



Our Ref: PQ 33964/26

25 May 2026

Mr. Brian Brennan T.D.
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Dublin 2

Dear Brian,

I refer to Parliamentary Question 33964/26 for answer on May 12, 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 the Wicklow Wexford constituency 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 and 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 its 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 Wicklow and Wexford (2021 – 2025)

IDA Ireland Capital Projects Counties Wicklow & Wexford	Type	Completion Year
IDA Greystones Business & Technology Park	Site Development	2021
IDA Arklow Business & Technology Park	Site Development (Remediation works)	2021
IDA Greystones Business & Technology Park, Wicklow	Site Development (Light upgrade)	2023
IDA Arklow Business & Technology Park	Site Development (Light upgrades)	2023
IDA Arklow Business & Technology Park	Site upgrade works (Pond and pump upgrades)	2025
IDA Wexford Business & Technology Park	Site development works (Sinnotstown)	2022

IDA Wexford Business & Technology Park	Infrastructure Works (Sinnottstown)	2024
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Enterprise Ireland has supported indigenous enterprises in Counties Wexford and Wicklow between 2021 – 2025 through capital investment programmes focused on productivity, innovation, sustainability, export growth and regional job creation. This support has included capital grants for manufacturing and traded services firms, 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 Counties Wicklow and Wexford (2021 – 2025)

Enterprise Ireland Capital Projects/Programmes Counties Wicklow & Wexford	Type	Period/Completion Year
Enterprise Ireland Client Company Investment Supports	Core EI funding to support scaling and export-oriented Irish enterprises. Capital grants for plant, machinery, equipment, process improvement and productivity	2021 – 2025
Research, Development & Innovation (RD&I) Supports	Supports to enhance innovation and competitiveness. Capital and project linked R&D investment	2021 – 2025
Digitalisation & Sustainability Supports	Assistance for digital transformation and environmental efficiency. Capital investment in automation, IT systems and sustainability measures	2021 – 2025
Export Development & Scaling Supports	Supports for international market expansion. Capital linked support tied to export growth strategies	2021 – 2025

Local Enterprise Office (LEO) to EI Progression Pathway	Collaboration with Local Enterprise Offices. Capability building and progression related investment	2021 – 2025
Regional Enterprise Plans (REP)	Place based, multi-agency enterprise initiatives. Enterprise enabling capital and infrastructure supports	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 Wicklow and Wexford an (2021 – 2025)

Fáilte Ireland Capital Projects/Programmes Counties Wicklow and Wexford	Type	Completion Year
Weatherproofing & Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme: Arklow Wicklow Town	Capital Grants scheme, developed through collaboration with Local Authorities, to upgrade and enhance streets and public spaces and implement weatherproofing solutions which will facilitate year-round outdoor dining in key tourism centres	2021
Beyond the Trees Avondale	Investment by Coillte, Fáilte Ireland and EAK, the visitor experience includes an immersive interpretive centre, a 1.4 km-long treetop walkway through the forest, and a 40-metre-high viewing tower	2022
Destination Towns Scheme: Wicklow Town	Fáilte Ireland's Destination Towns scheme was a major funding scheme designed to boost tourism by enhancing the attractiveness of towns	2024

	nationwide, transitioning them from transit points into vibrant, overnight destinations	
Digital That Delivers Capital Investment Programme	12 businesses in Wicklow completed a two-year digital transformation of their business	8 businesses in 2024 4 businesses in 2025
Weatherproofing & Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme: Monck Street	Capital Grants scheme, developed through collaboration with Local Authorities, to upgrade and enhance streets and public spaces and implement weatherproofing solutions which will facilitate year-round outdoor dining in key tourism centres	2021
Destination Towns Scheme: New Ross	Fáilte Ireland's Destination Towns scheme was a major funding scheme designed to boost tourism by enhancing the attractiveness of towns nationwide, transitioning them from transit points into vibrant, overnight destinations	2023
New Ross Tourism Transformation Project – Upgrades to Dunbrody Famine Ship	Project was funded through RRDF Category 1 with additional funding from Fáilte Ireland and Wexford County Council	2024
Digital That Delivers Capital Investment Programme	13 business in Wexford completed a two-year digital transformation of their business	7 businesses in 2024. 6 businesses in 2025
Platform for Growth 2- Shared Water Facilities. Curracloe Water Sports Facility	Capital project developed in partnership between Fáilte Ireland and Local Authority, to support the local economy and the outdoor activity sector by significantly enhancing the overall visitor experience, providing new business opportunities in local communities and allowing for the extension of the tourism season beyond the traditional summer months.	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, appearing to read 'Peter Burke', with a stylized, cursive script.

Peter Burke T.D.

Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment