



Our Ref: PQ 34084/26

25 May 2026

Mr. Micheál Carrigy T.D.
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Dear Micheál,

I refer to Parliamentary Question 34084/26 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 Longford 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 Midlands.

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.

No capital projects were delivered by IDA Ireland in County Longford over the past 5 years.

Enterprise Ireland in the period between 2021 and 2025, supported a range of Longford-based client companies through capital and capability-building investments aligned with national enterprise policy objectives. During this period Enterprise Ireland funding supported capital investment in plant, machinery, digitalisation, innovation and sustainability projects, helping firms to improve competitiveness and grow international sales.

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 1 below.

Table 1 Enterprise Ireland capital projects and programmes in County Longford (2021 – 2025)

Enterprise Ireland Capital Projects/Programmes County Longford	Type	Period/Completion Year
Enterprise Ireland Client Company Investment Supports	Direct financial supports to EI client companies to support growth, competitiveness and exports. Capital grants for plant, machinery, equipment, digitalisation, process improvement and sustainability	2021 – 2025
Research, Development & Innovation (RD&I) Supports	Supports to increase productivity, innovation capacity and product development in EI client firms. Capital and project-based funding for R&D equipment, processes and innovation activity	2021 – 2025

Digitalisation & Sustainability Supports	Assistance to firms investing in digital transformation and environmental sustainability. Capital investment in digital systems, automation and energy efficiency measures	2021 – 2025
Export Development & Scaling Supports	Supports to help companies enter new markets and scale international sales. Capital linked investments tied to export led growth strategies	2021 – 2025
Local Enterprise Office (LEO) to EI Progression Pathway	Collaboration between EI and LEO Longford to support scaling firms. Progression related investment and capability support	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 2 below. These investments focus on enhancing tourism infrastructure, improving visitor experiences, supporting local businesses and contributing to regional economic development.

Table 2 Fáilte Ireland capital projects/programmes completed in County Longford (2021 – 2025)

Fáilte Ireland Capital Projects/Programmes County Longford	Type	Completion Year
Weatherproofing & Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme: Ballymahon	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.	2021

Digital That Delivers Capital Investment Programme	1 business in Longford completed a two- year digital transformation of their business.	2024
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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 flourish at the end.

Peter Burke T.D.
Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment