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Re: Parliamentary Question 32836/25 / Dail PQ ref 174

Dear Deputy Bacik

I wish to refer further to the following Parliamentary Question submitted by you for written answer on 17th June 2025.

To ask the Minister for Climate; Energy and the Environment the number of judicial review cases his Department has defended in each of the past ten years; the number in relation to which proceedings are pending or continuing; the number of cases which were lost and won, respectively, in the same period; the number of cases that settled in the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

The information requested has been now gathered to answer your question, however as the Department has been reconfigured on several occasions since 2012, the information sought by the Deputy for the period requested is not readily available. However, I can provide returns requested by the Deputy in the period since the formation of the previous and current Government.

During this time period, the Department has defended against 18 judicial reviews. Out of those 18, proceedings are currently continuing or pending for 6. During this period 1 judicial review was won and 1 was lost. 6 amount of judicial review cases were settled. The Deputy should additionally be aware that 2 cases were struck-out by the courts, which brings the total of judicial reviews to the 18 advised.

I trust that this clarifies the position.

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