

DÁIL ÉIREANN

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CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach the date for the next planned census. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [26980/25]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta: To the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

2. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the review of section 10 funding for homeless service providers; and the changes he intends to make to this funding stream, in light of the near financial collapse of an organisation (details supplied) in 2023. — Eoin Ó Broin. [36134/25]

3. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the development of the Government's housing plan; if it will be published before the summer recess; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [35894/25]

4. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the derelict sites levies levied, collected, owed and cumulatively owed; the number of sites subject to a CPO in the previous 12 months; the number of sites for which a levy was applied; and the number of sites on their register on 31 December 2024, by local authority, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [36135/25]

5. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason he decided to withdraw funding for social housing PPP bundles shovel ready this week; and the measures he will take to ensure the 3,000 social homes planned as PPPs are going to be delivered in the original timeframe. — Rory Hearne. [36246/25]

6. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the growing unaffordability of cost rental schemes funded by his Department; the measures he intends to take to address this growing unaffordability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [36136/25]

7. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has undertaken a review of utility infrastructure deficits in rural towns and villages; how these deficits are currently limiting the delivery of rural housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [36137/25]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta: To the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

8. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps his Department is taking to deliver the extra funding identified by local authorities, his Department and Uisce Éireann, as being necessary to deliver the measure 8 rural water programme; when that funding might be forthcoming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [35594/25]

9. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if statistics, by county, are available from local authorities on the number of refusals of first and second offers of social housing by applicants on the housing list, in tabular form; the impact such refusals have on local authority housing services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [35835/25]

10. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the progress of the legislation to underpin the apartment defect remediation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35771/25]

11. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a date for when his revised housing plan will be completed and published. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35826/25]

12. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has plans to increase local government funding in areas of rapid population growth, such as Kildare north, to meet its demands, as it directly affects the levels of service provisions that can be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [35893/25]

13. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage following the publication of the National Planning Framework, if he will advise when the local authorities will receive their revised population figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [35827/25]

14. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when funding will be released for a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [35898/25]

15. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the efforts he and his Department have made to encourage new technologies in the construction sector; the role he believes modular housing can play in the current crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [35401/25]

16. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if new EE-zoned land will be identified in tandem with industrial land rezonings for housing to enable relocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [35806/25]

17. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on plans to introduce a new local infrastructure housing activation fund-type scheme; if such a scheme could be made available for the St. Waleran's site in Gorey, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [35378/25]

18. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department made a submission to the EU's consultation on an Affordable Housing Plan for Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [35896/25]

19. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a proportion of the Rathbourne Wharf development, where 326 social houses and 399 cost-rental homes funded through CALF and CREEL, as cost-rental homes for essential workers in line with commitments in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [35776/25]

20. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the recent changes to the local authority housing adaptation grants regarding central heating systems, and to allow the grant to fund the replacement of new oil or gas boilers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [34599/25]

21. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that the higher rates of homeless HAP are made available to people currently in rental accommodation so that they do not have to become homeless first to access the higher rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [35891/25]

22. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacancies in all local authority planning departments, by local authority, in tabular form; the steps being taken to fill these posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35845/25]

23. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on plans to deliver an affordable housing scheme in County Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [35793/25]

24. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the up-to-date position on progressing a project (details supplied) under the multi-annual developer provided water services infrastructure resolution programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35870/25]

25. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on his engagement with the Department of Finance on the tax treatment of Land Development Agency cost rental activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [35636/25]

26. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to ensure affordable housing is delivered in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35256/25]

27. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how he intends that the Land Development Agency will support local authorities, the Housing Activation Office and

his Department in master planning and infrastructure provision in new towns and districts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [35637/25]

28. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on PPP delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [35897/25]

29. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the value of the equalisation fund each year since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [35549/25]

30. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the pilot scheme announced by his Department to provide for sewerage in unsewered villages in 2024 requires additional funding; if he has made this funding available; if he will provide an update on all schemes that have received initial approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [35545/25]

31. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the public-private-partnership (PPP) bundle 3 following the recent review of PPPs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [35717/25]

32. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for investing additional capital in Uisce Éireann to support reaching housing targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [35620/25]

33. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications from Galway City Council, Galway County Council and approved housing bodies for the development of social housing projects in County Galway; the stage the applications are at in the application process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [35809/25]

34. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action he will take to protect students from rent increases when the planned new legislation comes into force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [35887/25]

35. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide data on the average time between planning permission being granted and construction commencing for residential developments in Dublin Bay North over the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [35794/25]

36. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the defects remediation scheme for apartment owners. — Donna McGettigan. [35765/25]

37. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the project within his Department to review and update wildlife legislation, specifically in relation to protecting hedgerows; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [35770/25]

38. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has assessed the cost impact of the new sprinkler system requirements on small businesses constructing industrial units; if supports or mitigations are being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [35805/25]

39. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will work with Donegal County Council to ensure that affordable housing schemes can be delivered across the county as soon as possible, in acknowledgment of the growing number of families in Donegal who cannot afford to purchase their own home. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [35224/25]

40. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will increase the overall national allocation for the housing adaptation grant scheme for older people and people with disabilities, in view of significant demand, increasing costs, and the essential role these grants play in enabling people to live safely and independently in their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [35791/25]

41. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the intention within his Department to review the income thresholds for social housing applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [35811/25]

42. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports in place for victims of domestic violence to access emergency accommodation in Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [35820/25]

43. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures his Department is taking to address the crisis of those who qualify for social housing and HAP being unable to get a social home or find a tenancy on the private market which they can afford, even with the assistance of HAP, in areas of the country where rents are above the national average, such as Dublin Rathdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [35849/25]

44. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider extending planning exemptions to EV home charging infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [35874/25]

45. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action he is taking to promote apartment building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [35797/25]

46. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how he would advise this Deputy to respond to persons about Government housing policy, especially to those who are older, over 50 and renting, with no prospect of owning a home. — Eoin Hayes. [27449/25]

47. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the social housing development schemes which are and may be affected by his decision to withhold funding for same; if he will provide an assurance that there is no delay in any of the following social housing flat complexes regeneration or refurbishment schemes at Basin Street, Oliver Bond House, Dolphin House, Emmet Buildings, Vicar Street, School Street, Cherry Orchard, Labre Park, La Touche Court, Bernard Curtis House, or Lissadel maisonettes in Dublin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35132/25]

48. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has any plans to change the funding model for local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [35550/25]

49. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are proposals to deal with the backlog of housing adaptation grant applications at Louth County Council, which have been paused until November 2025 due to a lack of funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [35628/25]

50. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that the suggested cut-off point of March 2024 is not included in the amendments to the Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks Act 2022, that will extend the increase in the cap and grant amounts per square-metre to those homeowners who are availing of this scheme. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [35223/25]

51. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will provide additional funding to Sligo County Council and Leitrim County Council for the housing adaption grant scheme for older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [35416/25]

52. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the latest Construction Status Progress Report, which shows that 5,166 public homes in the pipeline have not progressed in three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [35548/25]

53. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement that has taken place between his Department and Uisce Éireann in relation to the progression of taking in charge of water services of completed housing estates, many of them which have been completed for more than 20 years, in view of the fact that Uisce Éireann has taken over the operation and maintenance of water services from local authorities, and to ensure that the development companies can transfer responsibly to Uisce Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [35273/25]

54. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a timeline for the publication of new wind energy guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [35608/25]

55. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the up-to-date position on the review being carried out by his Department on the croí cónaithe/vacant property grant; for consideration to include derelict farm buildings under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35869/25]

56. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how he is changing the planning process to assist people to own their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [35624/25]

57. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that, according to reports this week, house prices have risen to a ten-year high; if, given that in Laois this inflation has risen by 17%, combined with a shortage of affordable and cost rental homes, he will increase the threshold for afford to buy and cost rental; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [35833/25]

58. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he plans to take in relation to the transfer of lands from commercial State bodies to expedite the

development of suitable sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [35627/25]

59. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications that have been processed by his Department under the single stage process, per county, for 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; his views on what the strengths and weaknesses of the programme are; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [35400/25]

60. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the first home scheme will be extended to second-hand homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [35778/25]

61. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an up-todate report on the operation of the tenant-in-situ scheme nationally, and specifically in relation to South Dublin County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [35836/25]

62. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the implementation of the Planning and Development Act 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [35866/25]

63. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on his plans to get construction going on the six social housing sites that were part of the now collapsed public private partnership bundle 3. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35822/25]

64. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide in the planning regulations that front garden storage for bicycles and personal powered transporters measuring no more than 1.4m in height and 4m2 in area would be classified as exempted development and not require planning permission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35772/25]

65. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable purchase properties completed nationally in 2023 and 2024; his plans for 2025 and beyond; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [35782/25]

66. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the increasing unaffordability of cost rental tenancies. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35825/25]

67. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how he plans to encourage the use of vacant space over commercial buildings for housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [35867/25]

68. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action he will take to ensure that existing tenants with pre-March 2026 tenancies cannot be evicted, either between now and March 2026, or post-March 2026, so that landlords can reset the rent to market rates for new tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [35888/25]

69. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the initiatives he is taking to unlock key strategic public lands for urban brownfield delivery through infrastructure investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [35626/25]

70. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the new national 'over-the-shop' grant scheme will be launched; to outline the eligibility and funding timelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [35851/25]

71. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a report on the operation of the first home scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [35847/25]

72. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on his plans to bring forward amendments to the defective concrete blocks grant scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35823/25]

73. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will publish a national planning statement on short-term letting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [35619/25]

74. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action he is taking to support modular housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [35630/25]

75. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a report on the croí cónaithe cities scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [35798/25]

76. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to establish national planning guidelines for solar developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [35775/25]

77. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has concluded the examination of the review commissioned by the Housing Agency in order to develop a new income eligibility model, so as to raise income thresholds for social housing given the cost of renting and buying; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [35834/25]

78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when new rural planning guidelines will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [35625/25]

79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will carry out a feasibility study to assess whether the remains of the Invincibles (details supplied) can be reinterred in Glasnevin Cemetery from their unmarked graves in Kilmainham Gaol, where they were interred in 1883; if his office will engage with family members of the Invincibles on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [35800/25]

80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the urgent need for housing in Gweedore and other Gaeltacht regions in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35829/25]

81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the delivery of affordable homes in the Poolbeg West SDZ. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35824/25]

82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures that will be put in place to ensure the social housing which was due to be completed in PPP bundle 3, including 106 homes in Blessington in Wicklow, will be completed without additional delay. — John Brady. [35838/25]

83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the implementation of the new statutory timelines for planning decisions by An Coimisiún Pleanála, as mandated by the Planning and Development Act 2024. — Willie O'Dea. [35635/25]

84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the changes he is making to enable smaller developers to apply for the croí cónaithe cities scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [35840/25]

85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement his Department has had with Fingal County Council in relation to the tenant-in-situ scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [35779/25]

86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason there has not been an increase in central Government funding for Kildare County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [35892/25]

87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the homes in County Meath seeking inclusion in the defective concrete blocks grant scheme; the number of properties being assessed; the timeline for a decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35374/25]

88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has given a directive to Uisce Éireann and to the local authorities in respect of the taking in charge of estates regarding water supply, sewage treatment services and roads, and in particular, where all of the conditions of planning have been complied with, and where reports have been completed as per the requirements of the local authority clearly indicating that every aspect of the planning and the development of the estate is fully completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [35274/25]

89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to the 2024 annual report of the special advocate for survivors of institutional abuse, the consideration given to the creation of an additional housing need category pursuant to Section 22 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 and associated regulations to include the category of 'survivor' being a survivor of institutional abuse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35846/25]

90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how he is enabling local authorities to identify suitable sites for urban development zones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [35841/25]

91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will instruct the county councils to have a pre-planning meeting with applicants that are applying for planning permission that will create employment. — Edward Timmins. [33055/25]

92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide clarity on the funding provided to Fingal County Council for the tenant-in-situ scheme for 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [35777/25]

93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans to review the housing assistance payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [35788/25]

94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the engagement his Department has had to date with the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities regarding the possibility of establishing a compensation mechanism for domestic water users who are subjected to prolonged boil water notices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [35865/25]

95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to increase the availability of affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [35848/25]

96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of the spending by Fingal County Council on the tenant-in-situ scheme in 2024; if he will provide a projection for the spending in 2025 (specifically the number of dwellings that will be purchased); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35376/25]

97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the State will consider buying lands at Aghavannagh which border the Wicklow Mountains National Park to expand the size of the national park to promote biodiversity, wildlife and tourism in the area. — John Brady. [35839/25]

98. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the State will directly build social housing projects that were to be built using PPPs, in light of the escalating costs associated with PPPs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [35889/25]

99. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the croí cónaithe scheme can be retrospectively applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [27551/25]

100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Government has any plans to address the shortcomings of the enhanced defective block grant scheme which continue to have a significant impact on those affected by the defective concrete blocks crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35832/25]

101. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will agree that persons (mostly women, but not exclusively) who are victims and survivors of domestic abuse face particular challenges navigating the housing crisis; if he will provide details of any specific supports in place to recognise this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35375/25]

102. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will instruct local authorities to end the practice of including carer's allowance as income in the differential rent scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [35792/25]

103. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timelines for the national rollout of supports to address derelict buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [35850/25]

104. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on discussions between his Department and Cork City Council regarding the tenant-in-situ scheme. — Thomas Gould. [35547/25]

105. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline his plans to rework the croí cónaithe (cities) and STAR schemes to allow them to function more effectively for a wider cohort of developers. — Conor Sheehan. [35903/25]

106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the proposed Colbert Quarter development in Limerick by the Land Development Agency (LDA); and when he expects the LDA to begin delivering houses for Limerick. — Willie O'Dea. [35634/25]

107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action he will take to end child homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [35890/25]

108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the public-private-partnership (PPP) bundles 4-7 following the recent review of PPPs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [35763/25]

109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding he is providing for the first home scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [35876/25]

110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the proposals there are to deal with issues that have arisen following the issuing of Circular 11/2025 in relation to the ability of AHBs, including St. John of God's, to provide for housing for people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [35629/25]

111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports he is providing for affordable housing and cost rental; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [35877/25]

112. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta cathain a bheidh na treoirlínte títhíochta Gaeltachta, a bhí geallta in 2021, foilsithe; cen fáth go bhfuil moill orthu; agus an nglacann sé go bhfuil gá leo chun cuidiú le maolú a dhéanamh ar an ngéarchéim thithíochta i gceantair Ghaeltachta. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35133/25]

113. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his Department's plans to tackle dereliction and vacancy in rural Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [26342/25]

114. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the expected timeline for establishing a new towns and cities infrastructure investment fund to replace the urban regeneration and development fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [35789/25]

115. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of funding provided by his Department to local authorities per site under the affordable serviced sites scheme; the average cost per site incurred by local authorities in developing such serviced sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [35814/25]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*116. To ask the Taoiseach to list all the public services contracts worth €10 million or more, which have been granted by himself or the forerunner for his Department, or other State bodies in the past five years; the value of each contract; the length of term of each; the expiration date of each contract; and whether any contract was discontinued during its term and for what reason. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35492/25]

*117. To ask the Taoiseach to list the twenty countries which Ireland received the least imports from by value in 2024; the amounts imported in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35915/25]

*118. To ask the Taoiseach the value of Irish goods exports in each year from 2020 to 2024 inclusive and the proportion of those exports accounted for by FDI companies and the proportion owing to indigenous enterprises, in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [36128/25]

Chun an Tánaiste agus Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála: To the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade.

*119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of US military flights that have landed in Shannon Airport in each of the past six weeks in tabular form; the number of US military flights that have passed through Irish air space in each of the past six weeks, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [35476/25]

*120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade how young adults who leave State care and have no access to their parents' citizenship documents due to no contact can access passports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [35796/25]

*121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when a person (details supplied) who applied to the foreign birth register will have their application processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [35327/25]

*122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the reported major build up and expansion of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, on Ireland's position regarding a potential threat to Taiwan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [35357/25]

*123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the position regarding the permitted use of Shannon Airport by the US Military is under review, in light of increasing

military tensions involving the United States of America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [35419/25]

*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide greater detail regarding the evacuation of 15 Irish citizens from Israel, specifically the role of Austria in the evacuation, and the reasoning behind the Defence Forces not performing the evacuation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35442/25]

*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to list all the public services contracts worth \notin 10 million or more, which have been granted by himself or the forerunner for his Department, or other State bodies in the past five years; the value of each contract; the length of term of each; the expiration date of each contract; and whether any contract was discontinued during its term and for what reason. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35485/25]

*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade as to whether Ireland supports the right of the Tibetan people to select and appoint their own religious leaders, including the next Dalai Lama; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [35609/25]

*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will indicate if Ireland has raised the ongoing abuses of the Tibetan people by the Chinese Communist Party at any multilateral for a since his appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [35610/25]

*128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when his Department intends to evacuate from the occupied Palestinian territories persons who have been granted visas for Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35622/25]

*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on a passport application (details supplied) as the applicants' travel date is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [35719/25]

*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he can assist a couple in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [35747/25]

*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade how young adults who leave State care and have no access to their parents' citizenship documents due to no contact can access passports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [35790/25]

*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether there is any mechanism for a non-binary person to be identified as such on their passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35821/25]

*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Question No. 121 of 22 May 2025, if he examine documents and correspondence (details supplied); to advise in context of this information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35980/25]

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*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he would support the introduction of an 'X' marker on passports for people who identify with a non-binary gender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [36095/25]

*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the complex passport application (details supplied); the actions he will take to ensure that this issue is resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36127/25]

*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Austria, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36187/25]

*137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Belgium, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36188/25]

*138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Bulgaria, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36189/25]

*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Croatia, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36190/25]

*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Cyprus, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36191/25]

*141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Czechia, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36192/25]

*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Denmark, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36193/25]

*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Estonia, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36194/25]

*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Finland, including the number of staff employed, when it was

established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36195/25]

*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in France, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36196/25]

*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Germany, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36197/25]

*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Greece, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36198/25]

*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Hungary, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36199/25]

*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Latvia, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36200/25]

*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Lithuania, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36201/25]

*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Luxembourg, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36202/25]

*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Malta, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36203/25]

*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in the Netherlands, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36204/25]

*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Poland, including the number of staff employed, when it was

established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36205/25]

*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Portugal, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36206/25]

*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Romania, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36207/25]

*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Slovakia, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36208/25]

*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Slovenia, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36209/25]

*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Spain, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36210/25]

*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an activity report on the Embassy of Ireland in Sweden, including the number of staff employed, when it was established, the number of consulates general it has, and the number of honorary consuls it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36211/25]

Chun an Aire Aeráide, Fuinnimh agus Comhshaoil: To the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment.

*161. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to report on the first meeting of the national energy affordability taskforce; the measures actioned as a result of this meeting; when the taskforce will next meet; to report on those who attended the meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [35237/25]

*162. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to list the competent authorities with the authority to prepare a DMAP proposal, designated under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35246/25]

*163. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the preparations his Department is undertaking to contribute to Ireland's engagement at the 2025 UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35313/25]

*164. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for details of the dates and attendees of all meetings if the Biomethane Implementation Group, which is implementing the national biomethane strategy, chaired by his Department. — Alan Kelly. [35315/25]

*165. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when planning guidelines will be put in place as part of the national biomethane strategy for biogas plants. — Alan Kelly. [35316/25]

