of relevant healthcare premises as defined in the Safe Access Zones Bill 2023 which will be designated as safe access zones upon the enactment of the legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [52472/23]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Health the total expenditure spent on the legislative review process of the Health (Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; the amount spent on contracts,



research expenses, reimbursements and all other possible categories from 2021 to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [52475/23]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of contracts for the provision of termination of pregnancy services issued in each of the years from 2019 to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [52476/23]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 661 of 20 June 2023, if he will request the HSE issue a response to the question (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [52477/23]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade for Tallaght Hospital, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts and the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence or leave cover. — Mark Ward. [52481/23]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied) by grade for CHO7, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts and the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Mark Ward. [52482/23]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade for Tallaght Hospital, in tabular form; and the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate. — Mark Ward. [52483/23]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade for CHO7 in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Mark Ward. [52484/23]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Health when payments will issue for services provided to the HSE by a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [52493/23]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an account of developments in mental health services in County Tipperary in 2023 in comparison with the existing services in 2022; the planned developments for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [52508/23]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Health if he informed the Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform about correspondence he received from the HSE CEO expressing his concerns about the health budget allocation, ahead of Budget 2024; if this correspondence was emailed or otherwise sent to the Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform or his officials; if so, the date on which this was done; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52519/23]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in publishing the Health Budget Oversight Group minutes for August and September 2023; the date on which these will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52520/23]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the recruitment of staff for the new Boot Road, primary care centre in Clondalkin; the breakdown of the staff to be recruited, by WTE; if the HSE recruitment embargo will impact on this recruitment if staff will be in place for the opening of the centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [52523/23]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a job evaluation for support workers in Section 38 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [52532/23]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE recruitment freeze will extend to the recruitment of staff intended for the planned delivery of a neurorehabilitation centre for CH06 (details supplied); if not, the progress in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [52542/23]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Health whether play therapists registered with IPTA could be added to the list of professions examined by CORU. — Holly Cairns. [52567/23]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of the cost of completion of the new Boot Road primary care centre in Clondalkin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [52572/23]

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

\*660. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are personnel in his Department who could be classified as having a significant or exclusive focus of their role dedicated to dealing with integration; if so, to detail the title of the post; the grade level of that post; the core functions of that role; to provide details of the exact nature of their responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51826/23]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total number of Freedom of Information requests submitted to his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023; the total number of such requests that were rejected in their entirety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51974/23]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to a debate in Dáil Éireann (details supplied), if any review of the requirement to pass the Ishihara colour vision test has taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51989/23]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total quantum of Department funding provided to MTU to develop a new 1,200-seater arena; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [51998/23]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how he intends to differentiate future capital funding to ensure that SETU receives the combined capital streams that are presently divided in other regions between the National University and the technological university where each region obviously derives greater benefit from the

quantum of funding combined (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [51999/23]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 43 of 14 November 2023, if he will provide the total expenditure on research partnerships, arrangements or any other joint work that was entered into in the years 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [52017/23]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 43 of 14 November 2023, if he will provide the total expenditure on research partnerships, arrangements or any other joint work that was entered into in the years 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [52017/23]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total costs incurred by his Department arising from the placing of advertisements with the national broadcaster, RTÉ, in any format, for each of the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52165/23]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue by organisations (details supplied) from 2020 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52192/23]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his officials have begun the work to bring forward options to use the NTF surplus to address the urgent national skills needs (details supplied); the relevant acts and sections therein related to the NTF which need to be amended to enable the release of the funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [52259/23]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 349 of 21 November 2023, if a response will issue to the point referenced by that Minister. — Sean Sherlock. [52326/23]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 349 of 21 November 2023 (details supplied), to confirm that those attending the National Learning Network whose previous social protection payments like disability allowance and fuel allowance are now paid by the training provider; that they will receive the Budget 2024 once-off cost of living payments being paid to those in receipt of disability allowance and fuel allowance; the number of recipients there are; if he is aware of the difficulties last year in making these payments; what action he has taken to address this matter; if he will ensure there is no disincentive to taking up training and educational opportunities for those with disabilities where they miss out on once-off payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [52371/23]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he had any discussions with HEIs in relation to their adoption of an employment charter (details supplied); if he will support as many HEIs as possible signing up to the charter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [52414/23]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to clarify who are the recognised worker and employer representative bodies for the purposes of sectoral bargaining in the university sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [52509/23]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the potential for a sectoral employment order for researchers in third level institutions as a means of addressing precarious work conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [52510/23]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what avenues are available to student nurses who feel they have been unfairly treated on placement; and what appeal mechanisms are in place for student nurses who wish to contest the grading of their placement. — Holly Cairns. [52564/23]

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

\*676. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when a decision will be announced in respect of a programme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [51873/23]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total number of Freedom of Information requests submitted to her Department in 2022 and to date in 2023; the total number of such requests that were rejected in their entirety; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51979/23]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total costs incurred by her Department arising from the placing of advertisements with the national broadcaster, RTÉ, in any format, for each of the years 2016 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52170/23]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department, or any body under the aegis of her Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue by organisations (details supplied) from 2020 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52197/23]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there are any current open funds for women's shed projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [52218/23]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there are funding schemes provided by her Department that can support the establishment of local arts centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [52285/23]