



Our Ref: PQ 33647/26

21 May 2026

Ms. Paula Butterly T.D.
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Dear Paula,

I refer to Parliamentary Question 33647/26 for answer on May 07, 2026:

To ask the Minister for Enterprise; Tourism and Employment if he will provide a list of all capital projects and programmes including those delivered through IDA Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and Fáilte Ireland which have been completed on time and within budget in Louth in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

The response indicated that additional time would be needed to obtain the requested information. This information has now been collated and is set out below:

As you will be aware, regional development is a key focus of our Programme for Government and is central to the work of my Department, our enterprise development agencies and Fáilte Ireland.

In this regard, IDA Ireland is continuing its strong commitment to regional development as one of four key strategic objectives of its 2025–2029 strategy, Adapt Intelligently. This strategy aims to secure 550 of 1000 investments over the 5-year strategy period, with 55% of those being outside Dublin. IDA has set ambitious targets for every region including the Mid-East.

While Ireland's long-standing track record as a resilient, stable and innovative location in which to do business provides a strong foundation for attracting new investment, with increasing competition for investment, decisions are influenced by the value proposition of different jurisdictions and by IDA's targeted support.

The availability of suitable property and strategic sites is a critical component of the regional value proposition and can be a key differentiator in investment decisions from both new and existing clients as well as clients of Enterprise Ireland and the LEOs.

In locations where little or no suitable property solutions are available for FDI, and where market failure has resulted in a lack of private sector-led advanced solutions, IDA Ireland intervenes via its Regional Property Programme.

IDA Ireland also partners with Local Authorities for the delivery of advance planning permits in regional locations and invests in significant infrastructure projects across the portfolio of Business and Technology Parks. This targeted forward planning is vital to provide certainty and ensure Ireland has a competitive offering that meets the evolving needs of IDA Ireland and Enterprise Ireland clients.

Capital projects delivered directly by IDA Ireland that have been completed on time and within budget over the past five years are outlined in Table 1 below.

Table 1 IDA Ireland capital projects completed in County Louth (2021 – 2025)

IDA Ireland Capital Projects, County Louth	Type	Completion Year
IDA Finnabair Business & Technology Park	AOB Construction Works	2021
IDA Finnabair Business & Technology Park	Mechanical works (Aircon upgrade)	2025
IDA Finnabair Business & Technology Park	Site Development (Remedial Works)	2024
IDA Dundalk Science Business & Technology Park	ATB Construction Works Mullagharlin	2024
IDA Dundalk Science Park	Site Development (Irish Water)	2021
IDA Dundalk Science Park	Site upgrade works (security upgrade)	2023
IDA Drogheda Business & Technology Park	Utility Site development (Irish Water)	2024
IDA Drogheda Business & Technology Park	Utility Site Development (EBS)	2024

Enterprise Ireland's capital investment programmes include capital grants for manufacturing and internationally traded services firms focused on productivity, innovation, and sustainability, export growth and regional job creation; equity investment in scale-up and high-potential start-up companies; and funding for enterprise-enabling infrastructure under national and regional initiatives.

Capital projects delivered directly by Enterprise Ireland that have been completed on time and within budget over the past five years are outlined in Table 2 below.

Table 2 Enterprise Ireland capital projects and programmes in County Louth (2021 – 2025)

Enterprise Ireland Capital Projects/Programmes, County Louth	Type	Period/Completion Year
EI Capital Investment & Expansion Grants	Capital grants to EI client companies for productivity, competitiveness, expansion and sustainability investments	2021 – 2025
EI Equity & Seed Funding	Equity investments in High Potential Start-Ups (HPSUs) and scaling companies	2021 – 2025
Regional Enterprise Development Fund (REDF)	Capital funding for enterprise infrastructure, hubs, clusters and collaborative projects	2021 – 2025
Border Enterprise Development Fund (BEDF)	Capital funding for enterprise infrastructure, hubs, clusters and collaborative projects	2021 – 2025
Regional Enterprise Transition Scheme	Capital and non-capital funding for regionally based not-for-profit undertakings that provide economic support to enterprises in sectors and regions negatively affected by Covid-19, as well as a consequence of the withdrawal of the UK from the EU (Brexit).	2021
Smart Regions Enterprise Innovation Scheme	Capital investment in local enterprise infrastructure, innovation clusters and SME services (ERDF-supported)	2022 – 2025

Fáilte Ireland works in partnership with Government, State Agencies, Local Authorities, representative groups and industry, to develop tourism across Ireland by creating destination development plans and networks, investing in infrastructure, activities, and visitor attractions.

Capital projects and/or programmes delivered directly by Fáilte Ireland, or in partnership with other public bodies, that have been completed on time and within budget over the past five years are outlined in Table 3 below. These investments focus on enhancing tourism infrastructure, improving visitor experiences, supporting local businesses and contributing to regional economic development.

Table 3 Fáilte Ireland capital projects/programmes completed in County Louth (2021 – 2025)

Fáilte Ireland Capital Projects/Programmes, County Louth	Type	Completion Year
Destination Towns Scheme: Drogheda	Project involved place-based capital investment to strengthen Drogheda as a visitor destination, including wayfinding and public realm enhancements. Fáilte Ireland completed the project in partnership with Louth County Council.	2023
Urban Animation Capital Investment Scheme: Drogheda	Project to enhance the tourism appeal and dwell time in Drogheda town centre which was the catalyst for the Lú Festival. Fáilte Ireland completed the project in partnership with Louth County Council.	2024
Local Authority Weatherproofing & Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme: Carlingford	Developed through collaboration with Local Authority, to upgrade and enhance streets and public spaces and implement weatherproofing solutions which will facilitate year-round outdoor dining in key tourism centres whilst meeting the needs of all citizens.	2025

As Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment, I can assure you that I am committed to driving a competitive, resilient and sustainable economy that supports enterprise, tourism and employment across all of Ireland's regions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Peter Burke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peter" written in a more compact, stylized manner and the surname "Burke" in a more open, flowing script.

Peter Burke T.D.

Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment