



Our Ref: PQs 33455/26 & 33456/26

21 May 2026

Ms. Catherine Callaghan T.D.
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Dear Catherine,

I refer to Parliamentary Questions 33455/26 & 33456/26 respectively 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 **Carlow** in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

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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 South-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 continues to maintain a focus on future-proofing the ability of the property portfolio. On this basis, IDA actively engages with consultants, agents, utility companies and regional stakeholders.

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 Counties Carlow and Kilkenny (2021 – 2025)

IDA Ireland Capital Projects, Counties Carlow & Kilkenny	Type	Completion Year
IDA Carlow AOB	Construction Works	2025
Kilkenny Business & Technology Park	Infrastructure works (road extension)	2021
Belview Business & Technology Park, Kilkenny	Infrastructure works (boardwalk upgrade)	2023
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Kilkenny BTP	Infrastructure works (road extension)	2024

Enterprise Ireland’s capital investment over the past five years, from 2021 to 2025, in County Carlow and Kilkenny has been delivered as part of the Government’s wider commitments under the National Development Plan 2021–2030, the South-East Regional Enterprise Plan, and EU co-funded regional development programmes.

Capital investment in both counties during this period has been strategic and highly focused, with priority given to the development of long-term enterprise infrastructure capable of supporting the scaling of indigenous companies, increasing export capacity, and strengthening regional competitiveness. Enterprise Ireland also focused innovation capacity, and productivity improvements, while working in close collaboration with county councils, South-East Technological University (SETU), and other regional stakeholders.

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 completed in Counties Carlow and Kilkenny (2021 – 2025)

Enterprise Ireland Capital Projects/Programmes, Counties Carlow & Kilkenny	Type	Period/ Completion year
South-East Technological University (SETU) Incubation & Enterprise Facilities	Capital grant support (via REDF & enterprise infrastructure funding). Carlow Town / SETU Carlow	2021 – 2024
Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing Enterprise Supports (SETU linked)	Capital equipment & infrastructure co funding	2021 – 2025

Regional Enterprise Development Fund (REDF) – South-East Collaborative Projects	Lead/partner capital contributor	2021 – 2023
Innovation & Commercialisation Infrastructure (SETU Technology Transfer & Centres)	Capital funding	2022 – 2025
Abbey Quarter Enterprise & Innovation Campus	Capital grant support (REDF / enterprise infrastructure). Kilkenny City	2021 – 2024
South-East Regional Enterprise Development Fund (REDF) Projects – Kilkenny Participation	Lead/partner capital funder	2021 – 2023
Food, Beverage & Agri Innovation Enterprise Supports (South-East cluster)	Capital equipment & facility co-funding	2021 – 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 Counties Carlow and Kilkenny (2021 – 2025)

Fáilte Ireland Capital Projects, Counties Carlow & Kilkenny	Type	Completion Year
Local Authority Weatherproofing & Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme: Carlow Town and Borris	Developed through collaboration with the Local Authority, to upgrade and enhance streets and public spaces and implement weatherproofing solutions which facilitate year-round outdoor dining	2022
Fáilte Ireland's Destination Towns scheme: Carlow Town	Investment for wayfinding, orientation, public realm improvements and a public art project in Carlow Town. Fáilte Ireland completed the project in partnership with Carlow County Council	2024
Digital that Delivers Capital Investment Programme	4 businesses in Carlow completed a two-year digital transformation of their business	2 businesses in 2024; 2 businesses in 2025
Destination Towns Scheme: Kilkenny City	The project involved, Castle Parade lighting & Watergate Park seating and landscaping in Kilkenny City. Fáilte Ireland completed the project in partnership with Kilkenny County Council	2024
Urban Animation Capital Scheme: Kilkenny City	Installations at locations across the city to reflect Kilkenny's medieval heritage, culture and creativity at; Kilkenny City, Medieval Mile, and Abbey Quarter. Fáilte Ireland completed the project in partnership with Kilkenny County Council	2025
"Digital That Delivers" Capital Investment Programme	12 businesses in Kilkenny completed a two-year digital transformation of their business.	4 businesses in 2024; 8 businesses in 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" and the last name "Burke" clearly distinguishable.

Peter Burke T.D.

Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment