



Our Ref: PQ 34727/26

25 May 2026

Mr. John Paul O'Shea T.D.
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Dear John Paul,

I refer to Parliamentary Question 34727/26 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 Cork North-West 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 South-West.

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. Please note that IDA Ireland and Enterprise Ireland report at county level only.

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

IDA Ireland Capital Projects County Cork	Type	Completion Year
IDA Carrigtwohill Business & Technology Park, Cork	Site Development Works (Pump Upgrade)	2021
IDA Carrigtwohill Business & Technology Park, Cork	Site Development Works (Drainage Works)	2022
IDA Carrigtwohill Business & Technology Park, Cork	Site Development Works (Flood Mitigation)	2025
IDA Carrigtwohill Business & Technology Park, Cork	Infrastructure Works (Ballyadam)	2025
IDA Carrigtwohill Business & Technology Park, Cork	Infrastructure Upgrade Works (Road Upgrade)	2025
IDA Cork Business & Technology Park, Cork	Site Development (Coolmore & Martello)	2021
IDA Cork Business & Technology Park, Cork	Site Development (Coolmore – site access)	2022
IDA Cork Business & Technology Park, Cork	Site Upgrade Works (Model Farm)	2022

IDA Cork Business & Technology Park, Cork	Site Development (Loughbeg Entrance)	2025
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Enterprise Ireland supported enterprise development in Cork from 2021 to 2025 through a combination of direct capital investment, national programmes delivered locally, and regionally accessible funding schemes. These interventions support manufacturing, innovation, construction, sustainability and start up development, and are delivered either directly in Cork or through national competitive calls from which Cork has benefited.

Enterprise Ireland does not generally allocate capital funding on a strictly county by county basis. Instead, Cork based enterprises and institutions access funding through national schemes or regionally aligned programmes, several of which have resulted in significant capital investment and infrastructure delivery in Cork.

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

Enterprise Ireland Capital Projects/Programmes County Cork	Type	Period/Completion Year
Capital Equipment Fund – Technology Gateways & Centres	Capital infrastructure funding. MTU, UCC, Tyndall linked centres in Cork. Investment in advanced research, testing and pilot scale equipment used by industry	2021 – 2023
Built to Innovate (Pilot Project)	Programme with capital and capability supports, Ballyvolane, Cork. Supports construction firms to adopt Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) to improve productivity and sustainability	2021 – 2023
Smart Regions Enterprise Innovation Scheme	Capital & ecosystem funding (ERDF co-funded). Cork eligible (Southern, Eastern & Midland Region). Supports enterprise hubs, innovation infrastructure and regional clusters	2023 – 2025

New Frontiers Programme (Rubicon Centre, MTU)	Early-stage start-up capital & capability, Bishopstown, Cork. National Enterprise Ireland entrepreneurship programme delivered locally	2021 – 2025
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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. These investments focus on enhancing tourism infrastructure, improving visitor experiences, supporting local businesses and contributing to regional economic development.

No capital projects and/or programmes were delivered in Cork North-West directly by Fáilte Ireland, or in partnership with other public bodies in the past five years.

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,



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