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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Alan Dillon. [50921/23]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Cian O’Callaghan. [52315/23]
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4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Peadar Tóibín. [52068/23]
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6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Brendan Smith. [52547/23]
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10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52583/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53587/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Paul Murphy. [53590/23]
13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide and update on the Programme for Government. — Brian Leddin. [53638/23]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [53901/23]

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

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

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with Arab and Islamic representatives to discuss the conflict in the Middle East. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [53488/23]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with Arab and Islamic representatives to discuss the conflict in the Middle East. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53588/23]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with Arab and Islamic representatives to discuss the conflict in the Middle East. — Paul Murphy. [53591/23]

20. To ask the Taoiseach to report on any recent discussions he has had and continues to have with other World Leaders in connection with the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53860/23]

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

22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul McAuliffe. [53190/23]

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [53191/23]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mick Barry. [53403/23]

25. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Alan Dillon. [53465/23]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [53575/23]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53589/23]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [53592/23]

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [53697/23]

30. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [53748/23]

31. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [53902/23]

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

33. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit in his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53907/23]

34. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit in his Department. — Paul Murphy. [53910/23]

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

36. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council, a statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Brendan Smith. [53189/23]

37. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council, a statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Mick Barry. [53404/23]

38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council, a statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [53489/23]

39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council, a statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Cian O’Callaghan. [53749/23]

40. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council, a statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [53842/23]

41. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council, a statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53908/23]

42. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council, a statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [53911/23]

43. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Public Services will meet next. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52551/23]

44. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Public Service will next meet. — Paul McAuliffe. [53903/23]

45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Public Service will next meet. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [53904/23]

46. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the recent meeting of the British-Irish Council. — Brendan Smith. [53188/23]

47. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at COP 28. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [53276/23]

48. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 28). — Mick Barry. [53405/23]

49. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent attendance at COP 28. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53525/23]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

50. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she can outline the government’s options, or if relevant, plans, regarding long-term funding for public service media (the licence fee); if she can outline any discussions that have taken place between herself and other relevant government Ministers regarding same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [53582/23]

51. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media an ábhar buartha é go bhfuil deireadh ré tagtha an mhí seo ar cheann eile den bheagán irisí clóite as Gaeilge agus gur de thoradh ar «síorlaghdú ar an tacaíocht stáit don iris» ba chúis leis de réir a riarthóra; cén gníomh a ghlacfaidh sí chun tabhairt faoin ngéarchéim seo in irisí Gaeilge; an bhfuil sé i gceist aici gníomhú de réir na moltaí atá i dtuarascáil Chomhchoiste na Gaeilge, na Gaeltachta agus Phobal Labhartha na Gaeilge a seoladh ag Oireachtas na Samhna faoi Earnáil Scríbhneoireachta, Foilsitheoireachta agus Léitheoireachta na Gaeilge. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53618/23]

52. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán ar tháinig na forálacha d’Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021 maidir le cosaintí don síneadh fada i bhfeidhm ar an 31 Deireadh Fómhair 2023 mar a gheall Aire Stáit na Gaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53616/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

53. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has had discussions with RTE in relation to their new strategic vision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53576/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide a specific response to each of the 15 recommendations made by the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Tourism, Culture, Arts, Media and Sport in its report on Developing Rural Tourism in Ireland. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53619/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide details of the discussions held at the EU Sports Council meeting in Brussels on 24 November 2023. — Niamh Smyth. [53577/23]

56. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil an tuarascáil ó Fhóram Chois Fharraige um Pleanáil Teanga maidir le Scéim Tacaíochta do thuismitheoirí a bhfuil sé i gceist acu a bpáiste nó a bpáistí a thógáil le Gaeilge léite aici; an bhfuil sé i gceist gníomhú ar na moltaí atá inti; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53617/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the degree to which she expects to be in a position next year to continue to assist the sporting sector given the increased importance of sporting activity in terms of health and wellbeing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53556/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the actions she has taken to enable Foras na Gaeilge to reopen the SFLG scheme (Scéim Forbartha Líonra Gaeilge); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [53614/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on the Government commitment to reform the TV licence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53467/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has assessed the future patterns of media consumption and the implications this has for public policy. — Richard Bruton. [53640/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to outline her plans to address the challenges facing the tourism sector, and hospitality businesses dependent on tourism; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [53612/23]

62. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an ndéanfaidh sí cur síos ar aon ionchur a bhí ag a Roinn, má bhí, in ullmhú an Bhille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2023 ar mhaithe leis an nGaeilge agus leis an nGaeltacht, go háirithe chun a chinntiú go mbeidh cosaintí don Ghaeltacht san áireamh sa phleanáil agus go mbeidh inmharthanacht shochtheangeolaíoch curtha san áireamh in aon srianta maidir le togáil tithe, nó ar mhaithe leis an gcultúr agus leis na healaíona, go háirithe chun a chinntiú go ndéanfar spásanna ealaíne, ionaid chultúrtha, ionaid siamsaíochta oíche, agus ealaín phoiblí a chosaint agus a chur chun cinn i bpleanáil agus i bhforbairtí a dhéanfar amach anseo, lena n-áirítear dátaí agus sonraí faoi aon chomhfhreagras idir a Roinn agus an Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht faoin mBille seo; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53620/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on discussions with RTÉ. — James O'Connor. [53643/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to ensure children are protected from exposure to harmful content on social media. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [53402/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on the sports capital grants and to state how many clubs in Cork have applied. — James O'Connor. [53642/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a progress update in language area planning in the Gaeltacht in County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [53474/23]

67. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé na hiarrachtaí arna ndéanamh ar na ceantair Ghaeltachta a chur in aithne do dhaoine atá ag gabháil timpeall na tíre; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aindrias Moynihan. [53595/23]

68. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Cheist Pharlaiminte 45678/23, cén dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir leis an obair athbhreithniúcháin atá déanta ag Údarás na Gaeltachta i ndáil leis na córais agus an cur chuige atá i ngníomh ag an Údarás chun tacú le cur chun cinn na Gaeilge sna cliantchuideachtaí agus i ndáil leis na bealaí ina ndéantar an t-ábhar a bhaineann leo a riar; chun a iarraidh uirthi soiléiriú a thabhairt ar na moltaí atá tagtha as an obair athbhreithniúcháin; chun a fhiafraí di cén dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir leis an scéim nua tacaíochta forbartha; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [53611/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media how women's sport will be advanced and supported at all levels; the plans that are underway to ensure more women and girls participate in all sports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [53606/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if funding is to be provided by her Department for the Small Scale Local Festivals and Summer Schools Scheme for 2024, in view that the scheme supports local cultural festivals and summer schools that are not eligible under funding criteria for larger scale events supported by Fáilte Ireland, the Arts Council and similar bodies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53519/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the measures that are in place to ensure proper training and education against racism in sport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [53594/23]

72. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén líon scoláirí a d'fhreastail ar chúrsaí faoi Scéim na bhFoghlaimoirí Gaeilge in 2019, 2022 agus 2023; cén líon teaghlach a choinnigh scoláirí a bhí cláraithe leis an scéim do na blianta sin; cé mhéad airgead a d'íoc an Roinn amach leo sin gach bliain acu sin, leagus 2023 go dtí seo san áireamh; cén deontas in aghaidh na hoíche a bhí i gceist i ngach cás; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53491/23]

73. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte 45680/23, cé mhéad limistéar pleanála teanga nach bhfuil oifigeach pleanála teanga fostaithe iontu faoi láthair; chun a iarraidh uirthi soiléiriú a thabhairt ar an anailís atá faoi chaibidil ag an Roinn maidir leis an ábhar seo; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [53610/23]

74. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén t-ardú atá tagtha ar an méid airgid atá ar fáil do na míreanna Gaeltachta agus Gaeilge sna meastacháin do 2024, le hais 2023, a fógraíodh le gairid; an leor é sin le hobair na Gaeltachta agus na Gaeilge a chur i gcrích an bhliain seo chugainn; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53490/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 37 of 19 October 2023, for a status update on the drawdown of the €1 million in Galway 2020 legacy funding; the amount drawn down to-date; for a breakdown of where any funds drawn down to-date have been allocated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53607/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to consider a capital fund for the Arts sector, similar to that available to sporting organisations in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [53613/23]

77. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an ndéanfaidh sí plé ar na rátaí pá a thuilleann mná tí faoi Scéim na bhFoghlaimeoirí Gaeilge. — Mairéad Farrell. [53572/23]

78. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an dtabharfaidh sí eolas ar íocaíochtaí do na mná tí. — Pearse Doherty. [53574/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the Government is committed to ensuring there will be no diminution in the quality and offering of public service broadcasting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53637/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to ensure that social media companies regulate and remove harmful content, including content inciting violence. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [53401/23]

81. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte 45986/23, soiléiriú a thabhairt ar an bplean atá tagtha as an obair athbhreithniúcháin atá déanta ag Údarás na Gaeltachta faoin bpunann iomlán mhaoine atá aige agus ar na féidearthachtaí forbartha atá ann; soiléiriú a thabhairt ar na hacmhainní airgeadais a bheidh ag teastáil chun an plean a chur i gcrích; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [53608/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the work her Department is undertaking in active tourism with a view to developing and promoting Ireland as a long-stay tourism destination to spread tourism more evenly across the regions, as outlined in the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [52957/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide an update on the development of the Sports Ireland Campus; how her Department is supporting the project ; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [53641/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an overview of Fáilte Ireland's marketing strategy for tourism, outside of Dublin, for the 2024 summer season; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [53375/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the progress being made by an association (details supplied) with regards to corporate governance reform; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [53458/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the level of funding provided to the basic income for the Arts Pilot Research Scheme in 2024 as part of the €1.17 billion in funding allocated to her Department in Budget 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53518/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the Sustainable Tourism Policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [52956/23]

88. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán céard é an t-eolas is déanaí maidir le toghcháin phoiblí do bhord Údarás na Gaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Mairéad Farrell. [53381/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the film industry stakeholder forum will take place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53634/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will explain why a sports capital grant application made by Clare GAA, to develop their centre of excellence facilities at Caherlohan, Tulla, County Clare in approximately 2018/2019 was refused; if a determination was made on the appeal subsequently lodged by the Clare County Board; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [53374/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason restaurants, cafés and gastropubs in areas highly dependent on tourism are not part of the new €10m support scheme to assist those affected by the use of local hotels and B&Bs to house refugees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53468/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media how the film industry stakeholder forum will be instituted and who will be invited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53635/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider making it mandatory for any co-productions shooting in Ireland to engage local Irish performers on equal terms and conditions as any visiting performer whose fees are subsidised by the public purse. — Gary Gannon. [53625/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to outline the marketing campaign in place for the Famine way. — Robert Troy. [53558/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to report on what recent engagements her Department has had with the Department of Finance and Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment in relation to the implementation of Section 481 Film Tax Relief recommendations, as outlined by the Budgetary Oversight Committee. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [53475/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what plans, if any are being established to mandate local councils to invest in the arts, considering they are primary stakeholders in local arts centres, yet are not explicitly required to allocate funding to the arts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [53476/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details of any engagement she or her Department has had with Údarás na Gaeltachta in relation to the provision of housing on lands and property owned by the Údarás, and in particular the provision of public housing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53609/23]

98. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an míneoidh sí cén uair a bheas na toghcháin chun bord Údarás na Gaeltachta ann. — Pearse Doherty. [53573/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps she continues to take to ensure that tourism is given every opportunity to develop and grow in the future notwithstanding the future challenges; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53555/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she can clarify if funding allocated to any Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF) can be amended or whether monies can be transferred from one project to another by the applicant; if she can elaborate if there is any flexibility around changing parameters for existing or agreed funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [53459/23]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*101. To ask the Taoiseach the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied). — Ged Nash. [53063/23]

*102. To ask the Taoiseach 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. — Ged Nash. [53064/23]

*103. To ask the Taoiseach the amount his Department spent in 2021, 2022 and up to 27 November 2023 on advertisements with a website (details supplied). — Ged Nash. [53065/23]

*104. To ask the Taoiseach the titles of the White Papers published by his Department from 2008 to date; and if he will provide online links to these papers. — Carol Nolan. [52988/23]

*105. To ask the Taoiseach 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; and the total costs incurred on commissioning or funding these reports. — Carol Nolan. [53009/23]

*106. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department operates an X account (formerly Twitter) or any other social media account, and if such accounts are verified through a subscription fee; and the policy in place that guides when any of these accounts can 'like', endorse or support a posting on X or other social media platforms. — Carol Nolan. [53663/23]

*107. To ask the Taoiseach how much his Department has spent on advertising on a website (details supplied) for each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form; and whether his Department will still run advertisements on the platform going forward due to issues. — Louise O'Reilly. [53808/23]

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

*108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of WTE staff by grade at the Irish embassies based in Abu Dhabi, Riyadh and Jakarta; and if he will provide same figures as of 1 April 2022, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [53217/23]

*109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of persons that applied for the post of driver at the Irish Embassy based in Seoul. — Darren O'Rourke. [53218/23]

*110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has been informed of a proposal by the European Commission to establish a programme modelled on the U.S. Foreign Military Sales (FMS) scheme, to support the EU arms industry; if he intends to oppose the establishment of such a programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53236/23]

*111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [53244/23]

*112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to intervene in the case of a person (details supplied); and if every support possible will be provided to them to assist with safe passage out of Gaza for their children. — Chris Andrews. [53263/23]

*113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to what extent the commitment of €225 million in climate financing by 2030 overlaps with overseas development assistance; if climate financing will be a separate fund of money to overseas development assistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [53273/23]

*114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a person in County Galway (details supplied); the reason for the delay in issuing the said passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53298/23]

*115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to list all meetings or telephone calls he has had with the foreign ministers or ambassadors of Israel, Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates from 7 October to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53318/23]

*116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the passport service utilises facial recognition technology; the safeguards that are in place to prevent abuse of this technology; the costs paid to providers for the operation and maintenance of this technology since it was first utilised by the Passport Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53332/23]

*117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [53357/23]

*118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when passports will issue to siblings from County Galway (details supplied); the reason for the delay in issuing the passports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53364/23]

*119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if it is the intention of the Government to reopen our representative office in Taipei, which closed in 2012 because of austerity measures, in order to encourage greater trade and cultural links to the region. — Francis Noel Duffy. [53388/23]

*120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to the Department's correspondence to the Oireachtas Committee of Public Accounts on 16 July 2021 (details supplied), the total compensation sought by the West Bank Protection Consortium from Israel to date; the amount received; if payment was not received, if the Irish Government sought to ensure that payment was received in advance of Foreign Ministers of the European Union agreeing to renew the EU-Israel Association Council in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53453/23]

*121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland sought for the European Union to make renewal of the EU-Israel Association Agreement contingent upon Israeli payment of compensation sought to the West Bank Protection Consortium; if such a payment was sought and if so, the amount received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53454/23]

*122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the humanitarian assistance Ireland has provided to the people of Gaza during the temporary ceasefire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53460/23]

*123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the humanitarian assistance that Ireland has provided to the people of Gaza in coordination with the European Union during the temporary ceasefire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53461/23]

*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland or the European Union have provided field hospitals to alleviate the humanitarian situation in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53462/23]

*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland or the European Union have provided humanitarian assistance in the form of Civil Defence equipment to the people of Gaza to assist rescuing the estimated 6,000 Palestinians trapped under rubble; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53463/23]

*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs in light of statements from Israel's Heritage Minister that the dropping of a nuclear bomb on Gaza was 'one of the possibilities' with regard to Israel's ongoing assault on Gaza, whether or not it is the position of the Irish Government that the state of Israel possess nuclear weapons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53464/23]

*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to the reprimand of the Irish ambassador to Israel in response to a social media post by An Taoiseach; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53477/23]

*128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if, in light of an announced rebuke of the Irish ambassador, if his Government has reconsidered the actions of the Deputy Head of Mission of the Israeli mission in Ireland, who levelled accusations against the Irish Government of funding Hamas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53478/23]

*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions he has taken in response to the forced displacement of Palestinians from their homes in the West Bank; the increased funding announced for illegal Israeli settlement construction and expansion in the West Bank, described by the High Representative for Foreign Policy and Security Policy as a breach of international humanitarian law; the increased funding to 'search and destroy' European Union-funded projects in the West Bank; the funding for arming illegal settlements in the West Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53479/23]

*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to President of the European Commission burdening the NGOs with bureaucracy in an attempt to stem aid to Palestine, in the spirit of an announced cessation of aid to Palestinian rebuked by Ireland and other members states, and despite a recent review having concluded that existing safeguards 'work well' and that 'no evidence has been found to date that money has been diverted for unintended purposes'; and so as to ensure parity of treatment with regard to aid to Palestine and trade with Israel, in line with statements of the Taoiseach, the actions he has taken to limit trade with Israel in a comparative manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53480/23]

*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his efforts to secure the release of Palestinian people interned by Israel in administrative detention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53481/23]

*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline Ireland's position at the United Nations and other relevant international fora regarding lethal autonomous weapon systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [53571/23]

*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department operates an X account (formerly Twitter) or any other social media account, and if such accounts are verified through a subscription fee; the policy in place that guides when any of these accounts can 'like', endorse or support a posting on X or other social media platforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53655/23]

*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to list the countries that in the past 20 years that have asked to establish formal diplomatic missions in Ireland; the year they applied; the reason they have not been established to date if available; and if any have been refused, the number refused and the reason. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53731/23]

*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of foreign diplomatic missions located in Ireland; the number with ambassadors; the number with only a consular service or honorary consulates; and the number of staff employed in each. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53732/23]

*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason Ireland abstained on the UN General Assembly resolution which called on Israel to withdraw from the occupied Golan Heights in accordance with previous Security Council resolutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53733/23]

*137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the UN General Assembly resolutions and UN Security Council resolutions that Ireland has voted on that called on Israel to withdraw from the occupied Golan Heights, the dates of each resolution and the position taken by Ireland in each instance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53734/23]

*138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs given that the International Criminal Court is engaged in an active investigation of the situation in Palestine, including an investigation into war crimes and crimes against humanity, and given Ireland's political and financial support for the Court's work, if there are any plans to communicate advisories to Irish citizens and residents who may be serving or volunteering in the Israel Defence Forces on the potential legal consequences and individual criminal liability that could arise under both Irish and international criminal law from their conduct in the course of such service or volunteering; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53774/23]

*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs how much his Department has spent on advertising on a website (details supplied) for each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form; and whether his Department will still run advertisements on the platform going forward due to issues. — Louise O'Reilly. [53800/23]

*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps taken to ensure that a US navy aircraft (details supplied) was not transporting US soldiers or military materials for delivery to Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53820/23]

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

*141. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what subsidies the Government has provided to develop carbon capture and storage technologies in each of the years 2015 to 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [53260/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if an extension to the temporary extension of the Waste Management (Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 will be considered, given the difficult weather conditions which have persisted in recent months. — Peter Burke. [53314/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications in relation to discounted rates on hardship meters, if he aware that discount rates are not available on hardship meters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [53339/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department operates an X account (formerly Twitter) or any other social media account, and if such accounts are verified through a subscription fee; the policy in place that guides when any of these accounts can 'like', endorse or support a posting on X or other social media platforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53653/23]

*145. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how much his Department has spent on advertising on a website (details supplied) for each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form; and whether his Department will still run advertisements on the platform going forward due to issues. — Louise O'Reilly. [53798/23]

*146. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the commencement date for the green energy home loan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [53859/23]

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

*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of Naval Service operations and patrols scheduled and cancelled in each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53455/23]

*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of instances whereby a Minister has had to make alternative travel arrangements due to an Air Corps plane being unavailable due to mechanical or staffing issues in each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date, by year, in tabular form; the cost associated with the alternative arrangements in each instance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53456/23]

*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the legislative basis for mandatory selection which would compel members of the Defence Forces to serve overseas as part of an EU battlegroup; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53457/23]

*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the occasions on which the Defence Forces have used a process of mandatory selection to enlist members to missions or operations in each of the years from 2000 to date in 2023; the number of members involved in each instance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53485/23]

*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has any proposals for the Defence Forces to participate in overseas missions for which the triple-lock neutrality protection currently precludes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53486/23]

*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if there are proposals to deploy the German-led EU battlegroup to missions that Ireland is currently precluded due to the triple-lock neutrality protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53487/23]

*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department operates an X account (formerly Twitter) or any other social media account, and if such accounts are verified through

a subscription fee; the policy in place that guides when any of these accounts can ‘like’, endorse or support a posting on X or other social media platforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53650/23]

*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update on the review of the processes of awarding military medals; when he expects the review to be completed; if he intends to implement changes to the processes involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53791/23]

*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he could utilise the same discretion that established the Independent Review Group on Jadotville to review the potential of awarding a military medal for gallantry to a person (details supplied); if he will ensure that such a review is completed before the 25th anniversary of the person’s death in May 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53792/23]

*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how much his Department has spent on advertising on a website (details supplied) for each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form; and whether his Department will still run advertisements on the platform going forward due to issues. — Louise O’Reilly. [53795/23]

*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 24 of 29 November 2023, if he can confirm whether he or his Department has had any engagement with representative governments or civil society organisations from the global South in consideration or development of proposals regarding the triple lock. — Neasa Hourigan. [53897/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*158. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to ensure local authorities remove diseased roadside ash trees from publicly owned land that pose a road safety risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [53645/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide figures, in tabular form, for the average waiting times currently being experienced for driving tests at the test centres in Birr, Portlaoise and Tullamore. — Brian Stanley. [53182/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide figures for the longest waiting time currently being experienced for driving tests at the test centres in Birr, Portlaoise and Tullamore, respectively. — Brian Stanley. [53183/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Transport the options available for renewal of motor tax to people who do not have access to or who cannot use online services. — Eoin Ó Broin. [53207/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding the construction of the 60km greenway link from Westport via Castlebar to Ballina; the up-to-date timeline for the completion of this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53208/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the southern relief road in Carlow and the relief road for Tullow (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [53212/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of fleet owners/managers and motor traders who have uploaded their vehicle details to the national fleet database by county, as required under the Road Traffic and Roads Act 2023, as the deadline to provide this information is 30 November 2023; the number that have included the driver number in their upload of information; the number by county that have failed to upload vehicle details by 30 November 2023 and the penalties for those who fail to submit details after the 30 November deadline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [53239/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of private motor insurance policy details that have been forwarded by each motor insurance company/broker to Motor Insurers Bureau of Ireland by county, to date; if the driver number has been included in the information provided by each motor insurance company/broker; the number of insurance companies/brokers that have yet to provide private motor insurance policy details to MIBI; the deadline to provide this information; the penalties for failure to provide this information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [53240/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of motor Insurance companies/brokers, by county, that have communicated with their policyholders informing of the requirement for all policy holders to provide their driver number(s) of everyone covered by their insurance policy, before upcoming change to Road Traffic law that will affect the renewal of their insurance policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [53241/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of fleet and motor trader vehicles registered on the national fleet database, by county, under the Road Traffic and Roads Act 2023; the number of motor insurance policy details provided to An Garda Síochána by Motor Insurers' Bureau of Ireland on a daily basis in real time since the signing of the new data sharing agreement between the two organisations; if this data includes the driver number of each person insured on the policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [53242/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the 7.45 am service on the number 7 bus from Bride's Glen to the city centre is cancelled so frequently (details supplied); if the matter will be investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53349/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport whether certainty can be given to home owners in Ard Dara and Castle Gardens in Blarney regarding the effects the M20 project will have on their properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [53387/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport if plans are in place to expand park and ride facilities for Sallins and Maynooth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [53410/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport what impacts his Department anticipates for a road (details supplied) as a result of the BusConnects scheme roll-out. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53414/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport the number and location of public transport stations across rail, LUAS and bus network that provide lockers for short-term storage of personal belongings, and the equivalent cost per hour of same, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [53500/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to enable the safe removal of diseased roadside ash trees from land owned by farmers who cannot pay private contractors for the safe removal of such trees; if he will consider the removal of such roadside trees a road safety priority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [53646/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department operates an X account (formerly Twitter) or any other social media account, and if such accounts are verified through a subscription fee; the policy in place that guides when any of these accounts can ‘like’, endorse or support a posting on X or other social media platforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53665/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of learner drivers per week to date in 2023 that failed to turn up for their scheduled driving test appointment; the number of driving tests lost through these no-shows; his plans to introduce measures to ensure that learner permit holders sit a driving test before they can obtain a subsequent learner permit from the RSA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [53684/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider reinstating the 76 bus route from Chapelizod to Tallaght Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [53699/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to increase the number of bus routes or the frequency of existing routes for the Chapelizod area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [53700/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the Blessington inner relief road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [53720/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider changing one of the c-spine bus routes to pass through Chapelizod village to provide additional bus services to people living in Chapelizod; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [53722/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport when a bus driver licence will issue to a person (details supplied) who has passed all relevant tests and who is urgently required by their employer to begin work as a bus driver; the length of time, on average, it takes to issue a bus licence following the successful completion of all test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [53735/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update in relation to the Lucan to city centre BusConnects scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [53760/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update in relation to the accuracy of the real time tracking of Dublin Bus services, and how this is being improved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [53775/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport how much his Department has spent on advertising on a website (details supplied) for each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form; and whether his Department will still run advertisements on the platform going forward due to issues. — Louise O’Reilly. [53810/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update in respect of his and the NTA's plans to establish a transport transfer and parking up at Castletown House grounds. — Catherine Murphy. [53821/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport whether it is intended to provide extra roads funding in 2024 to the climate action fund for roads to help alleviate the problem of flooding on roads, particularly where in coastal regions with only one access road, where, due to rising tides, roads flood more frequently and for longer periods in periods of spring tides; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53824/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport whether it is intended to provide extra roads funding in 2024 to the climate action fund for roads to heighten and improve causeways to islands and other areas along the coast totally dependent on same to ensure they can withstand higher tides and more frequent storms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53825/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport it is intended to provide funding through his Department to ensure that the CIE 1951 Pension Scheme has sufficient funds to pay pension increases to CIE pensioners (details supplied); if not, if the pension scheme will be incorporated into the general public service scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53913/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the increased investment being made on LocalLink services in counties Louth and Meath, including future plans for such extension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53914/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport if any further consideration has been given since the publication of the draft all island rail strategy to extending services to include passenger services along the existing Navan-Drogheda rail line, thereby providing a rail link to Dublin from Navan in a relatively inexpensive and fast manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53915/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*190. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year yield that would be generated if the electricity tax on large energy users increased to €3 per MW hour, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [53222/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Finance about Ireland's special drawing rights and their reallocation; how have they been reallocated; if they can be used as a means of debt cancellation and funding for loss and damage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [53268/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Finance if in relation to the amendments to the Finance (No.2) Bill in support of the recommendations in the Budgetary Oversight Committees Report on the section 481 film tax credit, he will consult and engage with a union (details supplied) on this matter and reconsider the decision to refuse this recommendation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [53524/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department operates an X account (formerly Twitter) or any other social media account, and if such accounts are verified through a

subscription fee; the policy in place that guides when any of these accounts can ‘like’, endorse or support a posting on X or other social media platforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53654/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason VAT is charged on medicines for family pets; and if he has plans or will consider reducing or removing VAT on medicines for family pets. — Pauline Tully. [53672/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Finance the total rental income declared by non-tax residents as part of their form 11 tax return in each year since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [53742/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Finance if books bought online from outside of Ireland are subject to the new reduced VAT rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [53776/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Finance how much his Department has spent on advertising on a website (details supplied) for each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form; and whether his Department will still run advertisements on the platform going forward due to issues. — Louise O’Reilly. [53799/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Finance the total value of unclaimed tax, through the Revenue Commissioners for overpaid tax; the number of persons to whom this applies, for each of the years 2016 to 2022, inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [53838/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of meetings he has held with retail banks, regarding the mortgage treatment of homes affected by defective blocks or their status following remediation, in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively. — Pearse Doherty. [53850/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of meetings he or officials from his Department have held with companies (details supplied) regarding the fraudulent content with respect to financial fraud and scams on their platforms in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively. — Pearse Doherty. [53852/23]

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.

*201. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an updated timeline for the production of the draft National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [53523/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide a breakdown of the full cost involved in connecting newly built modular homes (details supplied) to services such as electricity, lighting, sewage and water; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [53687/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of full-time heating and ventilating engineers employed by the OPW in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased during 2024. — Darren O'Rourke. [53232/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform in relation to the recently published «Supplementary Estimates for the Public Service» if he will explain why an estimated €3.4 billion extra is required for the public service; if he will provide a breakdown of the areas that this money is required for; if he will acknowledge that spending controls within the relevant services were not adhered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [53392/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he is aware of the issue surrounding the retirement of prison officers and Garda officers who are on a post-April 1995 pension, who are required to sign up for job seekers benefit for nine months following retirement from their respective services to receive their supplementary pension; if he plans to amend this so these workers receive their supplementary pension immediately when they retire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [53407/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department operates an X account (formerly Twitter) or any other social media account, and if such accounts are verified through a subscription fee; the policy in place that guides when any of these accounts can 'like', endorse or support a posting on X or other social media platforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53660/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform how much his Department has spent on advertising on a website (details supplied) for each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form; and whether his Department will still run advertisements on the platform going forward due to issues. — Louise O'Reilly. [53805/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide a schedule of all OPW-owned properties and lands in Wicklow; if he will indicate the status of the building and lands in that it is in use, vacant and leased by a third party. — Catherine Murphy. [53830/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if previous experience in the North's civil service is taken as relevant experience by the State's civil service when it comes to deciding where to place a new hire from the North's civil service on the pay scale here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [53892/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide a full update on the delivery of the CFRAM scheme for County Louth and east Meath further to the most recent flooding events in the area; the current timelines for the delivery of the projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53896/23]

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

*211. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to outline the supports that are available to employees who are owed wages from their employer who has closed his business. — Seán Canney. [53209/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of an application from Carlow County Council for an enterprise campus in Carlow town (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [53211/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of vacancies by job title at the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission as of 27 November 2023; the estimated full-year cost to fill each of these vacancies; and when each of those vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [53219/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if IDA Ireland put out a tender for a full-time Mexico based business development consultant in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [53220/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the efforts being made in his Department to streamline the employment permit process to facilitate the recruitment of workers for the private and voluntary nursing home sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [53279/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he was informed that a business (details supplied) has withdrawn its services in Galway and Mayo, leaving employees without any statutory redundancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53299/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the Trade Policy Committee, and the Foreign Affairs Council on Trade will next meet; what Ireland's key priorities are for those meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [53578/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department operates an X account (formerly Twitter) or any other social media account, and if such accounts are verified through a subscription fee; the policy in place that guides when any of these accounts can 'like', endorse or support a posting on X or other social media platforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53652/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what conditions must be met under section 39 of the National Minimum Wage Act 2000 for civil proceedings to be instituted by him on behalf of an employee for the recovery of an amount owed to an employee under section 24 of the National Minimum Wage Act 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [53726/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how much his Department has spent on advertising on a website (details supplied) for each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form; and whether his Department will still run advertisements on the platform going forward due to issues. — Louise O'Reilly. [53797/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*221. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide the rationale for the exclusion of a special needs assistant representative on boards of management (BOMs) at primary school level; her views on whether SNAs are not adequately represented by the role of the teacher representative; and if she will seek to include a specifically allocated space on BOMs for an SNA representative by amending section 14 of the Education Act 1998. — Catherine Murphy. [53185/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the delay in providing transport to a pupil attending an ASD unit (details supplied); if she will expedite this transport provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [53187/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Education what measures are in place to assist mainstream schools who are catering for children with additional educational needs, to ensure that these children can attend their local school along with their siblings where this is the case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [53195/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Education when an application to the NCSE to open an ASD class from a school in Donegal (details supplied) will be approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [53196/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Education to provide assistance in the case of a person (details supplied); what other services and educational supports can be offered should this child not be able to obtain placement in any ASD unit for the 2024/2025 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [53201/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ASD places available in secondary schools in Midleton, County Cork for September 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [53206/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full-year cost to recruit 42 additional WTE guidance posts in schools for the 2024-2025 school year. — Darren O'Rourke. [53230/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full-year cost to recruit 250 additional SNAs. — Darren O'Rourke. [53231/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Education the mechanism that is in place for a school to employ additional secretary hours, given the recent increase in pupil numbers of a school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [53249/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Education when a new secondary school in Rush will be given the go ahead to start building works. — Sorca Clarke. [53256/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the ongoing issue to source home economics teachers; if there are any plans to fund this course the same as maths and Spanish when there was a shortage of them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53269/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a person (details supplied) is not being facilitated to attend a school; the method of appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [53284/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has communicated directly with schools in relation to newly announced plans on solar panels, of 23 November 2023; and if not, if such communications, with information about the plans, are planned. — Ivana Bacik. [53297/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the delay in the payments for teachers and SNAs who provided the July Provision Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [53334/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Education further to past Parliamentary Questions of 26 November 2013, 3 December 2019 and 17 December 2019, if she will outline her plans to conduct a review in her Department to establish if information sought on Bus Éireann’s surplus and or profits in respect of the school transport scheme was withheld as determined by the auditors and credited to the profit and loss accounts of Bus Éireann. — Catherine Murphy. [53337/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Education if she will permit schools to retain unspent Covid grants in order to put these funds towards the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of these schools; the position in respect of a particular school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [53343/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Education in light of significant increases in energy, insurance, cleaning and waste-disposal costs, as well as in the cost of teaching materials and buses, if she will consider allowing a DEIS band 1 school (details supplied) to keep the remains of their Covid grant to go towards the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of the school. — Sorca Clarke. [53350/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Education what plans she has to make sure schools are adequately funded, given the capitation and cleaning grants along with others do not cover the basic expenses of schools. — Sorca Clarke. [53351/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Education if the Summer Works Programme is currently open for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53355/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) which has currently more than 300 pupils and is likely to increase to 350 pupils in the next two years is entitled to have the services of a full-time secretary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53376/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the current policy of withdrawing DEIS status to amalgamated schools where all schools do not have DEIS status prior to amalgamation; if she is aware of the fact that this policy is a barrier to amalgamations; if she can explain the justification where two single sex schools in the same town amalgamate into the only school for the catchment and where siblings are treated differently based solely on gender and both schools are treated differently for DEIS status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [53382/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Education if an application for funding for emergency works submitted by a school (details supplied) has been approved. — John McGuinness. [53383/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider initiating a campaign to attract qualified Irish primary and secondary school teachers working overseas to return to Ireland, and creating a unit within her Department to lead such an initiative; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [53415/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Education if IT grants will be allocated to primary schools this year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [53428/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Education the assistance available to a school (details supplied) in Dublin 9 regarding an urgent structural issue facing them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [53434/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 294 of 28 November 2023, to detail the amount of funding provided to each individual national school in County Cavan in each of the years referenced. — Pauline Tully. [53436/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Education what progress her Department has made regarding redeployment facilities for post primary teachers, which are necessary to develop a system which allows for more teachers to be deployed to work in their local communities and fill roles which desperately need to be filled in different counties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [53443/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Education when a review being undertaken by her Department in respect of a Stage 2B submission will be finalised (details supplied); and when the school contacted about the outcome of this review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53516/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Education at what stage is the planned construction of a school (details supplied); when she expects this development to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [53632/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department operates an X account (formerly Twitter) or any other social media account, and if such accounts are verified through a subscription fee; the policy in place that guides when any of these accounts can ‘like’, endorse or support a posting on X or other social media platforms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53651/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Education if she will engage with schools on the return of unspent Covid grants to the FSSU; whether this return can be reconsidered in some cases (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [53674/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Education if she will engage with Bus Éireann to address the situation where a child whose application has been sanctioned is still waiting to be assigned transport (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53689/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Education if there is any intention of improving access to guidance counselling in second level schools and colleges of further education as the current

allocation of 573 students to one full-time guidance counsellor is insufficient; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [53719/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Education if a new classroom which was to be ready in October for a school in Maynooth (details supplied) will be ready, in January 2024; if the school will have the teacher needed for the children who have arrived and will arrive from playschool; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [53723/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a child (details supplied) has been refused SNA support despite the recommendations of their teacher; if this decision will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [53729/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Education the actions she has taken, or if she has plans to initiate a review of the practice of principals and teachers filling in the educational section of the assessment of need form, taking into account the views of stakeholders and ensuring that the practice complies with the spirit of the Disability Act 2005. — Pauline Tully. [53738/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Education if the unspent monies for Covid in a DEIS school can be reallocated to meet other pressing needs, such as in a case (details supplied). — Richard Bruton. [53758/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) will receive payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [53761/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Education when the board of management of a primary school (details supplied) will have a decision on an application for a much-needed extension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [53765/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Education why there has been no new Summer Works Scheme since 2019; the number of Summer Works Schemes applications received in 2019 and since 2019 which are awaiting approval, broken down on a county-by-county basis, and under the primary- and post-primary headings; if she will provide an update on the number of projects, broken down on a county-by-county basis, and under the primary and post-primary headings, that have been largely completed each year since 2019 out to 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53783/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Education how much her Department has spent on advertising on a website (details supplied) for each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form; and whether her Department will still run advertisements on the platform going forward due to issues. — Louise O’Reilly. [53796/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Education if additional supports and funding will be provided to a school (details supplied) in an effort to allow the school to increase the student population, specifically next September’s first year intake. — Louise O’Reilly. [53811/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Education when school caretakers will be afforded a new agreement for revised salary and annual leave entitlements similar to the agreement recently put in place for school secretaries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [53812/23]

*264. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais briseadh síos a thabhairt ar an líon daoine a raibh díolúine acu ó fhoghlaim na Gaeilge sna blianta acadúla 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 agus 2022-23 de réir rang sa bhunscoil agus de réir bliain san iar-bhunscoil, i.e. an líon daoine a raibh díolúine acu i Rang a 1, Rang a 2, Rang a 3, Rang a 4, Rang a 5 agus Rang a 6 sa bhunscoil agus an líon daoine a raibh díolúine acu sa 1ú Bhliain, sa 2ú Bliain, sa 3ú Bliain, san Idirbhliain, sa 5ú Bliain agus sa 6ú Bliain san iar-bhunscoil; chomh maith leis na cúiseanna ar bronnadh na díolúintí sin de réir rang sa bhunscoil agus de réir bliain san iar-bhunscoil; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53827/23]

*265. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais míniú a thabhairt ar an líon ard daltaí, 669 ndalta, ar bronnadh díolúine orthu sa scoilbhliain 2022-23 bunaithe ar na critéir nua i gCiorclán 0054/2022 lena ndéantar soláthar den chéad uair do dhaltaí a bhfuil leibhéal ard riachtanas iolrach agus leanúnach acu atá ina bhac suntasach ar rannpháirtíocht an dalta ina shaol nó ina saol foghlama agus scoile, agus á chur san áireamh go bhfuil sé ráite sa chiorclán nár chóir díolúine a bhronnadh ach i gcúinsí an-eisceachtúil; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53828/23]

*266. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén líon díolúintí ó staidéar na Gaeilge a ceadaíodh de réir gach iar-bhunscoile sna blianta acadúla 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 agus 2022-23; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53829/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a schedule of all properties and lands in her estates portfolio in Wicklow; and if she will indicate the status of the building and lands in that it is in use, vacant and leased by a third party. — Catherine Murphy. [53831/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Education if she will look at a case (details supplied) whereby a child who is starting primary school in September may have to travel from the Raheny area to Balbriggan to get a place in an autism class; what is the provision of autism classes in the vicinity of this child's home; whether there are plans to provide additional autism classes in nearby schools; what she believes to be an appropriate distance for primary school children to travel for appropriate education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [53893/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Education how many schools currently utilise temporary prefab accommodation for classrooms; how much was spent on leasing or rental of such buildings in 2022; how much is budgeted for them for 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [53894/23]

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

*270. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media in light of the Gymnastics Ireland scandal and the promise from Sport Ireland to introduce anti-racism training in the NGBs; if she will can outline what percentage of the fund going to the twenty nine local sports partnerships will be ringfenced for this training; who will carry out the training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [53204/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status update on the provision of a water activity hub, in Carlow town; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [53210/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of vacant WTE posts by job title that have yet to be filled at Coimisiún Na Meán, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [53229/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the names of businesses that applied for a scheme (details supplied); how much has been allocated to each of the successful applicants in County Louth, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53247/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she can confirm receipt of an application for grant-aid under the sports capital programme from a club (details supplied) in County Mayo; and when it is expected funding will be allocated to these applicants. — Alan Dillon. [53274/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide the level of exchequer funding received by Tourism Ireland in each of the years 2022 and 2023. — Imelda Munster. [53293/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide the level of exchequer funding received by Fáilte Ireland in each of the years 2022 and 2023. — Imelda Munster. [53294/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her role in hosting major sporting events such as the European finals; what co-operation is engaged in with other agencies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53346/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has provided financial support for the staging of any major sporting events over the past ten years; to list in tabular form, each event, the amount allocated, for what measures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53347/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide urgent consideration to an issue (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [53365/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if funding is to be provided by her Department for co-operation with the Northern Ireland funding scheme for 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53520/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 37 of 19 October 2023, the details of the performance delivery agreement between her Department and Galway Culture Company, which was signed in June 2023; if the agreement is publicly available; if not, her plans to publish it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53627/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 37 of 19 October 2023, and the performance delivery agreement, the dates of all bilateral meetings on progress against milestones under the PDA that have taken place to-date between her Department and Galway Culture Company; her plans to publish the minutes of the meetings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53628/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 37 of 19 October 2023, and the Performance Delivery Agreement, the dates of all quarterly reporting meetings that have taken place to-date between Galway Culture Company and the public funders; the details of the public funders included in these quarterly meetings; the plans to publish the minutes of the meetings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53629/23]

*284. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Cheist Pharlaiminte Uimh. 9 an 19 Deireadh Fómhair 2023, cén dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir leis an obair athbhreithniúcháin ar na chéad 10 bplean teanga a ceadaíodh faoi Acht na Gaeltachta, 2012; cathain a thosófar an obair athbhreithniúcháin ar na bpleananna eile; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [53630/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what funding is available from her Department for the establishment of local museums and for the collection and collation of local historical artifacts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [53644/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department operates an X account (formerly Twitter) or any other social media account, and if such accounts are verified through a subscription fee; the policy in place that guides when any of these accounts can ‘like’, endorse or support a posting on X or other social media platforms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53664/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media how much her Department has spent on advertising on a website (details supplied) for each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form; and whether her Department will still run advertisements on the platform going forward due to issues. — Louise O’Reilly. [53809/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which her Department continues to monitor the tourism sector in order to identify trends with particular reference to targeted assistance to the most needed areas of the industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53862/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the degree to which she continues to engage with cultural groups of local and national importance throughout the country and County Kildare with a view to maximisation of culture as a means of promoting business and boosting the economy at local and national level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53863/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she and her office continue to encourage cultural projects at local and national level with a view to ensuring maximisation of economic benefit through the medium of culture and tourism; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53864/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she and her Department continue to encourage all forms of the arts including the stage and film industry, local voluntary groups and those interested in the promotion of the arts at amateur and local level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53865/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which opportunities continue to exist for philanthropists to engage in and support the arts nationally and locally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53866/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she can facilitate those who have previously been awarded capital sports grants and have not been in a position to complete the projects due to various reasons; if arrangements can be made to ensure they be given an extension of time to meet their requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53867/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she expects to be in a position to offer capital sports grants in the forthcoming year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53868/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which endeavours continue to be made to host international sporting events in this country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53869/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which business tourism continues to be encouraged with the obvious necessity of having to compete internationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53870/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the measures she continues to take to encourage the growth of and further development of the film industry here, both indigenous and international; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53871/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which this country remains an attractive base for film location; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53872/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the degree to which she continues to ensure the continued growth and viability of all portfolios under her aegis with obvious benefit for tourism, culture, arts, sport and media; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53873/23]

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

*300. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department plans to introduce a nationwide cull of American mink as part of the recently announced alien species management plan; if local conservation and angling groups will be asked for submissions on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53254/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the emergency funding scheme for fire safety works and other remediation works will be implemented; when the legislation underpinning the scheme will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [53259/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how the Land Development Agency tenders for services, and which services it tenders for; the timeline for the next round of tenders for services such as quantity surveying; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [53270/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the formula by which qualification for social housing is assessed, the documentation used to make this assessment and the overtime that is reckonable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [53283/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what hare coursing meetings have been monitored by NPWS rangers to date, including the release of hares after these meetings (details supplied); if he will ensure that every single hare coursing meeting is monitored from now on, and all hare releases monitored, to get an accurate picture of the number of hares released into the wild; and whether, as part of the monitoring process, he will require the rangers to visit each coursing club prior to their meetings, to count hares kept in captivity and take note of ear tag numbers so that these can be checked against the list of hare tag numbers supplied to the NPWS as per Condition 4 of the Section 34 (Wildlife Act) Licence to Tag Hares. — Paul Murphy. [53313/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the fees paid by his Department for consultation services provided by a firm (details supplied), broken down by the amount paid and purpose of consultation, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [53324/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the fees paid by his Department for consultation services provided by the firm (details supplied), broken down amount paid and purpose of consultation, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [53325/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the fees paid by his Department for consultation services provided by the firm (details supplied), broken down by the amount paid and purpose of consultation, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [53326/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the fees paid by his Department for consultation services provided by the firm (details supplied), broken down by the amount paid and purpose of consultation, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [53327/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a response to the representations made to his Department on 9 August 2023, regarding an event (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [53328/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the Vacant Homes Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53367/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an application has been received by Fingal County Council for inclusion in the Defective Concrete Blocks Scheme;

if he can provide a timeline for the inclusion of local authorities in the scheme once applications are made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [53389/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to make changes to the requirement for election candidates to declare their full home address on ballot papers. — Catherine Murphy. [53444/23]

*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm that applicants to the first defective concrete block remediation scheme on transfer to the revised defective concrete block remediation scheme will be eligible for grant levels based on the most up to date SCSI square meter rates. — Eoin Ó Broin. [53449/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm when he intends to publish a summary commentary on the Mulcahy report into allegations of planning irregularities in County Donegal. — Eoin Ó Broin. [53450/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm if funding for interim fire safety works will be provided to homeowners or OMCs impacted by building defects before 31 January 2023. — Eoin Ó Broin. [53451/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of all correspondence, including dates, to and from the franchise section in his Department and the European Commission on Part 4 and Part 5 of the Electoral Reform Act from 2022 to the present; and to make a statement on the contents of this correspondence and to publish this correspondence on the Department's website. — Eoin Ó Broin. [53452/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide the terms of reference for the consultancy firm (details supplied) for their work on the National Planning Framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [53521/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an updated timeline for the production of the draft National Planning Framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [53522/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify whether Irish graduates of all Irish higher educational institutions will be able to pre-register for the new Seanad University Panel prior to May 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [53601/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider any extension to the existing time parameters of the vacant property refurbishment grant (details supplied) to account for unexpected delays on a project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [53647/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department operates an X account (formerly Twitter) or any other social media account, and if such accounts are verified through a subscription fee; the policy in place that guides when any of these accounts can 'like', endorse or support a posting on X or other social media platforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53658/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of an application for compensation as a result of the designation of lands as a special protection area, and consequential loss of income for the applicant as a result of the designation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [53673/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when details of voluntary redundancy schemes will be released to local authorities (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [53675/23]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 236 of 9 November 2023, the reason the bounty on mink to protect ground nesting birds between 2012 and 2015 is no longer in operation; the reason it was not extended beyond 2015; what findings informed the decision to cease this policy and scheme; the proof he has that this scheme was successful or otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53677/23]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many mink are currently in the wild in Ireland; if action is not taken to cull mink numbers, how many mink will be wild in Ireland in 2030, 2035 and 2040, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53678/23]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the number of mink in Ireland is growing exponentially; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53679/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current rates of income to local government from solar photovoltaic installations broken down by local authority. — Brian Leddin. [53703/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current rates of income to local government from onshore wind-powered electricity generation broken down, by local authority. — Brian Leddin. [53704/23]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current rates of income to local government from offshore wind-powered electricity generation broken down, by local authority. — Brian Leddin. [53705/23]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current rates of income to local government from biomass combustion infrastructure broken down, by local authority. — Brian Leddin. [53706/23]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current rates of income to local government from anaerobic digestion and associated electricity generation broken down, by local authority. — Brian Leddin. [53707/23]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current rates of income to local government from landfill gas installations, broken down, by local authority. — Brian Leddin. [53708/23]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current rates of income to local government from hydroelectric projects, broken, by local authority. — Brian Leddin. [53709/23]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current rates of income to local government from energy storage infrastructure, broken down by local authority. — Brian Leddin. [53710/23]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current rates of income to local government from fossil-fuelled electricity generation infrastructure, broken down by local authority. — Brian Leddin. [53711/23]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current rates of income to local government from electricity distribution infrastructure, broken down by local authority. — Brian Leddin. [53712/23]

*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current rates of income to local government from electricity transmission infrastructure, broken down by local authority. — Brian Leddin. [53713/23]

*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current rates of income to local government from petrol/diesel filling stations, broken down, by local authority. — Brian Leddin. [53714/23]

*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current expenditure of each local authority for liquid transport fuels, solid fossil heating fuels, liquid fossil heating fuels, fossil gas heating fuels, renewable heating fuels and electricity. — Brian Leddin. [53717/23]

*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current direct income (other than rates income) of each local authority from renewable energy installations. — Brian Leddin. [53718/23]

*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how much his Department has spent on advertising on a website (details supplied) for each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form; and whether his Department will still run advertisements on the platform going forward due to issues. — Louise O'Reilly. [53803/23]

*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 90 of 22 November 2023, which local authorities made submissions and which local authorities are represented on the working group. — Patrick Costello. [53822/23]

*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress being made by the heritage section of his Department in ongoing discussions with Galway County Council in relation to the development of method statements relating to the upgrade of the N59 from Bunakill to Ougherard, in view of the planning condition placed on the planning permission by an Bord Pleanála in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53832/23]

*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm or clarify whether, following remediation as prescribed by the Housing Agency under the defective

blocks grant scheme, that properties remediated will be fully mortgageable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [53836/23]

*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of meetings he has held with retail banks, regarding the mortgage treatment of homes affected by defective blocks or their status following remediation, in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively. — Pearse Doherty. [53851/23]

*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has entered into negotiations or purchased lands at a location (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53890/23]

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

*347. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost to recruit 50 additional WTE community welfare officers, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [53221/23]

*348. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for the avoidance of doubt could she provide the full list of payments which will receive the Christmas bonus along with the respective dates of disbursement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [53234/23]

*349. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine a matter in relation to the carer's bonus payment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [53238/23]

*350. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware of the report from the Committee for Social Protection (details supplied) which recommended that the pension investment funds be prohibited from investing in fossil fuels or the arms industry; to outline the Government's position on this recommendation; if her Department has carried out any feasibility studies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [53243/23]

*351. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for a review of a carer's allowance case (details supplied) in light of the recent changing financial situation for the family; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [53271/23]

*352. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in relation to the Christmas bonus, if she is aware of any concerns that the large number of different categories for social welfare payments, and the requirement for a specific type of payment to be listed amongst those eligible for the bonus, could result in some people unintendedly not receiving this payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [53292/23]

*353. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether she is aware that the Social Welfare Appeals Office is currently telling appellants that it will take six to eight weeks for their appeals to even be logged and acknowledged in the first instance; whether she believes this is acceptable; the steps she is taking to address resourcing issues in that office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53320/23]

*354. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a domiciliary care allowance appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53329/23]

*355. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department utilises facial recognition technology; the safeguards that are in place to prevent abuse of this technology; the costs paid to providers for the operation and maintenance of this technology since it was first utilised by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53330/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an oral hearing request for a carer's allowance appeal will be facilitated for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [53340/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person's (details supplied) travel pass will be reinstated. — Robert Troy. [53344/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ask her Department to review the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [53409/23]

*359. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the living alone allowance payment will be reconsidered to persons over 65 years of age (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [53413/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Social Protection If a disability allowance will be approved as a matter of urgency for a person (details supplied) considering the medical report provided by her GP. — John McGuinness. [53445/23]

*361. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that recipients of the disablement pension and unemployability supplement do not receive the cost of living bonus or fuel allowance; her views on the need to provide additional supports to such persons in view of the cost of living crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [53581/23]

*362. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applicants turned down for the care allowance, how many were awarded on appeal and how many were awarded on second application in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [53631/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department operates an X account (formerly Twitter) or any other social media account, and if such accounts are verified through a subscription fee; the policy in place that guides when any of these accounts can 'like', endorse or support a posting on X or other social media platforms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53662/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) will have an application for carer's allowance reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53669/23]

*365. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rate of contributory pension that will apply to those who have an entitlement to the maximum rate of contributory pension from January 2024 should they decide to defer drawing down their pension until they reach ages 67, 68, 69 and 70 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [53670/23]

*366. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an oral hearing request for a carer's allowance appeal will be facilitated for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [53698/23]

*367. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason an application for the carer's allowance by a person (details supplied) was rejected despite them providing full time care to two older neighbours. — Martin Browne. [53725/23]

*368. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to review a case with regard to the free school meals initiative (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53727/23]

*369. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her Department's position for issuing social welfare payments for example, illness benefit for public sector workers who are over the age of 66 years (pension age) but who are not due to retire until 70 years of age (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [53741/23]

*370. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a social welfare appeal for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [53744/23]

*371. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a social welfare appeal for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [53745/23]

*372. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if all arrears are paid and up to date in the case of a person (details supplied); whether any outstanding monies are owed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53771/23]

*373. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she would provide clarification as to whether children who turned eighteen this year but are still attending secondary school are entitled to have their child benefit reinstated after the recent Budget 2024 announcement, noting that if this measure only came into effect from September 2024, this would put all leaving certificate students who turn 18 years of age before completing their secondary school education next year at a disadvantage; and if a student decides after their leaving cert to continue with full time education they would be entitled then to receive the extended child benefit. — Frankie Feighan. [53788/23]

*374. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how much her Department has spent on advertising on a website (details supplied) for each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form; and whether her Department will still run advertisements on the platform going forward due to issues. — Louise O'Reilly. [53807/23]

*375. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if self-employed individuals are excluded from the rent supplement scheme regardless of whether they meet the requirements of the means test, as outlined by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [53819/23]

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

*376. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will clarify what exactly «a reasonable timeframe» means in the context of the Property Services (Regulation) Act 2011 (Minimum Standards) Regulations 2020 (S.I. No. 564 of 2020) (details supplied); what a client should do in the event that their communications are not being replied to; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [53385/23]

*377. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of international protection applicants who have arrived in Ireland for each of the past five years, in tabular form, including the number per year; the numbers who were refused entry at the border; the number per year whose applications have been approved/refused; the number per year who have received deportation orders, and of those, the number deported by year, all in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [53203/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Justice if the posts of director of licensing and director of technology for the Gambling Regulatory Authority of Ireland have been filled. — Darren O'Rourke. [53223/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new marked vans attached to the Garda Technical Bureau in 2022 and to-date in 2023; the number of marked vans withdrawn from the Garda Technical Bureau during the same period. — Darren O'Rourke. [53225/23]

*380. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding will be granted to an organisation (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53304/23]

*381. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the Success of the Mediation Act 2017; to outline any reviews of this legislation that have been carried out or if she intends to carry out any further reviews of the legislation; to outline what key performance indicators if any, have been met; what plans she has, if any, to further promote the role of mediation as an alternative dispute mechanism; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [53310/23]

*382. To ask the Minister for Justice the total budgeted cost of the «consent» radio advertisements which are currently being aired; the total amount spent in each year to date; and the total amount which was paid to RTE in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53321/23]

*383. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Border management unit of her Department utilises facial recognition technology; the safeguards that are in place to prevent abuse of this technology; the costs paid to providers for the operation and maintenance of this technology since it was first utilised by the unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53331/23]

*384. To ask the Minister for Justice for a breakdown of overtime in An Garda Síochána from 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023; and to detail if possible where the overtime is worked; and where the gardaí working the overtime are based. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [53341/23]

*385. To ask the Minister for Justice the status and when a decision will be reached for a visa application by a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [53360/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of crimes and the type of crimes that have been reported in the north inner city in the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [53369/23]

*387. To ask the Minister for Justice if the gardaí track the country of origin of people who are convicted of crime in Ireland. — Peadar Tóibín. [53370/23]

*388. To ask the Minister for Justice how many people who have been issued with a deportation order have subsequently been naturalised. — Peadar Tóibín. [53371/23]

*389. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will set out her rationale for the withdrawal of proposals in respect of consent in the context of her plans to reform of existing legislation (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [53400/23]

*390. To ask the Minister for Justice the number, in tabular form, of gardaí in total, and of each rank, based in County Monaghan currently, and for the end of each year 2009-2022, inclusive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53482/23]

*391. To ask the Minister for Justice the Garda and the stations that were operational in each Garda station in County Monaghan for each year 2009-2023 inclusive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53483/23]

*392. To ask the Minister for Justice how many applications for international protection were made in each month since February 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [53492/23]

*393. To ask the Minister for Justice how many first instance decisions were made by the IPO in each month since February 2020. — Michael McNamara. [53493/23]

*394. To ask the Minister for Justice how many Notices of Appeal to the IPAT were lodged in each month since February 2020. — Michael McNamara. [53494/23]

*395. To ask the Minister for Justice how many decisions of the IPAT were made in each month since February 2020. — Michael McNamara. [53495/23]

*396. To ask the Minister for Justice how many applications were made under the recent Undocumented Migrants' Scheme. — Michael McNamara. [53496/23]

*397. To ask the Minister for Justice how many decisions have been made under the Undocumented Migrants' Scheme, how many of those decisions granted permission to reside and work in the State and how many applications have been refused. — Michael McNamara. [53497/23]

*398. To ask the Minister for Justice how many persons in respect of whom a notice to transfer had been made under the Dublin 3 Regulation were not subsequently transferred; and of that number, how many were not transferred because the time period to implement the transfer pursuant to Dublin 3 had expired. — Michael McNamara. [53498/23]

*399. To ask the Minister for Justice how many persons in respect of whom a Deportation Order has been made are currently in the State insofar as her Department is aware. — Michael McNamara. [53499/23]

*400. To ask the Minister for Justice why the processing time for Labour Market Access Permission is approximately 130 days, and what measures are being taken to reduce the processing time. — Michael McNamara. [53506/23]

*401. To ask the Minister for Justice how many people are currently assigned to the International Protection Office Case Processing Panel; how many persons were assigned at the end of November 2022 and November 2021, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [53507/23]

*402. To ask the Minister for Justice the average and median length of time between receipt of applications for international protection and first instance decisions on international protection applications, and the average and mean length of time between applications and first instance decisions currently, at the end of June 2023 and the end of November 2022 of the International Protection Appeals Tribunal. — Michael McNamara. [53508/23]

*403. To ask the Minister for Justice the average and median length of time between receipt of applications for international protection and the issuance of decisions by the International Protection Appeals Tribunal currently, at the end of June 2023 and at the end of November 2022, respectively. — Michael McNamara. [53509/23]

*404. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department operates an X account (formerly Twitter) or any other social media account, and if such accounts are verified through a subscription fee; the policy in place that guides when any of these accounts can ‘like’, endorse or support a posting on X or other social media platforms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53659/23]

*405. To ask the Minister for Justice how many trainee gardaí will go through the Garda College, Templemore in 2023. — Alan Kelly. [53702/23]

*406. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the progress outlined on 29 March 2022 that the Garda Commissioner had instructed that a fresh investigation be undertaken into the matters which a judge (details supplied) determined required further investigation in their report on the statutory inquiry under section 42 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 into the Garda Síochána investigation relating to the death of a person; whether prosecutions have been initiated; whether the report by the judge will be published, either in full or redacted form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [53730/23]

*407. To ask the Minister for Justice if a cap can be examined for the number of times a person can access free legal aid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53736/23]

*408. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 901 of 13 June 2023, the projected and actual number of Garda recruits, resignations, retirements and overall workforce numbers to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [53739/23]

*409. To ask the Minister for Justice if all operational gardaí are currently recertified/qualified to use batons, handcuffs and incapacitant spray, if they meet a public order situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53746/23]

*410. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53764/23]

*411. To ask the Minister for Justice for details of her diary and all engagements for 22, 23 and 24 November 2023. — Pa Daly. [53778/23]

*412. To ask the Minister for Justice when she and the Garda Commissioner were first in contact in relation to an incident (details supplied); who initiated that contact; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [53779/23]

*413. To ask the Minister for Justice when she and the Garda Commissioner were first in contact in relation to an incident (details supplied); who initiated that contact; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [53780/23]

*414. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide the reasoning behind her decision to remove proposals in the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Bill 2023 in relation to consent; who was consulted as part of this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [53784/23]

*415. To ask the Minister for Justice whether she engaged with any domestic and sexual violence organisation in regard to her decision to remove proposals around consent from the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Bill 2023; and if so, to provide details of those consultations. — Holly Cairns. [53785/23]

*416. To ask the Minister for Justice when it was flagged with her or her Department that there were legal concerns in relation to her proposals on consent in the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Bill 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [53786/23]

*417. To ask the Minister for Justice how much her Department has spent on advertising on a website (details supplied) for each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form; and whether her Department will still run advertisements on the platform going forward due to issues. — Louise O'Reilly. [53804/23]

*418. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of phase one gardai trainees expected in Templemore Garda Training in 2023; and how many were in the college in 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [53823/23]

*419. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of meetings he or officials from his Department have held with companies (details supplied) regarding the fraudulent content with respect to financial fraud and scams on their platforms in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively. — Pearse Doherty. [53849/23]

*420. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding will be increased for a centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53856/23]

*421. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of persons denied entry to the State and returned, specifying the breakdown of their countries of origin, in each of the years 2020 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [53881/23]

*422. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of international protection applications that have been processed in accordance with the accelerated procedure since it was introduced in November 2022; and to provide a breakdown of the decision outcomes under this procedure in respect of granting permission to remain, granting and refusing international protection respectively, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [53882/23]

*423. To ask the Minister for Justice the average cost of effecting a deportation/return in 2023 in accordance with EU legislation, specifying the breakdown of average costs associated with flights, accommodation, administration, and other relevant costs, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [53887/23]

*424. To ask the Minister for Justice the average cost of effecting a transfer/return in 2023 in accordance with the Dublin III Regulation, specifying the breakdown of average costs associated with flights and transportation, accommodation, administration and other relevant costs, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [53889/23]

*425. To ask the Minister for Justice if she directed the Garda Commissioner to attest early the 151 recruits in the Garda College which was announced recently. — Alan Kelly. [53899/23]

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

*426. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter with regard to redundancy payments from a company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53213/23]

*427. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what bio-security measures are currently in place to appropriately assess imported timber given the current risk posed by the great spruce bark beetle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53285/23]

*428. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in light of the current threat posed by the great spruce bark beetle, if his Department is of the view that the facilities and biosecurity measures are currently in place for the assessment and quality control of timber when imported are sufficient; if the Department has any plans to re-assess or change these measures to appropriately address this threat; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53286/23]

*429. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if every timber shipment imported is examined to ensure it is of the highest quality and it does not pose a biosecurity risk; how timber imports are examined - by visual assessment or by x-ray; if shipments are actively being checked for the great spruce bark beetle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53287/23]

*430. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has any plans to liaise with the relevant authorities in Northern Ireland to co-ordinate an all-island approach with regard to measures taken to prevent the importation of the great spruce bark beetle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53288/23]

*431. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine following the discovery of the great spruce bark beetle in Scotland, if there is any co-ordination between the Department and

the relevant Scottish authorities to ensure the great spruce bark beetle is not present in timber shipments coming to Ireland; if there is any certification or authentication process verifying that the beetle is not present in timber shipments coming from Scotland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53289/23]

*432. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers who have received the first payment under the sheep improvement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [53315/23]

*433. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total budgeted cost of the radio advertising campaign currently taking place in relation to farm safety; the total amount spent in each year to date; and the total amount which was paid to RTE in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53323/23]

*434. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will halt live cattle exports to Israel; to provide details of how many shipments of cattle and the number of cattle that have been exported to Israel since 7 October 2023. — Paul Murphy. [53354/23]

*435. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will give due consideration to providing financial supports for inshore fishermen, in view of an unprecedented rise in operating costs as a result of the ongoing war in Ukraine coupled with the crash in prices received for catches due to processors having to reduce the price they pay for products to fishermen to help maintain their own margins; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53366/23]

*436. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will publish, in tabular form, the number of registered inshore and offshore fishing vessels in the ranges under 10, 10 to 12, 12 to 15 and over 15 meters licensed to catch fish for commercial reasons in Ireland for the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [53417/23]

*437. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the nature of the business relationship between Fexco and Bord Iascaigh Mhara in administering funding schemes for the fisheries sector; if there are direct employees of BIM available to answer queries the applicants may have on these schemes and particularly the application and drawdown of funding process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [53418/23]

*438. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he and his Department officials have considered introducing a market disruption fund for shellfish fishermen from EMFAF funding streams due to significant market disturbance in the last while; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [53419/23]

*439. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will publish the basis and rationale for any proposed cut to the total allowable catch for pollock; if there are any scientific studies behind that proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [53420/23]

*440. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will set out the Department's position on the impasse between Coillte and its forestry partners relative to the terms of the agreement with each land owner and the implementation of a forest management plan; if he will appoint independent investigators to examine the complaints made against Coillte

and the allegations of mismanagement, abuse of their position as the dominant partner and the lack of transparency on payments and costs; if he will request the Comptroller and Auditor General or an outside competent body to examine the accounts of Coillte and their corporate governance structures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [53440/23]

*441. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the arrangements that will be made to ensure those who are waiting for probate to be completed, which can take some time due to delays in the Probate Office, will be able to join ACRES; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53510/23]

*442. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department operates an X account (formerly Twitter) or any other social media account, and if such accounts are verified through a subscription fee; the policy in place that guides when any of these accounts can 'like', endorse or support a posting on X or other social media platforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53648/23]

*443. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the financial supports that will be provided to farmers for the safe removal of diseased ash trees on road-fronting farmland in circumstances where farmers are not trained to remove such trees safely and cannot afford to pay a contractor to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [53666/23]

*444. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise on sectoral representation on the board of the ICBF; if he will ensure there is representation of suckler beef farmers and marts on the board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [53681/23]

*445. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration has been given to providing farmers with assistance on the purchase of wood chippers, given new rules which prevent farmers from burning wood on their land and the slow decomposition of larger pieces of wood; if such a measure could be included under TAMS 3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [53682/23]

*446. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications to the TAMS 3 women farmer capital investment scheme; the number of successful applicants to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [53683/23]

*447. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what timeframe is being considered for eligibility in relation to the draft proposal his Department is preparing regarding a solution for the group known as the forgotten farmers; if inclusion of the TAMs top-up for young farmers has been considered as part of the proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [53701/23]

*448. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine why a person (details supplied) was excluded from the Shannon Callows Flood Scheme; if he will review this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53772/23]

*449. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how much his Department has spent on advertising on a website (details supplied) for each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form; and whether his Department will still run advertisements on the platform going forward due to issues. — Louise O'Reilly. [53793/23]

*450. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether in areas where there are populations of wild deer, extra grant aid will be provided under the forestry schemes to provide for the provision of deer fencing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53834/23]

*451. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagement he has had with pedigree cattle breeders following the announced changes to the beef index; if he is aware of the potential loss of income for breeders as a result of the ratings changes and the short timeframe for introduction; if consideration has been given to delaying the introduction or allowing a grace period for breeders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [53853/23]

*452. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Questions Nos 121 and 122 of 29 November 2023, if his Department will refuse to permit the conversion of existing forest land to agroforestry as is not a policy objective of his Department, nor is it a strategic action in his Department's Forestry Strategy implementation plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [53918/23]

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

*453. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the ongoing closure of a service (details supplied); if plans are in place to support clients during this closure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [53512/23]

*454. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to an issue raised (details supplied), if he can provide an update on any progress made on the re-opening of the hydrotherapy pool at a location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [53202/23]

*455. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will review the conditions relating to subsidies in the national childcare scheme which adversely impact parents and guardians of children not availing of their quota of full-time care hours (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53264/23]

*456. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if IPAS can make urgent contact with a person in County Mayo (details supplied) in view of the sensitivity of the situation. — Michael Ring. [53266/23]

*457. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department is aware that a creche will not be able to reopen until May 2024 due to the recent flooding in East Cork; if there is anything his Department can do to support the 100 plus children and their families find immediate creche places for family members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [53302/23]

*458. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is any additional supports available to the families and the services users of a creche (details supplied) which is closed due to recent flooding and will not reopen again until May 2024 with the loss of over a hundred places and is forcing family members to take time off work as a result of no alternative creche places in the Midleton area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [53303/23]

*459. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to respond to concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53316/23]

*460. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total budgeted cost of the television and radio advertising campaign in relation to the new Decision Support Service; the total amount spent in each year to date; and the total amount which was paid to RTE in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53322/23]

*461. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure that CARI is provided with sufficient funding to continue its operations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [53353/23]

*462. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to examine an issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [53359/23]

*463. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53361/23]

*464. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to respond to concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) in respect of the core funding model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53390/23]

*465. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update in respect of commencing the Work Life and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2023 in full. — Catherine Murphy. [53391/23]

*466. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if assistance can be provided to the family looking for a place for a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [53408/23]

*467. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated first year, full year and annual cost to increase core funding by 10%, 20%, 25% and 33% effective from January 2024. — Kathleen Funchion. [53422/23]

*468. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated first year, full year and annual cost to increase core funding by 10%, 20%, 25% and 33% effective from September 2024. — Kathleen Funchion. [53423/23]

*469. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated first year, full year and annual cost to increase the universal national childcare subsidy by 25% effective from January 2024. — Kathleen Funchion. [53424/23]

*470. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated first year, full year and annual cost to increase the universal national childcare subsidy by 25% effective from September 2024. — Kathleen Funchion. [53425/23]

*471. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated first year, full year and annual cost to reduce childcare fees by 10%, 20%, 25% and 33% effective from September 2024. — Kathleen Funchion. [53426/23]

*472. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated first year, full year and annual cost to reduce childcare fees by 10%, 20%, 25% and 33% effective from January 2024. — Kathleen Funchion. [53427/23]

*473. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a person's application (details supplied) under the Assisted Decision-Making Capacity Act 2015 will be processed. — Sean Sherlock. [53429/23]

*474. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of applications that have been completed under the Assisted Decision-Making Capacity Act 2015 since the Decision Support Service came into being earlier this year; in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [53430/23]

*475. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will remove the requirement for childcare providers to provide a separate set of financial records to the ones filed with the Revenue Commissioners in the core funding model (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53433/23]

*476. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the number of creches which are withdrawing from the core funding programme since September 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [53435/23]

*477. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current number of live studies, reviews and research undertaken or commissioned by him; and the date by which each study, review and research is scheduled to be completed, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [53446/23]

*478. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how much his Department has paid to date in 2023 in respect of accommodation provided by IPAS; how much his Department currently expects to have paid in respect of accommodation by the end of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [53501/23]

*479. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department provides accommodation to persons whose protection application has been determined and is no longer the subject of any legal challenge to that said determination; if so, to how many such persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [53502/23]

*480. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline how many bed nights were paid for by IPAS each night of 2023 and how many persons were residing in accommodated paid for on each night of 2023. — Michael McNamara. [53503/23]

*481. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department provides accommodation to persons granted Labour Market Access Permission; if so, to how many such persons; how much they contribute to the cost of their accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [53504/23]

*482. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline how many persons were residing at the Lakelands Hotel Scariff, County Clare on each day since 1 June 2023; how many bed nights were paid for on each night since 1 June 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [53505/23]

*483. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when therapists will be reinstated at a special school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [53511/23]

*484. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when invoices will be paid to an accommodation provider (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [53515/23]

*485. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department operates an X account (formerly Twitter) or any other social media account, and if such accounts are verified through a subscription fee; the policy in place that guides when any of these accounts can 'like', endorse or support a posting on X or other social media platforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53649/23]

*486. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment with a CDNT. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53667/23]

*487. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on correspondence (details supplied) with regard to the recent announcement from his Department on the core funding financial reporting requirements (chart of accounts CoA/Trial balance) and financial management tool, which has caused a lot of concern among childcare providers. — Robert Troy. [53671/23]

*488. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated first, full year and annual cost of increasing the current minimum rate of pay for early years educators, by .85 cent, €1.00, €1.25, €1.50, €1.75 and €2.00; and the first, full year and annual cost estimated cost to increase all other grades covered by the early years employment regulation order. — Kathleen Funchion. [53690/23]

*489. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth following reports the by World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative that women in Ireland struggle to access breastfeeding support, if he will consider to introduce legislation for the provision of longer maternity leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [53755/23]

*490. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Section 3 investigations opened before the CASP was implemented at the end of June 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [53768/23]

*491. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of notifications sent to AGS by area and by year in line with the table provided in reply to Parliamentary Question Nos. 167 and 168 of 12 October 2023 where the data is withheld by the indication of a * to confirm that the notification to AGs took place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [53769/23]

*492. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 167 and 168 of 12 October 2023, to confirm that the number of Section 3 investigations and notifications to AGS are the same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [53770/23]

*493. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how much his Department has spent on advertising on a website (details supplied) for each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form; and whether his Department will still run advertisements on the platform going forward due to issues. — Louise O'Reilly. [53794/23]

*494. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if funding will be provided to an organisation (details supplied) in order to hire additional staff to deliver necessary services in the north county Dublin region. — Louise O'Reilly. [53813/23]

*495. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether it is intended to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with a Disability, along with its Optional Protocol, and incorporate it into Irish law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53841/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*496. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait for a first appointment with the ENT department in Tallaght University Hospital; the number of people waiting for a first appointment, broken down by people waiting over one year, over two years and over three years, in tabular form; and what efforts are being made to reduce waiting times for the service. — Eoin Ó Broin. [53184/23]

*497. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive an appointment for surgical procedure to remove cataracts (bilateral), as their sight is impaired and is affecting their day-to-day quality of life; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [53186/23]

*498. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the reasons why the helpline for the neurology nurses in Crumlin Children's Hospital is no longer operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [53197/23]

*499. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times to receive an appointment with the neurologist in Crumlin Children's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [53199/23]

*500. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive a scheduled appointment with their neurologist in Crumlin Children's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [53200/23]

*501. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of CHO areas that have community neurorehabilitation teams in place, in tabular form; the date of establishment of the team; the WTE resources assigned for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [53215/23]

*502. To ask the Minister for Health when appointments will be made available for two children from the same family to be assessed for occupational therapy (details supplied); the

procedure for them to receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [53216/23]

*503. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE registrars in paediatric anaesthesiology at CHI Temple Street in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [53226/23]

*504. To ask the Minister for Health to outline full breakdown of how the €15.7 million was spent by the HSE on cessation services in 2022. — Darren O'Rourke. [53227/23]

*505. To ask the Minister for Health the number of older persons day care centres funded by HSE that are currently based within primary care centres in CHO8 to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [53228/23]

*506. To ask the Minister for Health what resources are open to employees who were frontline workers and their employer received their bonuses, but the company is now closed and the employer did not pay over the money. — Seán Canney. [53233/23]

*507. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment with the consultant oncologist in University Hospital Kerry can be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [53235/23]

*508. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 22 of 9 November 2023, which centre the two CT scanners and one MRI scanner are based in within the Cavan and Monaghan Hospital group; if a request has been made for additional MRI or CT scanners to be located at Monaghan Hospital; the status of any such request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53237/23]

*509. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that St Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny has stopped the roll-out of insulin pumps and sensors to monitor the blood sugars in the paediatric diabetes department within the hospital; if he is further aware that the chronic lack of staff has resulted in this centre of excellence for paediatric diabetes unable to staff itself; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [53248/23]

*510. To ask the Minister for Health if he has noted Sweden's smoking rate of 5.6%, which is lower than the EU average of 23%, while the country promotes alternatives to smoking such as vaping; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [53251/23]

*511. To ask the Minister for Health if the success of Sweden's approach to tobacco control, embracing alternatives to smoking like vaping, will be reflected in the plan for Tobacco Free Ireland 2025, instead of adopting the more restrictive and less successful approaches by countries like France, Germany, Italy, and Spain, where the average smoking rate across the four countries is 24.75%, compared to Sweden's smoking rate of 5.6%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [53252/23]

*512. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the efficacy of Ireland's tobacco reduction strategy, considering Ireland's smoking rate has been 18% since 2019, while Sweden's is currently at 5.6%, as an example; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [53253/23]

*513. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on the price of the licence and timeline of implementation of the licensing system contained in the Public Health (Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [53255/23]

*514. To ask the Minister for Health if there has been no policy change regarding transgender women receiving breast augmentation as essential surgery (details supplied); the reason they have lost access to healthcare abroad under the Cross Border Directive; and the reason he and the HSE, specifically under the Cross Border Directive have allowed this blanket policy regarding breast augmentation for transgender women to be adopted. — Chris Andrews. [53261/23]

*515. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a device for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53265/23]

*516. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a shortage of tyvense medication, which is used to treat conditions such as autism and ADHD; the measures his Department is taking to ensure an adequate supply of this vital medication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [53267/23]

*517. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for hip surgery in the Midlands Regional Hospital, Tullamore. — Robert Troy. [53275/23]

*518. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with the Minister for Justice regarding the need to expedite Garda vetting for homecare workers, which would lead to an average turnaround of 2-3 days as opposed to 2-4 weeks, which would assist with the onboarding of new homecare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [53277/23]

*519. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a home support waiting list in CHO 4, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [53278/23]

*520. To ask the Minister for Health what efforts are being made to develop a graded career structure in homecare that rewards and encourages upskilling and training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [53280/23]

*521. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the following information in modular form the percentage of inpatients (excluding day cases) who were discharged after one day in hospital, for each Model 3 and Model 4 hospital, in each of the calendar years 2020, 2021 and 2022. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [53281/23]

*522. To ask the Minister for Health to provide, in modular form, the average length of inpatient stay (for all inpatients) for each Model 3 and Model 4 hospital, in each of the calendar years 2020, 2021 and 2022. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [53282/23]

*523. To ask the Minister for Health if he can clarify the position surrounding a business (details supplied) as to when they ceased their delivery of services, the number of home help support impacted, the contingency plan put in place and if staff were renumerated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53300/23]

*524. To ask the Minister for Health if he can confirm employees of a company (details supplied) received a covid recognition grant from the Department of Health for its Mayo and Galway staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53301/23]

*525. To ask the Minister for Health if the shortage of car parking spaces at University Hospital Kerry will be addressed; if there is a plan to do this; how many extra parking spaces will be created; if the anticipated cost of the project is known if a timeline for delivery of the project exists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53309/23]

*526. To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form, with respect to each hospital in the South, South-West group, the annual budget, capital expenditure, WTE staff, number of in-patient beds, number of consultants, for each year, or year end that the hospital grouping was in place from 2013 up to present day. — Matt Shanahan. [53312/23]

*527. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on each of the proposed elective hospitals for Dublin, Cork and Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53333/23]

*528. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) from County Donegal will receive a rheumatology appointment for Our Lady's Hospital, Manorhamilton; if they are on the routine or urgent list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [53345/23]

*529. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine an issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [53348/23]

*530. To ask the Minister for Health when building works will commence on the planned 50-bed building at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [53362/23]

*531. To ask the Minister for Health what plans are in place to implement a national action plan for Traveller mental health; the details of work carried out to date in the area of Traveller mental health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53378/23]

*532. To ask the Minister for Health to give an update on the implementation of the recommendations in the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Key Issues Affecting The Travelling Community (details supplied); to give an update on the implementation of the mental health recommendations within the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53379/23]

*533. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the possibility of getting an addition to a facility (details supplied), considering that it is urgently required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [53386/23]

*534. To ask the Minister for Health if he will initiate a health technology assessment for an RSV vaccine for older adults following the recent publication of a NIAC recommendation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [53393/23]

*535. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expand the regulation to permit pharmacists to administer RSV vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [53394/23]

*536. To ask the Minister for Health if he will increase the number of vaccines against infectious diseases available to adults as part of a strategy to mitigate against antimicrobial resistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [53395/23]

*537. To ask the Minister for Health if he will introduce a free shingles vaccination scheme for older adults; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [53396/23]

*538. To ask the Minister for Health if he will introduce a free RSV vaccination scheme for older adults; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [53397/23]

*539. To ask the Minister for Health if he will fund any new vaccines in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [53398/23]

*540. To ask the Minister for Health for a list of dentists participating in the GMS scheme in County Mayo. — Dara Calleary. [53399/23]

*541. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider opening an extra facility for dental treatment to relieve the backlog at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [53421/23]

*542. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive an orthodontic assessment for braces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [53432/23]

*543. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the reasons why the frontline staff of the Irish Blood Transfusion Service were not included in the Covid pandemic payment. — John McGuinness. [53441/23]

*544. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 25 of 1 June 2023, if he will provide an update on the review of the functioning of the existing managed services in respect of the supply and maintenance of wheelchairs; and if a new tender process has been put in place for managed services for medical equipment. — Pauline Tully. [53442/23]

*545. To ask the Minister for Health if he will indicate the categories of post which are being exempted from the freeze on recruitment, such as in the area of disability, and whether he can extend this to other areas of acute need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [53447/23]

*546. To ask the Minister for Health whether the referral made to the Medical Council relating to a surgeon at Temple Street hospital includes the allegations relating to the insertion of unlicensed springs in patients. — Paul Murphy. [53448/23]

*547. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultants in reproductive medicine in the regional fertility hub based at University Maternity Hospital Galway to date in 2023. — Duncan Smith. [53526/23]

*548. To ask the Minister for Health the additional resources that will be provided by the National Ambulance Service to the Kerry area. — Duncan Smith. [53527/23]

*549. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant optometry and ophthalmology roles in primary care services in CHO9. — Duncan Smith. [53528/23]

*550. To ask the Minister for Health the number of day centres for older persons in County Wexford that are funded by the HSE in 2022 and to-date in 2023; and the capacity of each of these day centres, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [53529/23]

*551. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider rolling out minor injuries clinic in County Leitrim. — Duncan Smith. [53530/23]

*552. To ask the Minister for Health the level of additional core expenditure for new developments, excluding funding for carryover and otherwise maintaining existing levels of services, which have been allocated to Ennis Hospital.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [53531/23]

*553. To ask the Minister for Health the number of family planning centres in Cork city that are contracted to provide State-funded services only in the years 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [53532/23]

*554. To ask the Minister for Health the number of health-related recruitment fairs held in the UK where staff from the Mater Hospital were present seeking to recruit additional nurses, physiotherapist and so on in 2022 and to-date in 2023; the number of job offers per recruitment fairs; and the number of job offers accepted per recruitment fair, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [53533/23]

*555. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the hepatitis C Home testing kits; and the number of kits that have been dispatched in CHO3. — Duncan Smith. [53534/23]

*556. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant anaesthetists working in Mallow General Hospital in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [53535/23]

*557. To ask the Minister for Health the current vacancies that exist in Portlaoise Regional Hospital; and the length of time each post has been vacant for. — Duncan Smith. [53536/23]

*558. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE ophthalmic registrars at the South Infirmity Victoria University Hospital in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [53537/23]

*559. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing number in the community psychology team in Carrick-on-Shannon primary care centre. — Duncan Smith. [53538/23]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health the number of foot surgeries performed at Mullingar Regional Hospital to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [53539/23]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of current vacancies in community health posts serving the Donaghmede area including occupational therapist, speech and language therapist and so on. — Duncan Smith. [53540/23]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health the level of additional core expenditure for new developments excluding funding for carryover and otherwise maintaining existing level of services which has been allocated to Kerry University Hospital for 2024; What these new developments will entail. — Duncan Smith. [53541/23]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline how each individual CHO funds interpreting services in GPs; and if he plans to improve access to interpreters in GPs by establishing a central service for use across all CHOs. — Duncan Smith. [53542/23]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant HSE podiatry services positions in County Clare, by location, in tabular form; and the plans to fill any such vacancies. — Duncan Smith. [53543/23]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health if he has any plans to increase accommodation for CAMHS in County Donegal. — Duncan Smith. [53544/23]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant orthopaedic surgeons at Mercy University Hospital in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [53545/23]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GPs operating in Louth each year since 2020, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [53546/23]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE psychologists in each primary care psychology service in Galway by grade, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [53547/23]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost to recruit three additional WTE senior dietitians for Our Lady's Hospital, Navan. — Duncan Smith. [53548/23]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant WTE midwives currently at the Rotunda Maternity Hospital, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [53549/23]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost in 2024 to purchase an additional HSE critical care ambulance to be stationed in both Galway and Cork. — Duncan Smith. [53550/23]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health the number of chiropodists in Waterford that have contracts with the HSE and are accepting new medical card patients. — Duncan Smith. [53551/23]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that presented to the accident and emergency department at Naas General Hospital to-date in 2023. — Duncan Smith. [53552/23]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultants in respiratory medicine at St. Vincent's University Hospital in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [53553/23]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that have attended adult cochlear outpatient clinic at Beaumont Hospital in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [53554/23]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health for clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53561/23]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health what action his Department is taking to ensure that people living with epidermolysis bullosa have access to mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53563/23]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health what action his Department is taking to ensure that people living with epidermolysis bullosa have access to dental care, given that those affected by the condition may require to travel long distances to receive care in specialist treatment centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53564/23]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health what action his Department is taking to ensure that people living with epidermolysis bullosa have access to additional services such as physiotherapy and occupational therapy in the community, given that it can be difficult for those affected with EB to access these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53565/23]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the inclusion of epidermolysis bullosa in the long-term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53566/23]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the provision of funding for an epidermolysis bullosa specific bandaging and dressing scheme, given that those effected by EB incur a significant financial burden annually in the purchasing of bandaging and dressing materials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53567/23]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the provision of additional funding to help appoint a clinical psychologist dedicated to supporting adults living with epidermolysis bullosa, given that those affected by EB exhibit higher than average frequencies of psychiatric symptoms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53568/23]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the provision of additional funding for regular and reliable home nursing care for those living with more severe epidermolysis bullosa, to ensure a greater quality of life for those living with EB in Ireland and those who care for someone with EB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53569/23]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health if greater research will be undertaken by his Department into the quality of life of people living with epidermolysis bullosa in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53570/23]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health if the drug phesgo can be administered by general practitioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [53579/23]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health if the 182 additional beds, and 28 additional critical care beds committed to in the urgent and emergency care plan have been delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [53602/23]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is still waiting to be reimbursed under the cross-Border health scheme. — Carol Nolan. [53633/23]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department operates an X account (formerly Twitter) or any other social media account, and if such accounts are verified through a subscription fee; the policy in place that guides when any of these accounts can 'like', endorse

or support a posting on X or other social media platforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53657/23]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive revision surgery. — Robert Troy. [53668/23]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider adding the cost of myopathy lenses to the public scheme (details supplied); if not, if his Department will cover the cost up to costs incurred of ordinary lenses which are covered by the public scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [53676/23]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who are clinically discharged but who remain in hospital; the number of patients who are clinically discharged in hospital for six months or less, between six months and one year, between one year and 18 months, between 18 months and two years and for more than two years, by hospital. — Peadar Tóibín. [53688/23]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to concerns raised (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53691/23]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied) as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53721/23]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people per county approved for homecare by the HSE but currently left without care due to the inability of the private providers to fulfil the hours; and his plans to address the lack of care assistants that is causing this shortage. — Martin Browne. [53724/23]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will get a further urgent appointment with CAHMS; their current place on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [53728/23]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health if the ages for cancer screening are being reviewed by his Department for breast and bowel cancer; if lowering the age of same is being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53737/23]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health if a matter (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53740/23]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health the meetings held by his officials from assistant principal level up with representatives of the alcohol industry in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the dates, attendees and matters that were discussed at each meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [53743/23]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he has taken, or if he has plans to incentivise working within the public health sector to ensure that fewer professionals leave Ireland and that staff do not feel compelled to supplement their income by working in the private sector; and the estimated cost of undertaking this measure. — Pauline Tully. [53751/23]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he has taken, or if he has plans to ensure that public sector health workers are satisfied to work exclusively within the public health sector; and the estimated cost of undertaking this measure. — Pauline Tully. [53752/23]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he has taken, or if he has plans to incentivise working within the public health sector to ensure that fewer professionals leave Ireland and that staff do not feel compelled to supplement their income by working in the private sector; and the estimated cost of undertaking this measure. — Pauline Tully. [53753/23]

*602. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he has taken, or if he has plans to ensure that public sector health workers are satisfied to work exclusively within the public health sector; and the estimated cost of undertaking this measure. — Pauline Tully. [53754/23]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health following reports the by World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative that women in Ireland struggle to access breastfeeding support, what measures his Department will take to ensure that healthcare professionals and volunteer support groups are more efficiently equipped to provide said support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [53756/23]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health who the highest-level public servant is in Waterford University and what title they fall under. — Paul Murphy. [53757/23]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health whether counselling will be provided to those who witnessed or were affected by the stabbing attack on Parnell Street on 23 November 2023; and if so, how they should request it. — Paul Murphy. [53759/23]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health when the updated novavax Covid-19 vaccine will be available to the public; the specific reasons for the delay in the roll-out of the updated vaccine to the public following stock being received and EMA approval on 31 October 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [53766/23]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health how the fair deal scheme applies in the case of joint tenancy of a farm of land; if the annual cap can be applied to the land when it is owned in joint tenancy and where the surviving joint tenant cannot be considered as a ‘successor’ when they will not strictly be inheriting the land, but rather assuming full ownership through the principles of joint tenancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53773/23]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the total number of vacant posts, by grade, for Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Drogheda, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [53777/23]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health as part of Government’s response to drug intimidation, if the full-time recommended role for the drug-related intimidation and violence engagement programme has been progressed, and if it has been affected by the recent moratorium announced within the Health Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [53781/23]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the site plan at the St. Mary’s hospital in Drogheda, including more detailed plans of the proposed enhanced community care facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [53782/23]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE-referred parliamentary questions or TD rep queries yet to be answered as of 29 November 2023, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [53787/23]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the most recent information and a specific timeline for implementation of recommendations contained within the McHugh report in supporting student nurses and midwives; if he can clarify the disbursement of enhanced allowances promised to student nurses and midwives, both for 2023 and for the previous year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53790/23]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health how much his Department has spent on advertising on a website (details supplied) for each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form; and whether his Department will still run advertisements on the platform going forward due to issues. — Louise O'Reilly. [53802/23]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health why Baggot Street hospital which is owned by the HSE and is left idle is not being used to house refugees. — Alan Kelly. [53826/23]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address, immediately, the situation whereby nursing students have just been informed that the INMO are reportedly to change the students' travel allowance entitlement, from a flat weekly rate, to one that is receipts-based, leaving those students currently finishing a six-week placement bloc at an immediate financial disadvantage since they did not know receipts would be required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [53833/23]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) who, as part of a class that was on an orthodontic test scheme, was placed on routine fixed waiting list in 2019, will receive treatment under this scheme, given that it is over four years since they were placed on the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53837/23]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health when he proposes to open all the beds in Kenmare community nursing unit, Kenmare, County Kerry. — James Lawless. [53891/23]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health when, applicants (details supplied) will have their applications processed to finality by CORU, given the need for health and social care professionals in the health system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53900/23]

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

*619. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 237 of 4 October 2023, if he will provide, in tabular form, the number of apprentices currently waiting for off-the-job training at levels 2, 4 and 6, in the months of October and November 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [53214/23]

*620. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the third level fees rebate will be made available for Irish students studying in Belfast; what supports are available to Irish students studying in the North; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [53257/23]

*621. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline every further education course available in County Clare accredited and supported by

his Department, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [53603/23]

*622. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department operates an X account (formerly Twitter) or any other social media account, and if such accounts are verified through a subscription fee; the policy in place that guides when any of these accounts can ‘like’, endorse or support a posting on X or other social media platforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53656/23]

*623. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how much his Department has spent on advertising on a website (details supplied) for each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form; and whether his Department will still run advertisements on the platform going forward due to issues. — Louise O’Reilly. [53801/23]

*624. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the current role of community training centres within our education system. — Louise O’Reilly. [53815/23]

*625. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how community training centres remain relevant to the needs of young people and employers in an ever-changing job market and educational landscape. — Louise O’Reilly. [53816/23]

*626. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how community training centres align with the broader national further and higher educational and workforce development goals. — Louise O’Reilly. [53817/23]

*627. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are plans to enhance funding and support for community training centres; or if there are plans to withdraw funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [53818/23]

*628. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the case of apprentices (details supplied); whether he will take steps to ensure that the off-the-job training will be arranged in SETU Carlow as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [53857/23]

*629. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprenticeship programmes operating in the State; the number which have experienced delays in arranging off-the-job training in education centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [53858/23]

*630. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed to ascertain whether assistance will be provided to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [53898/23]

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

*631. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the successful CLÁR measure 1 applicants will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [53181/23]

*632. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will set out the supports and grant-aid her Department can provide in respect of establishing and or reinstating market spaces in counties that do not have a town with city status. — Catherine Murphy. [53192/23]

*633. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the current progress and eventual timeline for the provision of an extension for Carlow library (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [53194/23]

*634. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of a project (details supplied); if the formal review has been completed as part of the CLÁR programme appeals procedure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [53198/23]

*635. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the plans for the provision of a community hub in Carlow on the Tullow Road (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [53205/23]

*636. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if community facilities can still apply for inclusion on the "Wifi4EU" scheme; and if so, if a group (details supplied) can make an application. — Robert Troy. [53246/23]

*637. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when a 2022 community and voluntary sector energy support scheme grant will issue to a community group in County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53335/23]

*638. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to provide details of the amount of funding available in the Ireland for Ukraine fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [53437/23]

*639. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to give consideration to an issue (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [53438/23]

*640. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason for the delay in commencing the new SICAP programme in Galway to the end of March 2024; if his Department was in consultation with Galway County Council's LCDC on this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53513/23]

*641. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of bids sought for the delivery of the new SICAP programme; the number of contracts that have been now awarded; when the remaining bids will be examined and contracts awarded; the reason for the delay with the roll-out of this programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53514/23]

*642. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide all streams of financial supports and funding available from her Department and the amount of funding available, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [53562/23]

*643. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding her Department will make available to Tidy Towns Groups in Clare in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [53604/23]

*644. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department operates an X account (formerly Twitter) or any other social media account, and if such accounts are verified through a subscription fee; the policy in place that guides when any of these accounts can ‘like’, endorse or support a posting on X or other social media platforms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53661/23]

*645. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development how much her Department has spent on advertising on a website (details supplied) for each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date 2023, in tabular form; and whether her Department will still run advertisements on the platform going forward due to issues. — Louise O’Reilly. [53806/23]

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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his Department’s new publication entitled Government Response to Ireland’s Competitiveness Challenge 2023. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53909/23]

2. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his Department’s new publication entitled Government Response to Ireland’s Competitiveness Challenge 2023. — Paul Murphy. [53912/23]