



Our Ref: PQ 35654/26

25 May 2026

Mr. Peter Roche T.D.
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Dear Peter,

I refer to Parliamentary Question 35654/26 for answer on May 13, 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 Galway 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 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.

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

IDA Ireland Capital Projects County Galway	Type	Completion Year
IDA Dangan Business Park, Galway	Infrastructure Upgrade Works (Harrington)	2025
IDA Michael Killeen Park, Galway	Infrastructure works (water treatment)	2022
IDA Mervue Business & Technology Park	Site development works	2025
IDA Tuam Business & Technology Park	Site Development (Light upgrades)	2025
IDA Parkmore East Business & Technology Park	Maintenance upgrade (pond refurbishment)	2025
IDA Parkmore East Business & Technology Park	ABS Construction	2025
IDA Parkmore East Business & Technology Park	ABS Construction (Storm Eowyn repairs)	2025
IDA Mervue Business & Technology Park	Site development (upgrade works)	2021

IDA Mervue Business & Technology Park	Site development (Remedial Works)	2025
IDA Parkmore West Business & Technology Park	Site development (Fencing)	2024
IDA Athenry Lands	Site Construction	2025
Parkmore West	Infrastructure upgrades (Roads & Path)	2024

Enterprise Ireland has supported indigenous enterprises in Galway 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 traded services firms, equity investment in scale-up and high-potential start-up companies. Funding for enterprise-enabling infrastructure under national and regional initiatives in particular the Regional Enterprise Development fund programme and the Smart Regions Programme strengthen regional enterprise, drive innovation and support sustainable growth.

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 Galway (2021 – 2025)

Enterprise Ireland Capital Projects/Programmes County Galway	Type	Period/Completion Year
Capital Equipment Fund (Technology Gateways & Technology Centres)	Capital funding for state-of-the-art research and manufacturing equipment in higher-education-linked Technology Gateways and EI/IDA Technology Centres, supporting SME innovation and productivity	2023 – 2025
Capital Funding Support for EI Client Companies	Capital grants to EI client companies for the purchase of new machinery, equipment, software and production	2021 – 2025

	technology to improve productivity, competitiveness and export capability	
New Frontiers Entrepreneur Development Programme (ATU Galway)	Capital supported incubation and entrepreneur development programme delivered via ATU Innovation Hubs, providing workspace, infrastructure, mentoring and financial supports to early-stage founders	2021 – 2025
Technology Gateway Programme (West / Galway region)	Investment in applied R&D infrastructure that allows SMEs to access specialist equipment and expertise without carrying the capital cost themselves	2021 – 2025
Regional Enterprise Development Fund (REDF) (West / Galway region)	Capital funding for enterprise infrastructure, hubs, clusters and collaborative projects. 9 Projects in the West were approved through the Regional Enterprise Development Fund Programme 2017 -2020, 8 are based in Galway but serving the region. One is cross county and cross-regional. Eight projects are fully operational with one project to be operational by early 2027	2021 – 2025
Smart Regions Enterprise Innovation Scheme (West / Galway region)	Capital investment in local enterprise infrastructure, innovation clusters and SME services (ERDF-supported). Seven projects in Galway have been funded through the Smart Regions programme delivering accelerators, training programmes and clusters to support start-ups and SMEs. Additionally selected projects are scoping future infrastructural needs for Galway and the West Region more broadly	2023 – 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 Galway (2021 – 2025)

Fáilte Ireland Capital Projects/Programmes County Galway	Type	Completion Year
Destination Towns Scheme: Galway	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
Large Capital Grant Scheme: Connaught Harbour Redevelopment	Connaught Harbour Redevelopment in partnership with Waterways Ireland. Expansion of the number of mooring berths in the harbour. The investment also included the addition of canoe steps for access to the Lough Derg Blueway; additional onshore facilities such as seating and picnic areas; a new cycle and walking trail linking Connaught Harbour to Portumna town and Lough Derg Blueway; additional parking facilities including EV chargers	2024
Digital That Delivers Capital Investment Programme	38 business in Galway completed a two-year digital transformation of their business.	18 business in 2024 20 businesses in 2025
EU Just Transition Fund: Living Bog Interpretive Centre	Upgrade of bathroom facilities, in Galway's Living Bog Interpretive Centre, to include accessible options and improve functionality	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