*166. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether the targets under the national biomethane strategy, which aims to have approximately 200 anaerobic digestion plants and 5.7Twh of renewable gas in place by 2030, are realistic. — Alan Kelly. [35317/25]

*167. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he has met with a group (details supplied); and if not, if he will do so in the coming months. — Alan Kelly. [35320/25]

*168. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to list the dates and attendees of all meetings he and or his Department officials have had with the Environmental Protection Agency since he took office. — Alan Kelly. [35322/25]

*169. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he anticipates a decision in the coming months on the three phase 1 offshore renewable energy projects for which An Bord Pleanála has requested further information; if he will provide an indicative timeline for construction should approval be granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35335/25]

*170. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to list all the public services contracts worth \notin 10 million or more, which have been granted by himself or the forerunner for his Department, or other State bodies in the past five years; the value of each contract; the length of term of each; the expiration date of each contract; and whether any contract was discontinued during its term and for what reason. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35479/25]

*171. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the annual emissions generated by all existing data centres currently operating in the State in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; the expected emissions to be generated in each of the next five years by the additional 14 data centres currently under construction and the 40 data centres which have received planning permission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [35504/25]

*172. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment how the 14 data centres currently under construction and the 40 data centres which have received planning permission in the State will be powered; the amount of energy and water that will be used on an annual basis by the 14 data centres currently under construction and 40 data centres which have received planning permission; whether the electricity network has capacity to supply energy to the additional 40 data centres which have received planning permission; the amount of that energy that will come from sustainable sources; the amount of the energy that will come from gas or other fossil fuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [35505/25]

*173. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of man-hours devoted to preparing the draft the inland fisheries (modernisation and consolidation) Bill by his officials since 2013; if the draft Bill has been subjected to an appropriate assessment under the

EU Habitats Directive in addition to a regulatory impact analysis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [35535/25]

*174. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Departmental officials support the conservation of invasive pike (esox lucius) under the Conservation of Pike Bye-Law (No. 809) 2006; if the species is discovered in Lough Inagh, County Galway and Lough Melvin County Leitrim both of which are special areas of conservation protected under the EU Habitats Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [35536/25]

*175. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the inland fisheries division of his Department will be a viable entity into the future considering how dysfunctional inland fisheries policies are; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [35540/25]

*176. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if Inland Fisheries Ireland in conjunction with his Departmental officials are continuing to prepare retrospective appropriate assessment screenings under the EU Habitats Directive for the Conservation of and Prohibition on Sale of Coarse Fish Bye-Law (No. 806) 2006 and the Conservation of Pike Bye-Law (No. 809) 2006 in an attempt to legitimise their provenance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [35541/25]

*177. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the internal review of the Conservation of and Prohibition on Sale of Coarse Fish Bye-Law (No. 806) 2006 and the Conservation of Pike Bye-Law (No. 809) 2006 will form part of the Western Lakes Management Plan or be treated separately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [35542/25]

*178. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will report on the change in name of an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [35543/25]

*179. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the renewable heat obligation legislation will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35807/25]

*180. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the alternative steps he is considering if in the event that the soon-to-be-published renewable heat obligation fails to achieve TRIS approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35808/25]

*181. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the heads of bill of the upcoming Strategic Gas Emergency Reserve (Amendment) Bill will be brought to prelegislative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35810/25]

*182. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if mid-2027 is the expected delivery window for GNI's 'Final Business Case' to the Minister in anticipation of the 'Final Investment Decision' regarding the provision of State-leased FSRU in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35812/25]

*183. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will commission an independent risk-assessment of introducing Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) infrastructure into Ireland

given the recent comments by Predator Oil and Gas CEO, Paul Griffiths, in relation to the risk of such a facility exploding, such as the 2022 Freeport LNG vapour cloud explosion in Texas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35813/25]

*184. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the Private Wires Policy; the likely date for publication; if legislation is planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [35985/25]

*185. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he plans to make provision for private individuals to be able to charge their EV from their home in circumstances in which their wire would have to cross a public footpath due to not having a private front garden. — Paul Murphy. [36102/25]

