



Our Ref: PQ 35016/26

25 May 2026

Mr. Joe Neville T.D.
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Dear Joe,

I refer to Parliamentary Question 35016/26 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 Kildare 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 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 County Kildare (2021 – 2025)

IDA Ireland Capital Projects County Kildare	Type	Completion Year
IDA Newbridge Business Park, Co. Kildare	Site Development	2021

Enterprise Ireland has supported indigenous enterprises in County Kildare from 2021 to 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 internationally 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 County Kildare (2021 – 2025)

Enterprise Ireland Capital Projects/Programmes County Kildare	Type	Period/Completion Year
Mid-East Region Innovation Think Space (MERITS)	Development of a regional innovation and co-working hub supporting start-ups, remote workers and collaborative enterprise activity. Located in Naas and funded under the Regional Enterprise	2021 – 2024

	Development Fund (REDF) in partnership with Kildare County Council	
Equine Innovation Hub	Irish National Stud, Tully - Capital development of a sector specific innovation hub supporting R&D, start-ups and collaboration in the equine industry	2021 – 2024
Food, Drink & AgriTech Innovation Hub	Development of enterprise infrastructure supporting innovation and scaling in food, drink and agri- technology sectors. Supported through REDF in partnership with Kildare County Council, UCD and industry partners	2022 – 2025
Green Tech Innovation Centre	Capital investment in a green technology and climate focused innovation centre supporting decarbonisation and clean tech enterprises. Supported by Enterprise Ireland in partnership with Bord na Móna and Kildare County Council	2022 – 2025
Innovate Kildare Programme (capital linked elements)	Capital funding for enterprise infrastructure, hubs, clusters and collaborative projects	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 County Kildare (2021 – 2025)

Fáilte Ireland Capital Projects/Programmes County Kildare	Type	Completion Year
EU Just Transition Fund: Athy	Regenerative tourism project developed by Kildare County Council and Fáilte Ireland through the EU Just Transition Fund. Major transformation of Emily Square which enhances visitor experience and supports sustainable tourism in Athy	2025
Weatherproofing & Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme Naas	Capital Grants scheme, 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	2025
Destination Towns Scheme: Upgrade of Market Square in Kildare Town	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.	2024
Digital That Delivers Capital Investment Programme	5 business in Kildare completed a two-year digital transformation of their business.	3 businesses in 2024 2 businesses in 2025
Fáilte Ireland's Grants Scheme for Large Tourism Projects: Irish National Stud, Irish Racehorse Experience	Immersive visitor experience enhancing the current visitor offering at the Irish National Stud, positioning it as a must visit destination for Kildare and creating a flagship visitor experience within Ireland's Ancient East.	2021

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'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'P' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Peter Burke T.D.

Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment