



# **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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

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

1. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the estimated cost of providing private security onboard public transport since 2018; if his Department plans to introduce increased security measures on public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [53038/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on further expansion of Dublin Airport, such as the lifting of the passenger cap and the growth in flights by private jets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [53114/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on road safety measures being considered and implemented, including a reduction in speed limits. — Martin Kenny. [53039/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will seek the consent of the EU Commission to restrict the sale of all new cars on Irish roads without advanced driver-assistance systems technologies that assist drivers in driving and parking functions, and as a result dramatically reduce road traffic accidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51465/23]

**CEISTEANNA EILE**  
**OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

5. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will seek to have the N22 Macroom to Ballincollig project added to the National Development Plan, and if he will seek to have the project progressed at the earliest possible date; if he recognises the need for this project to enhance the southwest economic corridor from Tralee to Cork; if he is aware of the loss of life and serious injury on this section of road in recent years; if he will provide an update on these statistics; if he will update on the projected loss of life and serious injury in the event of this project not going ahead (as communicated to the Minister previously by TII); if he believes this is an acceptable level of injury and loss of life; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52859/23]

6. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 35 of 5 October 2023, the status of the roll out of park-and-ride in Galway city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52832/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will commit to progressing the N22 Farranfore to Lissivigeen (Killarney Bypass) project at the earliest possible date; if he recognises the need for this project to enhance the southwest economic corridor from Tralee to Cork; if he is aware of the loss of life and serious injury on this section of road in recent years; if he will provide an update on these statistics; if he will update on the projected loss of life and serious injury in the event of this project not going ahead (as communicated to the Minister previously by TII); if he believes this is an acceptable level of injury and loss of life; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52858/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has considered instructing driving tests to be completed on weekends as well as weekdays to reduce significant waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [52814/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the Western Rail Corridor; the consideration he has given to carrying out a detailed engineering and track survey of the rail line from Claremorris to Collooney; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [52785/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he will take to ensure the security of transport workers following the attacks on public transport in Dublin city centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52851/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the difficulties with the access and the underground car park at Clongriffin, which is a vital hub in the new public transport strategy for Dublin, and if he would convene the key stakeholders to seek to broker a solution. — Richard Bruton. [52816/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is satisfied with the roll-out of phase 5b of BusConnects; what improvements can be made to the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52850/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which it might be possible to ensure the availability of extra carriages to meet commuter demands affecting the towns of Kilcock, Maynooth, Leixlip, Confey and Celbridge, Hazelhatch, Sallins and Newbridge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52780/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will carry out a review into the operation of rented taxi plates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [52841/23]

15. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is confident that his Department will use all of the allocated funding for capital projects this year; if he is concerned over the underspend of €200m in the first half of this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [52773/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has been contacted regarding the provision of funding for the east west link road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52023/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on either extending the existing rail service to Youghal, County Cork or putting in place a bus rapid transit service alongside the Midleton

to Youghal Greenway route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [52692/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions he has taken to speed up driver testing in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [52805/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on BusConnects Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [52125/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position on the roll out of the new national fare structure for County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [52770/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made in relation to the All-Ireland Strategic Rail Review; when it is intended to publish the final report; if, in light of the absence of an executive in Northern Ireland, he intends implementing immediately the proposals that are totally within this jurisdiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [52622/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is in receipt of a funding application from Cork County Council to repair local bridges damaged by recent flooding as a result of Storm Babet; when he expects to be in a position to make a decision on the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [51886/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the southern relief road in Carlow. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [52621/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on progress towards meeting the transport emissions reduction targets under the Climate Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52853/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a review into the regional airports programme with respect to Shannon Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [52882/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to upgrade bus services across mid-Cork including Macroom to Cork, Macroom to Bandon and other local services based around Macroom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [52771/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the concern in relation to the deteriorating public bus services in County Meath; his plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [52788/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Transport when he expects to conclude a review of the regional airports programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [52618/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Transport to ensure that when a coroner makes a recommendation to Transport Infrastructure Ireland and a local authority to conduct a safety review following fatalities, that such a review takes place and safety measures are implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [52786/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Transport if timetable estimates have been carried out by Irish Rail or the National Transport Authority in relation to the possible impact on enterprise train services between Belfast and Dublin of the DART + Coastal North plans; if not, to outline the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [52751/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on progress with regard to electrification of the rail network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [52876/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is considering making further funding available in 2024 to progress the N2 Ardee to Carrickmacross route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [52752/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Transport what guidance was given to him from either the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth or the Minister of State with responsibility for Disability regarding the implementation of the UNCRPD and consultation with DPRO's; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [52806/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress to date to expand public transport provision in County Meath, in particular the Navan rail line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [52787/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the progress of the northern distributor road; the amount of funding that will be allocated in 2024 to progress the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [52473/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is concerned at the impact that lifting the passenger cap at Dublin Airport would have on local residents, including noise pollution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52854/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Transport what action his Department is taking to deal with recruitment and retention challenges of bus drivers in the bus service, given the ongoing capacity issues across services nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [52789/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on reports that Dublin Bus live timetables are often inaccurate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [52815/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the specific measures he is taking to comply with the EU and UN target is to halve the number of road deaths by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51464/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the realignment works proposed for the New Mills section of the N71 near Owenahincha Cross; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [52608/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 69 of 5 October 2023, the status of the feasibility study on light rail in Galway, which is being undertaken as part of the development of the Galway Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy; the details of the engagement between the National Transport Authority and local groups in the development of the

draft strategy, and in particular the feasibility study on light rail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52833/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department intends to implement the recommendations of the All-Ireland Strategic Rail Review Report published this summer; the next steps following the publication of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [52081/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide funding to address motorway exit lanes and joining lanes which are excessively short in nature or constructed at severe angles which compromise driver safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [52619/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Transport in view of the concerns of commuters about delays occurring at peak times in accessing buses, if 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. [52772/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Transport for a progress update on the proposed extension of the southern relief road in Bandon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [52609/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with his EU counterparts on restricting the sale of vehicles in the EU with advanced driver-assistance systems (ADAS) technologies that assist drivers in driving and parking functions, which can dramatically reduce road traffic accidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51460/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on a road project (details supplied); when it will move to the next gate of the public spending code; if he will fast track the project following on from the Cabinet approval of the fast-tracking of the Adare bypass; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [52880/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an overview of the timelines for the implementation of the pathfinder sustainable transport and mobility projects; if an interim evaluation of project timeline progress is complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [52498/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Transport his views with respect to the decision of the National Transport Authority to upgrade the Ennis town bus service timeline to red; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [52883/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on engagements with DAA with regard to noise abatement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [52877/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the All-Ireland Strategic Rail Review and the impact of the Western Rail Corridor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [52774/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Transport the specific actions that are being undertaken to achieve the Climate Action Plan target of reducing vehicle kilometres on Irish roads by 20% by 2030; to outline the key milestones in achieving this target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [52861/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with Transport Infrastructure Ireland and local authorities with regard to the provision of road markings on non-national roads to ensure that they can meet the requirements of advanced driver-assistance systems (ADAS) technologies which are being rolled out by vehicle manufacturers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51462/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Transport the total funding provided in 2023 for the non-national road network; if he will ensure that increased funding will be provided for this road network in 2024 due to the need for an increased investment in these roads in areas such as counties Cavan and Monaghan, and also taking into account the substantial increase in costs of road maintenance and road construction over recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52777/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the funding for the re-development of rail lines, particularly the Navan line in conjunction with Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform. — Niamh Smyth. [52022/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on lifting the cap on passenger numbers at Dublin Airport, given commitments made under the Climate Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52852/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on public transport projects in Cork (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [52881/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the progression of the Dublin MetroLink; the costs incurred on the project to date; and the planned completion date. — Peadar Tóibín. [52080/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Transport if he had any discussions with the National Transport Authority to increase the number of agents selling the student Leap card, to ensure every county has at least one provider; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51990/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Transport his engagement with the Road Safety Authority on the introduction of legislation and or regulations to reduce road traffic accidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51461/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends sanctioning money immediately, as happened with the Limerick to Foynes line, to reopen the rail line from Athenry to Claremorris; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [52623/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan in County Carlow; and the date on which all bus routes under the plan will be up and running in the county. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [52620/23]



63. To ask the Minister for Transport when the regulations for e-bikes and scooters will be completed; how it is intended to monitor the 25 kmph speed limit, which is to be the threshold for tax and insurance, where the capacity of many of the items in use seem to be able to exceed such thresholds. — Richard Bruton. [52811/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the Mallow relief road; the level of funding that will be allocated in 2024 considering only €100,000 was allocated in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [52474/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the projected increase or reduction in the number of private vehicles on Irish roads between 2024 and 2030; the policies to support the growth or reduction in the number of private vehicles and kilometres driven; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [52860/23]

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

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

66. To ask the Minister for Education the total number of teacher training places available for the year 2023-2024; and how many are provided by public colleges and how many by the private sector. — Sorca Clarke. [52533/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Education the actions she is taking to alleviate the teacher supply shortage across Irish education in light of a recent survey (details supplied). — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [52296/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Education the status of her Department’s plans to develop a new school campus for a school (details supplied); and the extent of engagement she has had with stakeholders in relation to the campus. — Martin Kenny. [52513/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Education her priorities, and those of her Department, when considering her call for mobile phones to be banned in primary schools. — Gary Gannon. [53100/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Education in relation to school funding, when the minor works scheme payment will be made to schools for the current school year. — Sorca Clarke. [52534/23]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

71. To ask the Minister for Education the steps being taken by the staff in her Department to have the new building for a school (details supplied) advanced. — Brian Stanley. [52314/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the recent circular on domestic violence leave for teachers and special needs assistants; how this leave will operate in reality in school communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52662/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Education when a school application will be approved (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52741/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Education when her Department expects to complete the assessment of the additional accommodation scheme application from a school (details supplied); what steps she can take to ensure the additional accommodation is promptly delivered; and what steps she can take to ensure the return to use of the hall as a community space. — Patrick Costello. [52938/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Education when she expects works on a new building for a school (details supplied) will commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [52579/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she will take to address the high level of vacant teaching posts at primary and secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52820/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Education if plans are in place to provide an ASD room to a school (details supplied) that requires such an addition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [52750/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Education the measures her Department has in place to end the practice of non-fee-paying schools linking the payment of a fee with the acceptance of an enrolment place. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [52250/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to ensure that the development of new schools supports the national planning framework objectives of compact growth and reducing urban sprawl; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [52871/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that are being taken to address teacher recruitment issues in primary and post-primary schools; what actions are being taken to recognise foreign-based qualifications of teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [52733/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Education when she met with teacher unions to discuss the report proposing the introduction of a teacher relocation scheme from a working group established by one of the teacher unions. — Robert Troy. [50140/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the additional allocation for curricular reforms, including funding for the accelerated roll out of the senior cycle redevelopment programme and the delivery of additional physical activity initiatives in schools that she announced as part of Budget 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [52747/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a map of the catchment area for a school (details supplied), given that a number of local residents have been unable to get places in the school despite living in close proximity to the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52862/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on delays in capital building projects within her Department impacting County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [52776/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the shortage of second-level school places in Wicklow for the 2024-2025 academic year; the steps being taken to resolve these issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [52479/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the national recruitment campaign for special education needs organisers as part of the ongoing expansion of the National Council for Special Education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [52734/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Education the degree to which she and her Department continues to upgrade, replace and improve schools in the primary and second level in Kildare, an area of rapid population growth and throughout the country; the extent to which the current building programme is succeeding in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52782/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the number of special education needs organiser posts not being filled across the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [52659/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Education if she has plans for the establishment of a special national school for pupils aged four to eighteen years in County Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [52846/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department is currently reviewing the content, cost and duration of the Professional Master of Education. — Sorca Clarke. [52535/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 143 of 16 November 2023, to outline her Department's current specific projections of annual demand for second level school places in the Midleton and Carrigtwohill school planning area for each respective year from 2024 to 2028 inclusive; the specific projected demand for non-denominational second level school places during the same period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [52810/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the targets for reducing scope 3 emissions in Irish schools; the actions required to achieve these targets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [52870/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Education to report on her Department's initiatives to support Traveller children to remain in school and in education; the current situation with respect to so called "reduced timetables" for Traveller children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [52839/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the training teachers who work in special educational needs classes receive. — Gary Gannon. [52826/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the delays in the construction plans for a new building in a school (details supplied); the knock-on implications on the shortfall in secondary school places in the wider Greystones area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [51704/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Education what action her Department is taking to deal with recruitment challenges of bus drivers under the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [52791/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Education when the secretaries grant will be received by schools. — Gary Gannon. [52827/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Education when a three-classroom extension project at a special school (details supplied) in County Cork will progress; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [52739/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the pathway to intervention services for ‘at-risk’ pupils attending DEIS schools in Mayo who require access to the School Completion Programme, a central element of the DEIS plan, but who are unable to access the local interventions provided by the SCP due to issues around staffing levels and governance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [52842/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the lack of post-primary school places for feeder schools in Dublin mid-west; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [52807/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Education the level of digital support is offered to special education classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [52775/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the new approach to the promotion of the transfer of patronage of schools which her Department has adopted; and if she will outline the key milestones that it is intended to reach in the next three years. — Richard Bruton. [52817/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Education if she has liaised with the Department on Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to the accommodation crisis for teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52823/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Education what actions her Department is taking to tackle teacher shortages at primary and secondary level. — Gary Gannon. [52830/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Education the number of concessionary students, by county, who are still without transport this year, who would have previously availed of it in past years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [52065/23]

106. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the solar for schools’ scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [52874/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Education if she will sanction an additional autism class at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [52578/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the provision of ASD classes in County Carlow; specifically, the provision of an ASD class in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [52732/23]

109. To ask the Minister for Education to report on the review of the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [52845/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Education if she supports significantly increasing teachers' pay to address teacher shortages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52824/23]

111. To ask the Minister for Education her Department's correspondence with Bus Éireann in relation to the decision to not allow bus drivers over the age of 70 to drive school routes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [52808/23]

112. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she is working to ensure that every child has a school place at primary and second level in Kildare north, an area of rapid population growth and throughout the country at large, including children with special needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52781/23]

113. To ask the Minister for Education the progress that has been made on preparation for a Citizen's Assembly on Education, as provided for in the Programme for Government. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [52249/23]

114. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the recognition of foreign-based qualifications of teachers applying for teaching posts in Ireland; if the temporary application process for these teachers to apply to complete induction (Droichead) will be extended by the Teaching Council beyond 1 February 2024 to deal with the challenges in recruiting staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [52735/23]

115. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ICT grants awarded to secondary schools in County Donegal; the amount awarded; if any awards have been refunded; if so, what reasons have been given, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [52749/23]

116. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the pilot counselling services for specific schools; the increased provision of funding to continue these services for another year recently announced as part of Budget 2024; if this additional funding will provide for the continuation of services in the existing schools or if new schools will be included in the pilot; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [52872/23]

117. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the recently published guide for parents on Keeping Childhood Smartphone Free; the funding being provided by her Department to support this initiative in schools; her plans to tackle the use of smartphones in schools across the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52663/23]

118. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the counselling in primary schools pilot (CPS-P) 2023-2025 programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [52885/23]

119. To ask the Minister for Education how she plans to measure the effectiveness of drug and alcohol awareness programmes in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52813/23]

120. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to increase the availability of substitute teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52822/23]

121. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the proposed new buildings for a school (details supplied). — Sorca Clarke. [52536/23]

122. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the application to provide an ASD suite in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [49931/23]

123. To ask the Minister for Education what engagement she or her Department has had with post-primary schools in Galway with a view to implementing a common application system along the lines of the Limerick Area Post-Primary Schools Common Application System; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52863/23]

124. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the additional allocation for social inclusion measures, including enhancing the capacity of the Tusla education support services and additional educational welfare officer posts that she announced as part of Budget 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [52748/23]

125. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the delays in the construction plans for the extension to a school (details supplied); the knock-on implications on the shortfall in secondary school places in the wider Greystones area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [51705/23]

126. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on progress for the construction of a new building for a school (details supplied); and for this project to be accelerated due to the shortage of school places in the area. — Brian Stanley. [52313/23]

127. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the challenges currently facing the Irish education system; if she will directly address concerns on the recruiting and retaining of qualified teachers, particularly in subjects such as mathematics, science, and languages; if she will address concerns regarding the current educational inequalities in Ireland, particularly focusing on access to resources and opportunities for students from disadvantaged backgrounds and those with special educational needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [52693/23]

128. To ask the Minister for Education when DEIS schools will receive the ICT grant. — Gary Gannon. [52829/23]

129. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the need for education to take account of the curtailed nature of the existing site for a school (details supplied); the approved appropriate funding for the additional space that is required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [52661/23]

130. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to address the impact of teacher shortages on special education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52821/23]

131. To ask the Minister for Education what progress has been made in considering a report proposing the introduction of a teacher relocation scheme, submitted to her Department by a

teacher representative group (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50873/23]

132. To ask the Minister for Education the reason some DEIS schools have not received a library and librarian under the scheme, while some other DEIS schools have. — Gary Gannon. [52828/23]

133. To ask the Minister for Education the actions her Department will take to address teacher supply issues through an incentive scheme to partially refund future professional masters in education fees and additional upskilling teacher programmes for in demand subjects, announced as part of Budget 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [52873/23]

134. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the review into the schoolbook grant scheme for primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [52740/23]

135. To ask the Minister for Education what progress has been made to date by her Department in relation to the establishment of a transfer/relocation scheme for post-primary school teachers to stem the teacher retention crisis; to outline in detail her Department's plans going forward to address this issue; if engagement is taking place with stakeholders (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [52790/23]

136. To ask the Minister for Education if measures to incentivise and assist workers to re-skill and upskill as teachers are being considered, if financial and logistical barriers have been considered, what proposals she has in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52812/23]

137. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the DEIS status of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [52884/23]

138. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on engagements with schools and parents groups on banning smart phones in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [52875/23]

139. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the school building programme in County Cork; if she is satisfied with its progress to-date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [52658/23]

140. To ask the Minister for Education the steps her Department has taken to increase the number of Gaelscoileanna in the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [52064/23]

141. To ask the Minister for Education the steps her Department is taking in relation to the establishment of a Citizens' Assembly on Education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [52496/23]

142. To ask the Minister for Education if the forward planning section has assessed the need for additional school places in east Waterford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [52495/23]

143. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to take new initiatives to promote the understanding of biodiversity in education programmes, both within and outside the curriculum. — Richard Bruton. [52818/23]

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

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

144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he condemns the actions of Israel in Gaza that have resulted in the deaths of thousands of innocent civilians. — Matt Carthy. [53017/23]

145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he and his Department have taken to date to secure the release of Irish citizens in Gaza and those being held hostage by Hamas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [50659/23]

146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he proposes to take any measures such as diplomatic, economic, trade, legal or political against the Israeli government in response to the ongoing breaches of international law by the state of Israel. — Matt Carthy. [53018/23]

147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs in view of the devastating consequences of the ongoing conflict in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories, if he believes that a two state solution is still possible; the steps he is taking towards this; if he will instruct Ireland's representative at the United Nations to initiate a uniting for peace initiative to discuss a permanent and sustainable ceasefire and the lifting of the blockade on Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [52894/23]

148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if there is a viable method to establish a same-day passport service in Cork county/city, mirroring the existing service accessibility found in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [50454/23]

### CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to outline in detail what steps the Government is taking to strengthen trade and diplomatic ties with European Union member states in light of recent global political developments. — Colm Burke. [49713/23]

150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the situation in Lough Neagh; and if consideration could be given to utilising the resources of the Shared Island Initiative to alleviate this situation. — Sean Sherlock. [41665/23]

151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what measures are being taken to ensure exit from Gaza for Irish citizens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [50213/23]



152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what efforts his Department is making to ensure the safe passage of Irish citizens from Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [49932/23]

153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update regarding his engagements with EU Foreign Affairs Ministers in relation to the urgent need for a humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [50163/23]

154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for a report on his attendance at the EU Foreign Affairs Council in Kyiv; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [50241/23]

155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is aware of the memorandum of understanding between the European Commission and Egypt at the Mediterranean Gas Forum; if he is further aware that this does not include a clause to exclude occupied Palestinian land which contravenes Irish and EU policy that all agreements with Israel should be explicitly inapplicable to territories occupied by Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [52803/23]

156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the effort he is making to secure a ceasefire in Israel’s ongoing offensive in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [50156/23]

157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the recent engagements he has had with US government representatives regarding the Israeli bombardment of Gaza; to what extent these discussions were about a roadmap to ceasefire in which US support would be crucial; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [49936/23]

158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs how many Irish citizens remain in Gaza, and to comment on the delay in evacuating Irish citizens across the Rafah border; what action is being taken to secure their safe passage; what actions are being taken to ensure humanitarian aid is reaching those effected in the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [50161/23]

159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs how Ireland is working with Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia and to support their reform efforts on their paths to membership of the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [50238/23]

160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what efforts he is making to help optimise the EU’s support for Ukraine against the invasion of that country by Russia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50271/23]

161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is confident that the European Union’s support for Ukraine’s independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity will be maintained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [49943/23]

162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs how he is working to ensure that Ukraine has the multi-faceted support required to ensure that Russia does not succeed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [50239/23]

163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on this engagement with his counterparts in the Israeli government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [50199/23]

164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to outline the countries for which his Department currently has a “Do not travel” security status in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [50204/23]

165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to outline the process for ensuring that all US military aircraft which pass through Shannon Airport are not carrying weapons or munitions of war. — Gary Gannon. [50253/23]

166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No.10 of 15 June 2023 where you stated that “the Government will “[h]onour our commitment to recognise the State of Palestine...[to] protect the integrity of Palestinian territory”, if the Government will now honour its commitment considering that the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights has stated that Israel’s plan to double the settler population in the occupied Syrian Golan by 2027 was unprecedented, and that 700,000 Israeli settlers are living illegally in the occupied West Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [50276/23]

167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what action is being taken to ensure that Russia and its leadership will be held fully accountable for waging a war of aggression against Ukraine and for other serious crimes under international law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [50066/23]

168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will expel the Israeli Ambassador in light of the war crimes being committed by the Israeli government in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [50265/23]

169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the relevant timelines regarding the initiation of a case to the European Court of Human Rights in the case of the so-called Legacy Bill adopted by the British parliament; if he has engaged with those individuals who have taken cases; and if Government intends to take an inter-state case on this issue. — Matt Carthy. [52835/23]

170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if, in light of yet more new evidence emerging regarding the 1973 killing of a person (details supplied), he will make the family’s desire for a public inquiry clear to the British government; the steps the Irish government is taking to aid the family in their quest for justice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [49807/23]

171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on any recent discussions he has had in relation to the restoration of the executive in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50269/23]

172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what international compacts are in development to regulate the impact of Artificial Intelligence on economic, social and political life within and beyond the EU; and how Ireland intends to participate in emerging new arrangements. — Richard Bruton. [50243/23]

173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the Irish passport redesign; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [50202/23]

174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what action Ireland is taking with European partners in relation to the full and effective implementation of sanctions on Russia and the prevention of their circumvention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [50056/23]

175. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline Ireland's humanitarian response to the situation in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [50198/23]

176. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of exemptions permitting the carriage of munitions of war on civil aircraft in Irish sovereign territory that have been granted to US military aircraft from 2022 to date; and the destination of each aircraft which has been provided an exemption. — Gary Gannon. [50255/23]

177. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what action Ireland is taking with European partners to counter false Russian narratives and disinformation about the war on Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [50055/23]

178. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs how Ireland can help achieve an end to the current wave of violence between Israelis and Palestinians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50272/23]

179. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what sanctions he is willing to impose on Israel in order to increase international political pressure on Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [49935/23]

180. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what action Ireland is taking with European partners in relation to further strengthening sanctions on Russia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [50240/23]

181. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has had any engagement with Iran in relation to its continued military support for Russia's war on Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [50162/23]

182. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide a report on his recent discussions with the Chinese Foreign Minister in relation to Russia's war on Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [49944/23]

183. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what discussions he has had with EU partners in relation to the establishment of a tribunal for the prosecution of the crime of aggression against Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [50067/23]

184. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the measures he and his Department are taking to bring about a call for a ceasefire in Palestine from other European States; the interactions he and the Department have had with their EU and Israeli counterparts to achieve this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [50207/23]

185. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his recent visit to China; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [50047/23]

186. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide a list of the ambassadors to Ireland that he has met with since he took office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [52083/23]

187. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide details of Ireland's climate financing; if this will be distinguished from the loss and damage fund to be discussed at COP28; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [52804/23]

188. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his recent engagements with the government of South Africa; and if he has sought to join their referral of the situation in Palestine to the International Criminal Court. — Matt Carthy. [52836/23]

189. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to the recent meeting of the Hungarian Prime Minister with the Russian President; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [49940/23]

190. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what actions his Department and the Government will take to bring about an end of the bombardment of Gaza by Israel; if sanctions are being considered; if the Occupied Territories Bill will be implemented; if the Government will recognise the state of Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [50208/23]

191. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the attention of his Department has been drawn to a case (details supplied); the steps that the Department has taken to assist the family in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [50002/23]

192. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he used his visit to China to request that the Chinese government use its influence with Russia to deliver an immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [49941/23]

193. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for a report on his support for the work of the International Criminal Court and his response to Russian attempts to undermine its international mandate and functioning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [49693/23]

194. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what action Ireland is taking with European partners in relation to Russia continuing to weaponise food and undermine global food security; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [50059/23]

195. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his Department's efforts to ensure that Irish citizens in Gaza can leave the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [49604/23]

196. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what action Ireland is taking with European partners to support the Republic of Moldova in addressing the challenges it faces as a

consequence of the Russian aggression against Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [50060/23]

197. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline Ireland's position on the recent crisis involving Armenians from Nagorno-Karabakh, and what steps he has taken in international fora, such as the EC and the UN, to seek to reverse the exodus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [50231/23]

198. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the direction his Department is giving to the Irish Embassy at the UN in relation to drafting of the pact for the future document for the UN summit of the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [52864/23]

199. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on passport provision to applicants from County Carlow to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [50035/23]

200. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs whether prospective new member states of the EU have made significant progress to date in reaching the milestones for membership; what changes in the operation of the EU are under consideration to accommodate wider membership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [50242/23]

201. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the level of humanitarian aid his Department is providing to citizens of Gaza; how much of that aid is getting through; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [49605/23]

202. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the attention of his Department has been drawn to a case (details supplied); the steps that the Department has taken to assist the family in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [50003/23]

203. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of US military aircraft that have refuelled in Shannon Airport to date in 2023; and the following destination for each aircraft. — Gary Gannon. [50254/23]

204. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he believes the actions of the Israeli government with regard to the onslaught in Gaza should be referred to the International Criminal Court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50268/23]

205. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he supports the State referring Israel to the International Criminal Court, as was previously done by Ireland in relation to Russia's invasion of Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [50266/23]

206. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he believes that the change of government in Slovakia could undermine European Union cohesion in relation to the war on Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [50117/23]

207. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for a report on his Department's Shared Island Civic Society Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50270/23]

208. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he proposes to open a new consulate in Australia. — Matt Carthy. [52838/23]

209. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to the outcome of the International Donors' Conference on humanitarian demining in Ukraine held in Zagreb on 11 and 12 October 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [49692/23]

210. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his engagement to date with his Westminster counterparts to finding a solution to the collapse of Stormont and the power sharing Executive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [50214/23]

211. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his Department's current preparatory plan for the UN Summit of the Future in 2024 in anticipation of the outcome document Pact for the Future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [49759/23]

212. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his most recent visit to Israel/Palestine; if he made a request to visit Gaza; if any such request was granted or refused; the reasons given for any refusal; the reason he did not visit Gaza on this trip; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52856/23]

213. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland condemns the Israeli response in the Gaza Strip to 7 October 2023 attacks by Hamas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [50232/23]

214. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagements he has had with his European counterparts in relation to the ongoing conflict and humanitarian crisis in Sudan. — Matt Carthy. [52834/23]

215. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he could provide an update on the current situation in Gaza; and the actions the Irish Government is taking at both EU and UN levels to contribute to a resolution of the ongoing issues in the region. — Alan Dillon. [50222/23]

216. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what efforts he has made with the Israeli government to end the onslaught in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50267/23]

217. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what measures are being taken to support Ukraine's repair, recovery and reconstruction, in coordination with international partners, and specifically in relation to the demining process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [49938/23]

218. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the action he is taking in relation to diplomatic outreach efforts and cooperation with Ukraine and other countries to ensure the widest possible international support for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace on the basis of the key principles and objectives of Ukraine's Peace Formula; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [49937/23]

219. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to call for a comprehensive international arms embargo to be placed on Israel; the details of any engagement

he has had at EU and UN level in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50113/23]

220. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to report on future plans for Global Ireland, Ireland's Strategy for the US and Canada 2019 – 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [50197/23]

221. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which, unilaterally or through the aegis of the EU/UN, he continues to influence the situation in the Middle East, with particular reference to the setting up of a permanent peace process to which Israeli and Palestinians can refer their grievances on a regular basis in order to prevent the recurrences of events such as 7 October 2023 and subsequent retaliation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50219/23]

222. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if, after receiving legal advice from the Attorney General, the Government will initiate an interstate case at the European Court of Human Rights to test the compatibility of the British Legacy Act with the European Convention on Human Rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [52124/23]

223. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the position of Ireland in relation to a long-term solution to ongoing conflict between Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [50048/23]

224. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the proposed timeline to honour the Government commitment to recognise the state of Palestine. — Matt Carthy. [52837/23]

225. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on the ongoing efforts to support Irish citizens who are currently undocumented in the United States; if discussions have been held with the Biden administration regarding measures to address this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [50221/23]

226. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has had any discussions with EU partners on how any extraordinary revenues held by private entities stemming directly from Russia's immobilised assets could be directed to support Ukraine and its recovery and reconstruction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [49963/23]

227. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs in light of the recent EU Council, his Department's work on ensuring that water, food, fuel and medical supplies are being provided to the people in Gaza as part of a unified international humanitarian response; that any fuel assistance provided not be abused by Hamas, and that Irish citizens in Gaza are brought home safely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [49760/23]

228. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what action Ireland is taking in relation to Russia's unlawful deportation and transfer to Russia of Ukrainian children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [50036/23]

229. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is aware of the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Pakistan as a result of the decision of the Government of Pakistan to deport 1.7 million Afghan refugees, many of whom face persecution in Afghanistan; the action he has taken to date to highlight this issue; if he has made contact with the Pakistan authorities to set out

his concerns on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [48922/23]

230. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 58 of 16 November 23, and in relation to the record number of 182 exemptions which were provided in October, how many of these did he liaise with the Department of Transport on; what countries were granted these exemptions; if his Department keeps records on the destination of these aircraft (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51991/23]

231. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the action he is taking at EU and other international levels with regard to the provision of humanitarian and civil protection assistance to Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [49962/23]

232. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to outline his diplomatic engagements to free hostages from Gaza. — Gary Gannon. [52831/23]

233. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Government will advocate for the suspension of trade with Israel at EU level, which is governed by the EU Israel Association Agreement, due to its abhorrent violations of international law. — Gary Gannon. [50256/23]

234. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of times he has visited the North of Ireland since he assumed office. — Peadar Tóibín. [49270/23]

235. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has consulted his EU counterparts on illegal settler violence in the West Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [50200/23]

236. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the Afghan ‘Illegal Foreigners Repatriation Plan’ and Ireland’s response to the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [50201/23]

237. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he remains satisfied that the Irish and British Governments’ roles as guarantors of the peace process continue to be fulfilled in a meaningful way, to the greatest extent possible to ensure the continuity of the peace process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52896/23]

238. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the effort he is making to secure the safe passage of Irish citizens out of the Gaza Strip; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [50169/23]

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

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

\*239. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will set out the matters raised by him, and the responses received, in his meeting with the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin



Netanyahu; if he specifically raised the topic of a permanent ceasefire and peaceful resolution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [52895/23]

\*240. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will list the occasions where he has met with or spoken to the Israeli Ambassador since he took office. — Peadar Tóibín. [49271/23]

\*241. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what the Irish position is in relation to conflict between Israel and Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [50918/23]

\*242. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to formally recognise the state of Palestine, as per the commitment in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50114/23]

\*243. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his priorities for generating a better understanding by both sides in Northern Ireland of the others' position as affected by the Good Friday Agreement and other or subsequent agreements, with particular reference to the need to identify and isolate conflicting issues with a view to an amicable solution. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51142/23]

\*244. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the details of Ireland's financial and in-kind assistance to Ukraine since February 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52857/23]

\*245. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to outline his response to the recent comments by a former Northern Ireland First Minister, with particular reference to the restoration of the Assembly. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52291/23]

\*246. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs about Ireland's diplomatic relationship with the state of Qatar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [52939/23]

\*247. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the meetings and engagements that he and his Department have had with the state of Qatar in 2023; any proposals for further meetings or engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [52940/23]

\*248. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the titles of the White Papers published by his Department from 2008 to date; if he will provide online links to these papers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52980/23]

\*249. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department has opened a new passport office in the North or South of Ireland in the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [52998/23]

\*250. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the total number of consultancy reports commissioned or funded by his Department that have been categorised or designated as not for external publication from 2011 to date; the total costs incurred on commissioning or funding these reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53001/23]

\*251. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the deployment of troops by regional arrangements without the authorisation of the UN Security Council is within the parameters of the UN Charter (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [53027/23]

\*252. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs whether he considers that the US invasion of Iraq in 2003 was within the parameters of the UN Charter. — Paul Murphy. [53028/23]

\*253. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53053/23]

\*254. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with two websites (details supplied) respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53073/23]

\*255. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53090/23]

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

\*256. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a detailed update on the status of the long-delayed pension increases for An Post pensioners, which were approved by the Labour Court in January 2023 and signed off by both the An Post Pension Board of Trustees and the Board of Management of An Post; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53104/23]

\*257. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason for the eleven-month delay in granting final approval to pension increases for An Post pensioners; the estimated additional cost to the Exchequer or to An Post, given the average pension at An Post is €320 a week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53105/23]

\*258. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the financial implications for either the Exchequer or An Post for the granting of consent for the payment of a 2% increase to An Post pensioners with effect from 1 January 2023, as well as the separate increases of 5% from 1 January 2022, and 1% from 1 July 2023, in accordance with the Labour Court recommendation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53118/23]

\*259. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide assurance that more than 7,000 An Post pensioners will start receiving the backdated cost-of-living increases at the end of November, as mentioned; the measures that have been put in place to ensure the timely disbursement of these payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53119/23]

\*260. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how much renewable electricity was used here in the years 2019 to 2022 expressed in terra watt hours, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52913/23]

\*261. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the titles of the White Papers published by his Department from 2008 to date; if he will provide online links to these papers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52978/23]

\*262. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total number of consultancy reports commissioned or funded by his Department that have been categorised or designated as not for external publication from 2011 to date; the total costs incurred on commissioning or funding these reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52997/23]

\*263. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department is in receipt of a submission from SEAI in relation to the defective concrete blocks scheme; if he is aware of the delays being caused by SEAI not expanding its schemes as promised; and if he will treat their submission as a urgent priority. — Dara Calleary. [53034/23]

\*264. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53051/23]

\*265. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with two websites (details supplied) respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53071/23]

\*266. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53088/23]

\*267. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of an action (details supplied) under the 2023 Climate Action Plan; and the timeline for implementation. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [53170/23]

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

\*268. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what deployment of troops he envisages will be able to take place within the framework of international law and within the parameters of the UN Charter without a Security Council resolution if the ‘Triple Lock’ is removed. — Paul Murphy. [53026/23]

\*269. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the titles of the White Papers published by his Department from 2008 to date; if he will provide online links to these papers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52975/23]

\*270. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the total number of consultancy reports commissioned or funded by his Department that have been categorised or designated as not for external publication from 2011 to date; the total costs incurred on commissioning or funding these reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52994/23]

\*271. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53048/23]

\*272. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with two websites (details supplied) respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53068/23]

\*273. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53085/23]

\*274. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the reason some members of the Defence Forces who worked in Covid testing centres during the pandemic have not been approved for qualification for the pandemic recognition payment of €1,000; how many personnel are in this situation; if he will have the matter reviewed and addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53179/23]

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

\*275. To ask the Minister for Transport his engagement with the Road Safety Authority on the introduction of legislation and or regulations to reduce road traffic accidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51466/23]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Transport when construction of the Boyne Greenway will commence. — Peadar Tóibín. [44818/23]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of tribunals, public investigations and commissions of investigations in process; the length of time each has been underway; when each will conclude; the cost to date of each; and the estimated cost of each at completion. — Peadar Tóibín. [44814/23]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is in receipt of a funding application from Cork County Council to repair local roads damaged by recent flooding as a result of Storm Babet; when he expects to be in a position to make a decision on the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [51887/23]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has given permission to Transport Infrastructure Ireland to proceed with the Mallow relief road project, with the upgrade of the N25 national road between Carrigtwohill and Midleton, County Cork and with the bypassing of Castlemartyr along the N25 route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [52665/23]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the Western Rail Corridor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [50158/23]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on whether Weston Airport is to host a search and rescue operation; and what impact this might have on local noise levels on the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [50209/23]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to review the Road Safety Strategy to improve enforcement of road traffic offences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [43917/23]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Transport when a marine application will process for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; the average processing times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [52931/23]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on progress of the Maglin Greenway in Cork; when it is expected to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [52959/23]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Transport the titles of the White Papers published by his Department from 2008 to date; if he will provide online links to these papers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52990/23]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of consultancy reports commissioned or funded by his Department that have been categorised or designated as not for external publication from 2011 to date; the total costs incurred on commissioning or funding these reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53011/23]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will seek and fund traffic calming measures and community safety works in an area (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [53029/23]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53062/23]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with two websites (details supplied) respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53082/23]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53099/23]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Transport to indicate the extent to which passenger capacity is being or can be improved on north Kildare commuter lines such as Naas-Sallins, Hazelhatch, Kilcock, Maynooth, Leixlip and Confey; if park-and-ride facilities are likely to be provided or extended on these very busy routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53120/23]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Transport to indicate the extent of efforts to address the serious traffic congestion in Maynooth, County Kildare, provision for which was made some ten years ago via LIHAF funding and, given the almost total traffic shutdown at peak times, if seriously urgent steps can be taken to address the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53121/23]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Transport to indicate the extent to which traffic management measures previously scheduled for Naas, County Kildare are currently in hand with a view to early implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53123/23]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Transport to indicate the extent, if any, to which traffic alleviation/management proposals for Celbridge, County Kildare are currently being advanced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53125/23]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Transport to indicate the extent to which the passenger capacity of the commuter lines in north County Kildare can be improved while awaiting electrification of proposed commuter lines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53127/23]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Transport to indicate the extent to which the Dublin Airport Authority continues to ensure the smooth, effective and efficient running of the airport, with particular reference to a busy holiday period in the weeks and months ahead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53128/23]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Transport to indicate the extent to which efficacy and convenience of the revised bus routes in Dublin and the greater Dublin area continue to be monitored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53129/23]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Transport to indicate the extent to which adequate car parking facilities are being planned to meet the requirements now and in the future adjacent to all railway stations throughout north Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53130/23]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Transport to indicate the extent to which our regional airports can contribute to easing the through traffic at Dublin Airport, thus making it a more satisfactory experience for travellers to and from this country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53131/23]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Transport to indicate the progress being made in reducing waiting lists for NCT tests; the action that can be taken by car owners who have been unable to secure tests before their NCT expires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53132/23]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Transport to indicate the extent to which he expects commuter rail passenger numbers to increase when the lines are upgraded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53133/23]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Transport to indicate the extent to which the electrification of the Maynooth railway line is progressing; the extent to which timetables are being met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53134/23]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Transport to indicate the extent to which all public transport is in the course of decarbonisation; the achievements to date in this regard; the projections for the future, including timelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53135/23]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Transport to indicate the extent to which he expects to be in a position to ensure that commuters in north County Kildare can rely on an increase in commuter rail capacity by one or other means over the next 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53136/23]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Transport to indicate the extent to which projects that fall under his Department and are within the revised National Development Plan are at an advanced stage; the extent to which preliminary work has taken place or on-site works are in hand or proposed; the expected delivery date of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53137/23]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Transport to indicate extent to which extra bus shelters can be provided in Leixlip, Maynooth, Celbridge and Kilcock, an area of rapidly increasing population and reliance on public transport, given most have to wait for public transport in the open air regardless; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53157/23]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has any plans to up-grade the R680/682 Junction at Butlerstown, County Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [53180/23]

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

\*308. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide the amount of electricity for which relief is claimed from the electricity tax for 2022 for each of the categories for which relief is available, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52961/23]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Finance to outline the basis in EU law for offering relief from the electricity tax based on the fuel mix disclosure, as outlined in Section 63(3)(c) of the Finance Act 2008, as amended. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52962/23]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 178 of 23 November 2023, of the 15.6 terawatt hours of renewable electricity for which relief was claimed from electricity tax in 2022, the portion claimed with recourse to the fuel mix disclosure; and the portion claimed by other means. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52963/23]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Finance the titles of the White Papers published by his Department from 2008 to date; if he will provide online links to these papers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52979/23]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of consultancy reports commissioned or funded by his Department that have been categorised or designated as not for external publication from 2011 to date; the total costs incurred on commissioning or funding these reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53000/23]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 459 of 21 April 2021, the current steps being taken to address the proliferation of illegal vehicle registration plates on motor cars; whether sufficient legislation is in place for gardaí to apply a fixed charge penalty notice for this offence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [53019/23]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Finance if there has been a change in policy in respect VAT treatment for farmers purchasing fixed equipment for their farm (details supplied); if he will explain the inconsistencies and give a clear direction going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [53033/23]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update when he anticipates that the new Disabled Drivers Medical Board will become operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53043/23]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53052/23]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with two websites (details supplied) respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53072/23]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53089/23]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised from restricting the employers' PRSI exemption for share-based remuneration to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [53108/23]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Finance the current status of the submission made by an organisation (details supplied) regarding a loan product with respect to households impacted by defective blocks; his Department's assessment of the proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [53109/23]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Finance whether some or all of the electricity tax has been refunded to producers of renewable electricity in line with article 15(2) of the Electricity Tax Directive in any year. — Eoin Ó Broin. [53174/23]

*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.*

\*322. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the titles of the White Papers published by his Department from 2008 to date; if he will provide online links to these papers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52985/23]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total number of consultancy reports commissioned or funded by his Department that have been categorised or designated as not for external publication from 2011 to date; the total costs incurred on commissioning or funding these reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53006/23]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53058/23]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on



advertisements with two websites (details supplied) respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53078/23]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53095/23]

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

\*327. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the titles of the White Papers published by his Department from 2008 to date; if he will provide online links to these papers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52977/23]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total number of consultancy reports commissioned or funded by his Department that have been categorised or designated as not for external publication from 2011 to date; the total costs incurred on commissioning or funding these reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52996/23]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the review of critical skills and ineligible occupations lists will be completed and published; if upholsterers (5412) and furniture makers (5442) will be included on the critical skills list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [53037/23]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53050/23]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with two websites (details supplied) respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53070/23]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53087/23]

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

\*333. To ask the Minister for Education the number of tribunals, public investigations and commissions of investigations in process; the length of time each has been underway; when each will conclude; the cost to date of each; and the estimated cost of each at completion. — Peadar Tóibín. [44814/23]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on her Department's review of the operation of the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [52660/23]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the progress in developing more multi-denominational choice at primary level; her further views on the new approach being developed by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [47386/23]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review circular M02/95 to emphasise the duty of care a school has to accommodate their own pupils where there is a demonstrated justification for a child to repeat a year for educational, health, mental health or developmental reasons. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [52901/23]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Education how many children are still awaiting a school place in the Dublin Fingal constituency for the 2022/2023 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [52903/23]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of plans to develop an additional post primary school in Swords, County Dublin given the consistent over subscription of school places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [52904/23]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Education how many section 29 appeals were submitted for students trying to access a school place in Fingal for the school year 2022/2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [52905/23]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Education if she can provide an update on the project to deliver a new school building for a national school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [52906/23]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Education if she can provide an update on the project to deliver a school building for a Gaelscoil (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [52907/23]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Education if she can provide an update on the project to deliver additional classrooms at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [52908/23]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the discussions his Department is conducting with patron bodies and school authorities in Fingal to expand the school network to cater for the growing population; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [52909/23]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Education whether a school (details supplied) will be permitted to hire substitute teachers on a short-term basis to cover SET positions which have been allocated but are unfilled, in order to ensure that pupils with additional learning needs are not further disadvantaged. — Paul Murphy. [52922/23]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 231 of 17 December 2013, if she will provide the make-up and/or membership and structure of the governing authority on the date on which it was established, and as of 24 November 2023.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52946/23]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 231 of 17 December 2013, if the governing authority was established under the Education and Training

Board Act 2013 (details supplied); and if this board was and/or is on a statutory footing. — Catherine Murphy. [52947/23]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Education to provide, in tabular form, a list of second level education institutions aided by her Department that did not provide Higher Level Mathematics for the Leaving Certificate in 2006, 2011, 2016 and 2022. — Patrick Costello. [52949/23]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Education to provide, in tabular form, a breakdown of parental preferences (details supplied) by school planning area for Dublin 2, 4, 6 and 8. — Patrick Costello. [52950/23]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a list of sites acquired for second level education institutions aided by her Department since 2000, in tabular form, indicating in each case the total expenditure on the acquisition of the site; year of acquisition; address and relevant school planning area. — Patrick Costello. [52951/23]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Education what action is being taken to ensure a second-class teacher for a school (details supplied) whose post has remained unfilled thus far this academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [52965/23]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Education the titles of the White Papers published by her Department from 2008 to date; if he will provide online links to these papers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52976/23]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Education the total number of consultancy reports commissioned or funded by her Department that have been categorised or designated as not for external publication from 2011 to date; the total costs incurred on commissioning or funding these reports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52995/23]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Education if she will reconsider raising the compulsory retirement age of Bus Éireann school transport drivers who are currently required to retire at 70-years-of-age, given the current shortage in school bus drivers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [53031/23]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Education to explain the reasoning behind the differing retirement ages between school bus drivers under Bus Éireann and drivers under private operators; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [53032/23]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Education the amount her Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53049/23]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Education the amount her Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with two websites (details supplied) respectively, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53069/23]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Education the amount her Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53086/23]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Education when the long-awaited review of the school transport scheme is due to be completed and the recommendations published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [53101/23]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Education the number of school transport escorts that are employed by schools across the State in each of the years 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [53106/23]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Education the total amount of grants provided to schools for the employment of school transport escorts in each of the years 2016 to 2023, in tabular form.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [53107/23]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Education if the provision of additional school accommodation for a school (details supplied) is expected to be completed in time for the current school year or for the year commencing September 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [53117/23]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Education to indicate the extent to which she continues to liaise with the parents and management of various schools throughout north Kildare, with a view to ensuring the availability of school transport in the widest form possible, whether on a concessionary or regular basis with particular reference to children attending schools in Maynooth from Straffan, Clane, Prosperous and Rathcoffey, given the present circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53138/23]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which efforts continue to be made to provide adequate school places at all levels to prevent stress arising from a lack of school places or lack of school transport, and given the necessity of both parents to be in full-time employment; the extent of the efforts that continue to be made in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53139/23]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Education the ongoing efforts, if any, to liaise with the Minister for Children with a view to providing in-house afterschool services in all primary schools throughout the country to ensure seamless transition between education and care facilities for all children, and given the necessity for both parents to remain in employment due to high mortgages; if it is anticipated that this issue is being provided for in a meaningful way; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53140/23]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which new school buildings are required throughout north Kildare, whether replacement or the building of new schools; the progress to date in this regard, and the schedule for the provision of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53141/23]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which ongoing dialogue continues between her Department, the KWETB and the relevant school authorities in Maynooth, County Kildare at pre-primary, primary and post-primary levels with a view to ensuring that sufficient places are being made available to meet the demand of the current and subsequent years without interruption either in respect of continued building where required, the planning of any new schools, or the acceleration of ongoing work in all schools, including gaelcholáiste; if satisfactory results can be achieved before the new school year next year; if she is satisfied that work in progress or steps yet to be taken can proceed without interruption; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53142/23]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which ongoing dialogue continues between her Department, the KWETB and the relevant school authorities in Kilcock, County Kildare at pre-primary, primary and post-primary levels with a view to ensuring that sufficient places are being made available to meet the demand of the current and subsequent years without interruption either in respect of continued building where required, the planning of any new schools, or the acceleration of ongoing work in all schools; if satisfactory results can be achieved before the new school year; if she is satisfied that work in progress or steps yet to be taken can proceed without interruption; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53143/23]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which ongoing dialogue continues between her Department, the KWETB and the relevant school authorities in Clane, County Kildare at pre-primary, primary and post-primary levels with a view to ensuring that sufficient places are being made available to meet the demand of the current and subsequent years without interruption either in respect of continued building where required, the planning of any new schools, or the acceleration of ongoing work in all schools; if satisfactory results can be achieved before the new school year; if she is satisfied that work in progress or steps yet to be taken can proceed without interruption with particular to the children whose parents previously attend the local schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53144/23]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which ongoing dialogue continues between her Department, the KWETB and the relevant school authorities in Naas, County Kildare at pre-primary, primary and post-primary levels with a view to ensuring that sufficient places are being made available to meet the demand of the current and subsequent years without interruption either in respect of continued building where required, the planning of any new schools, or the acceleration of ongoing work in all schools; if satisfactory results can be achieved before the new school year; if she is satisfied that work in progress or steps yet to be taken can proceed without interruption; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53145/23]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which ongoing dialogue continues between her Department, the KWETB and the relevant school authorities in Sallins, County Kildare at pre-primary, primary and post-primary levels with a view to ensuring that sufficient places are being made available to meet the demand of the current and subsequent years without interruption either in respect of continued building where required, the planning of any new schools, or the acceleration of ongoing work in all schools; if satisfactory results can be achieved before the new school year; if she is satisfied that work in progress or steps yet to be taken can proceed without interruption; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53146/23]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which ongoing dialogue continues between her Department, the KWETB and the relevant school authorities in Prosperous, County Kildare at pre-primary, primary and post-primary levels with a view to ensuring that sufficient places are being made available to meet the demand of the current and subsequent years without interruption either in respect of continued building where required, the planning of any new schools, or the acceleration of ongoing work in all schools; if satisfactory results can be achieved before the new school year; if she is satisfied that work in progress or steps yet to be taken can proceed without interruption; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53147/23]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Education the current position and extent of the dialogue taking place between the relevant section of her Department and the relevant school authorities and

parents awaiting or anticipating progress in respect of pre-primary, primary and post-primary schools in Naas, County Kildare with particular reference to the need to ensure the provision of adequate school places at all levels in a unified way thereby eliminating any snags that might arise such as the availability of the necessary finance in order to allow the educational needs of the town continue to be met in a way which takes account of the rapidly increasing population of the area and at the same time report progress on the various deliberations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53148/23]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which ongoing dialogue continues between her Department, the KWETB and the relevant school authorities in Leixlip, County Kildare at pre-primary, primary and post-primary levels with a view to ensuring that sufficient places are being made available to meet the demand of the current and subsequent years without interruption either in respect of continued building where required, the planning of any new schools, or the acceleration of ongoing work in all schools; if satisfactory results can be achieved before the new school year; if she is satisfied that work in progress or steps yet to be taken can proceed without interruption; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53149/23]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which emergency measures are being taken to ensure the availability of the adequate number of school places at primary and second level, with particular reference to the need to meet any such challenges in September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53150/23]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which special needs teachers and SNAs continue to be available to the extent required in County Kildare, and all areas throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53151/23]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she is satisfied that adequate steps have been taken to ensure the provision of a new primary school in Newtown, Enfield, County Kildare; the degree to which such provision is capable of meeting the demand in the current and subsequent years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53152/23]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in the delivery of the three school project at Celbridge, County Kildare, with particular reference to replacement for a special school (details supplied), long since outdated; the extent to which this project is proceeding in accordance with plans; if any revision is required to expedite progress for the schools in question; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53153/23]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Education the procedures currently in place or envisaged to combat school bullying in its various forms at primary and second level schools throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53154/23]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she expects to be in a position to address issues of teacher shortages at all primary and or second-levels schools throughout the country, with particular reference to the need for locums; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53155/23]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Education if a school place might be found for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53163/23]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Education whether substitute teachers filling positions as English language teachers can be paid the substitute's daily rate; if she will make arrangements in order that these subs can be entered into the online system for payment; and her views on the shortfall of pay to substitutes at a school (details supplied). — Richard Bruton. [53171/23]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Education the selection criteria and prioritisation for schools to be included in the first stages of the solar panel scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [53173/23]

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

\*383. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will clarify her position in respect of short-term lettings of properties (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [52924/23]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to outline the various funding schemes under the aegis of her Department and under Fáilte Ireland that are open for applications at present; the closing dates for any such schemes; the details of any further schemes she plans to open for applications in the next six months. — David Stanton. [52893/23]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will resolve the situation where sports clubs have been unable to draw down grant aid under the sports capital and equipment programme resulting in bridging loans being required and contractors going unpaid in some cases; if an explanation will be provided for the situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52911/23]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide an update on an organisation's application for a sports capital grant (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52972/23]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the titles of the White Papers published by her Department from 2008 to date; if she will provide online links to these papers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52989/23]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total number of consultancy reports commissioned or funded by her Department that have been categorised or designated as not for external publication from 2011 to date; the total costs incurred on commissioning or funding these reports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53010/23]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount her Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53061/23]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount her Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with two websites (details supplied) respectively, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53081/23]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount her Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53098/23]

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

\*392. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reasons for the delays in local authorities paying out croí cónaithe grants to applicants who have completed their works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [52897/23]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the provision of the second vacant homes officer for Tipperary County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [52899/23]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the provision of additional housing staff to Tipperary County Council for the establishment of new affordable housing schemes in towns and villages across the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [52900/23]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider amending the qualifying rules for the local authority home loan scheme so that individuals and families (details supplied) who have been forced to sell their homes due to inability to pay a large mortgage or downsizing due to changing family needs can also avail of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [52953/23]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the supports available for the refurbishment of vacant agricultural buildings with a view to bringing them into residential use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [52954/23]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the titles of the White Papers published by his Department from 2008 to date; if he will provide online links to these papers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52983/23]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of consultancy reports commissioned or funded by his Department that have been categorised or designated as not for external publication from 2011 to date; the total costs incurred on commissioning or funding these reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53004/23]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities have a job placement scheme for disabled people; and if not, if he has plans to introduce a job placement scheme in local authorities for disabled people. — Pauline Tully. [53014/23]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 99 of 22 November 2023, if he is aware that a number of local authorities employ a different interpretation of this Statutory Instrument and circular; that a number of sitting county councillors may breach these terms already and that this will certainly be the case when the new pay deal for retained firefighters is introduced; if he recognises that



fire ‘calls’ vary significantly from year to year, are not pensionable, and are not reckonable in many income assessments; if he has plans to update SI 216/2004 in the near future to reflect this, to ensure retained firefighters are assessed on guaranteed income, and to ensure there is fair and standard application of this policy across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [53044/23]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53056/23]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with two websites (details supplied) respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53076/23]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53093/23]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current status of the submission made by an organisation (details supplied) regarding a loan product for households impacted by defective blocks; his Department’s assessment of the proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [53112/23]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to indicate the extent to which provision is in hand to address the serious traffic congestion in Maynooth, County Kildare, provision for which was made some ten years ago via LIHAF funding, and given the almost total traffic shutdown at peak times, if seriously urgent steps can be taken to address the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53122/23]

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

\*406. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a proposal (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [52923/23]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will address the case of a person (details supplied) regarding a non-contributory pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52926/23]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on discussions with RSS and TUS supervisors in relation to pay claims; when this issue will be resolved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [52928/23]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52929/23]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the titles of the White Papers published by her Department from 2008 to date; if she will provide online links to these papers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52987/23]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of consultancy reports commissioned or funded by her Department that have been categorised or designated as not for external publication from 2011 to date; the total costs incurred on commissioning or funding these reports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53008/23]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount her Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53060/23]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount her Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with two websites (details supplied) respectively, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53080/23]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount her Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53097/23]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if recipients of the disablement pension and the unemployability supplement are entitled to receive the winter 2023 and January 2024 cost-of-living bonus payments; if not, the reason for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53102/23]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on the proposal submitted by the rural social scheme and Tús supervisors to her Department for pay parity with community employment supervisors, who earn 15% more following discussions over the past two years through a tripartite forum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [53115/23]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to indicate the extent to which a person (details supplied) can retain part of her carer's allowance notwithstanding the fact that her son, after more than 20 years of total dependency on his mother, is now in institutional care, with weekends and special days with his mother; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53158/23]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to indicate if and when an exceptional needs payment might be awarded in the case of a person (details supplied), with particular reference to her need to fit out her new home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53162/23]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to indicate whether basic social welfare payment or exceptional needs payment might be awarded in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53164/23]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to indicate the extent to which a home parenting pension will be available in the case of a person (details supplied); whether she is likely to benefit from recent extension of benefits announced in the Budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53165/23]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to indicate if a person (details supplied) qualifies for the fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53166/23]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason an overpayment was registered against a person (details supplied), given that the decision overturned a previous decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53167/23]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of carers in each county receiving a lump sum payment of €400 the week of 27 November 2023, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53175/23]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number people in receipt of the living alone allowance in each county receiving a €200 lump sum payment the week of 27 November 2023, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53176/23]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of children in each county that will qualify for the lump sum of €100 to be during the week of 27 November 2023, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53177/23]

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

\*426. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will publicly release a report commissioned by her Department in 2021, A Rapid Evidence Review of Knife Crime; what recommendations were contained in the report; how many were acted upon; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [52915/23]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Justice when she expects the Final Report of the High-Level Review Group of the Role of An Garda Síochána in the Public Prosecution System to be approved for publication by the Government; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [52916/23]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Justice to explain the scope and purpose of the research Ethnic Monitoring in the Criminal Justice System commissioned by her Department in 2022; and when it will be finalised for publication; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [52917/23]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of flights which have been chartered by the State in the past five years to return failed asylum seekers or those denied entry to the country back to the point of origin, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [52918/23]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who took work-related stress leave and those who resigned from the force citing post-traumatic stress disorder as a reason for both; what supports are available from the State to current and former members of An Garda Síochána suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [52920/23]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Justice the situation regarding an application for a student visa by a person (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [52964/23]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the status of An Garda Síochána as an impartial, neutral and apolitical organisation; if she supports the view that all members of An Garda Síochána, including the Garda Commissioner, should refrain from making overtly political statements in line with an instruction issued in 2015 by a former Garda Commissioner reminding

all members of An Garda Síochána of the necessity for members not to be associated with any political movement or viewpoint; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52970/23]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Justice the titles of the White Papers published by her Department from 2008 to date; if she will provide online links to these papers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52984/23]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of consultancy reports commissioned or funded by her Department that have been categorised or designated as not for external publication from 2011 to date; the total costs incurred on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53005/23]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prosecutions initiated by gardaí in each of the past five years for illegal number plates, noisy exhausts, tinted windows and visors obstructing the windows; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [53020/23]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Gardaí currently on suspension per Garda district; if a breakdown of reasons for suspension is available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53040/23]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Gardaí currently on sick leave per Garda district; if a breakdown of how many Gardaí on sick leave due to work related causes is available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53041/23]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of convictions for assault on gardaí each year since 2019; the average sentence for this offence; and a breakdown of the districts where these assaults occurred. — Brendan Griffin. [53042/23]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount her Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53057/23]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount her Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with two websites (details supplied) respectively, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53077/23]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount her Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53094/23]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Justice to indicate the extent, if any, to which loss of employment in the case of a person (details supplied) affects his residency position/right to employment within this country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53156/23]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Justice the current status of IIP applications that were submitted in advance of the February 2023 deadline; the timeline for sports clubs that have submitted valid applications to be informed about the success or otherwise of their applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [53178/23]

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

\*444. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to expedite the disadvantaged area payment, eco payment and a single farm payment to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [52914/23]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Forest Service of his Department has cross-referenced the ash dieback RUS applications with corresponding road licence applications on a forest level basis to ensure that forest road approvals will be issued in conjunction with ash dieback reconstitution approvals to enable the necessary clearance works to take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [52944/23]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the titles of the White Papers published by his Department from 2008 to date; if he will provide online links to these papers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52973/23]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of consultancy reports commissioned or funded by his Department that have been categorised or designated as not for external publication from 2011 to date; the total costs incurred on commissioning or funding these reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52992/23]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53046/23]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with two websites (details supplied) respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53066/23]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53083/23]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is possible to change the replanting species on a felling licence that has issued from his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [53103/23]

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

\*452. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a person (details supplied) will be called for an assessment of needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [52910/23]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the granting of an extension for a childcare service (details supplied) under the building blocks improvement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [52932/23]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address the major bureaucratic hurdles facing childcare providers in Ireland, particularly in relation to the need to produce two separate sets of accounts for both TUSLA and POBAL in order to avail of core funding (details supplied); if he is aware that many accountants are refusing to complete these accounts for childcare providers due to their unnecessary complexities; how he intends to reduce the bureaucratic burden on childcare providers so that they can focus on the job they are trained to do and are exceptionally good at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [52934/23]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the appeals board for the primary medical certificate will commence reviewing current backlog of appeals. — Sorca Clarke. [52935/23]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on reviewing the primary medical certificate criteria. — Sorca Clarke. [52936/23]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of appeals for the primary medical certificate that are currently in counties Longford and Westmeath, in tabular form; and how long these people have been waiting for an appeal in term of months. — Sorca Clarke. [52937/23]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to explain why the owners of a premises (details supplied) have not received any money for housing beneficiaries of temporary protection, despite housing them for over a year now; exactly what measures need to be taken to ensure the owners are paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [52941/23]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when it is expected to open applications for the mother and baby institutions payment scheme; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52942/23]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the adequacy of his Department's consultation in relation to the national disability strategy. — Pauline Tully. [52945/23]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a property is being considered as an IPAS accommodation centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [52952/23]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the titles of the White Papers published by his Department from 2008 to date; if he will provide online links to these papers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52974/23]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of consultancy reports commissioned or funded by his Department that have been categorised or designated as not for external publication from 2011 to date; the total costs incurred on commissioning or funding these reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52993/23]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the options that are available for disabled people who cannot afford adaptations and are slightly over the means

test threshold and therefore are not entitled to have it paid for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [52999/23]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 35 of 7 November 2023, if the derogation from the HSE recruitment freeze for organisations delivering disability services extends to the recruitment of administrative staff. — Pauline Tully. [53015/23]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53047/23]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with two websites (details supplied) respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53067/23]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53084/23]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to indicate the extent of follow up of allegations of child sexual abuse in a case (details supplied); if any protective measures have been implemented, or might be so implemented, including the use of medical evidence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53161/23]

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

\*470. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the catchment areas for consultant psychiatrists in the Galway area; if an individual can be seen by these services outside of their catchment area; and to outline the options available to individuals who do not have a consultant psychiatrist in their catchment area. — Mairéad Farrell. [52898/23]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Health if there is currently a neurologist in Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin; if not how long has this been the case; if there is a plan to hire a neurologist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [52902/23]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Health whether it is accurate that a new HSE directive has said that no patients currently in St. James's hospital are allowed to be referred to a HSE nursing home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52921/23]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Health whether the pandemic bonus has been paid to an agency (details supplied) in respect of staff of the agency who were eligible for the bonus; if he is aware that some staff of this agency are yet to receive payment of the pandemic bonus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [52925/23]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Health whether he will take action to address the steeply rising insurance costs facing community drug services (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [52930/23]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 541 of 2 November 2023, if he can provide further information on the further funding that he has allocated for 2024 for the national stroke strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [52933/23]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the Connolly Hospital Dental General Anaesthetic Unit in James Connolly Memorial Hospital, which was due to open in 2019 but has not opened since its construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52943/23]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Health the number of doctors in HSE consultant posts including temporary, locum and permanent, that are not on the Irish Medical Council specialist register for the specialty they are practicing in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52955/23]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Health to assist in a matter regarding a medical card (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [52960/23]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the shortage of the medicine tyvensen; and the actions he is taking to ensure an adequate supply of tyvensen. — Pauline Tully. [52966/23]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Health if a nursing home scheme transitional funding award will be extended in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52967/23]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Health how many doses of novovax have been purchased by the State; when it will start to be administered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [52968/23]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify why there is a shortage of the ADHD treatment medication tyvensen; if he will acknowledge the impact the scarcity of this medication is having on people who are prescribed it, especially children with autism and ADHD, who without the drug are unable to go to school, function at home or have quality of life; if he will outline the steps he is taking to secure a regular and consistent supply of the medication and indicate when this will happen so that patients and parents do not have to make huge efforts every month to try to obtain it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [52969/23]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Health the titles of the White Papers published by his Department from 2008 to date; if he will provide online links to these papers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52982/23]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of consultancy reports commissioned or funded by his Department that have been categorised or designated as not for external publication from 2011 to date; the total costs incurred on commissioning or funding these reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53003/23]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the shortage of the medicine tyvensen; and the steps he is taking to ensure an adequate supply of tyvensen. — Pauline Tully. [53016/23]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Health whether he or the Government have accepted or rejected amendments to Article 59 of the WHO International Health Regulations (IHR) 2005, including



details on the public consultation process; the rationale for not facilitating a Dáil Éireann debate, and a request to publish all communication on the matter with the WHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [53021/23]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Health what steps he proposes to take for a genuine public consultation process, potentially including a referendum and a Dáil Éireann debate, before deciding to support or reject the WHO Global Pandemic Treaty, as this consideration is crucial due to the treaty's legal binding nature and its potential impact on Ireland's democratic sovereignty, which may undermine national decision-making, especially given the WHO's influence by China and multinational pharmaceutical corporations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [53023/23]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Health to outline all details of the Government's engagement with the World Health Organisation concerning the controversial amendments to the International Health Regulations, providing the WHO with expanded powers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [53024/23]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Health to disclose publicly the legal opinion or risk assessment, if any, undertaken or provided regarding Ireland's position on the amendments and future negotiations on a proposed WHO Global Pandemic Treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [53025/23]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Health if an issue in relation to allowances for a group (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53030/23]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Health the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53055/23]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Health the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with two websites (details supplied) respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53075/23]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Health the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53092/23]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Health if he has engaged with the management of the Mater Hospital, Dublin, in relation to the absence of free staff parking and the financial difficulties which this poses, especially to staff who do not have public transport options; the steps he is taking to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [53110/23]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Programme for Government commitment to introduce a cap on the maximum daily charge for patients and visitors at all public hospitals; the timeline he is working towards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [53111/23]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that the health service is properly resourced to deal with the health impacts of the Sale of Alcohol Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [53113/23]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Health to indicate if and when a medical card can be provided in the case of the spouse of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53159/23]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 323 of November 2003 in the case of a person (details supplied), if my previous question constitutes a request for a review/reversal of the previous decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53160/23]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Health the current services provided at Ennis Hospital; the opening hours; if there are any plans to expand services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [53172/23]

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

\*500. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he was aware of concerns from those who have had to wait over five years to complete their SOLAS apprenticeships rather than four; how does he plan to address this; if any measures will be put in place to compensate for lost earnings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [52912/23]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the titles of the White Papers published by his Department from 2008 to date; if he will provide online links to these papers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52981/23]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total number of consultancy reports commissioned or funded by his Department that have been categorised or designated as not for external publication from 2011 to date; the total costs incurred on commissioning or funding these reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53002/23]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53054/23]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with two websites (details supplied) respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53074/23]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53091/23]

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

\*506. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the titles of the White Papers published by her Department from 2008 to date; if she will provide online links to these papers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52986/23]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total number of consultancy reports commissioned or funded by her Department that have been categorised or designated as not for external publication from 2011 to date; the total costs incurred on commissioning or funding these reports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53007/23]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount her Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53059/23]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount her Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with two websites (details supplied) respectively, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53079/23]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount her Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53096/23]