*186. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the rationale for treating the Suir river system as three distinct salmon fisheries for regulatory purposes; and if he will review this classification to ensure integrated management of the estuary, lower and upper river. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36129/25]

*187. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will consider introducing a non-commercial 'heritage salmon fishing licence' to allow intergenerational skills and local culture in the Suir estuary to be retained, under a conservation framework. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36133/25]

*188. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the delivery of the Programme for Government commitment on private wires policy framework; if this will require any primary or secondary legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [36148/25]

*189. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the process and timescale under which Ireland will transpose and implement the RED III Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [36149/25]

*190. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the progress that has been made on enabling members of the public to use electric vehicle charging facilities in his Department's car parks as indicated by the former Minister; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [36150/25]

*191. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the way in which the Waste Framework Directive will be implemented; if it will require primary or secondary legislation, and what is the timeframe for this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [36154/25]

*192. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the revised food waste prevention roadmap will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [36155/25]

*193. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to advise on his Department's approach to the Programme for Government commitment to "consider the use of sustainable biofuels to reduce emissions from existing home boilers where deep retrofits are not possible in the short term"; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [36235/25]

*194. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to advise on his Department's position on both the use of HVO for fuel home heating systems and the Programme for Government commitment to "improve traceability in HVO procurement to ensure the product is from sustainable sources"; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [36236/25]

*195. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to set-out the supports available to support homeowners who currently rely on turf for their home heating to transition to renewable heating systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [36237/25]

*196. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to set-out the supports available to support homeowners who currently rely on turf for their home heating to transition to renewable heating systems; if supports for this cohort will be provided by the way of Ireland's Social Climate Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [36238/25]

*197. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide data on the greenhouse gas emissions generated by the burning of turf in private homes in Ireland, both in terms of overall volume and as a proportion of total Irish greenhouse gas emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [36239/25]

Chun an Tánaiste agus Aire Cosanta: To the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence.

*198. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to list all the public services contracts worth $\in 10$ million or more, which have been granted by himself or the forerunner for his Department, or other State bodies in the past five years; the value of each contract; the length of term of each; the expiration date of each contract; and whether any contract was discontinued during its term and for what reason. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35481/25]

*199. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the reason the Defence Force Regulations made by him under the Defence Acts 1954 to 2015 are not laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas or included in the electronic Irish Statute Book or made public, whether pursuant to section 3 of the Statutory Instruments Act 1947 or otherwise; if the Defence Force Regulations have been expressed to be secret or confidential in whole or in part; if the Defence Force Regulations are exempt from the application of the Freedom of Information Act 2014; if he will publish and make generally available the Defence Force Regulations currently in force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [36214/25]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport to open the first completed section of the south Kerry greenway (In the vicinity of Kells Station) before the end of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [35193/25]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport for a detailed progress report on the south Kerry greenway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [35194/25]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport to expedite the south Kerry greenway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [35195/25]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of learner drivers on the driving test waiting list in County Clare, for category C, category C1, and category BE tests; the number of testers qualified for those categories in County Clare; the number of each driver type tested in County Clare for those categories, by month for 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [35215/25]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving tests that have taken place in each test location in County Clare, by category, by day of the week, in tabular form, since The Driving Test Action Plan was announced by the RSA at the end of May; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [35216/25]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus shelters that will be delivered in 2025, by local authority area, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [35239/25]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the engagements in his ministerial diary since taking office in January 2025. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35248/25]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the number and location of helicopters currently used by the coastguard service; the range and on-scene time of each helicopter; and whether each helicopter is certified to carry stretchered patients. — Holly Cairns. [35283/25]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has issued specific criteria around the range, on-scene time capability and stretcher certifications required for helicopters in the coastguard and air ambulance fleets; and if so, whether he would provide these criteria. — Holly Cairns. [35284/25]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will contribute to the local improvement scheme fund in recognition of the wider public usage of roads being funded under the scheme; when his Department was last approached by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht with a view to securing a contribution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [35303/25]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the implementation of contactless payment systems on public transport from the NTA, as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [35310/25]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on an application (details supplied) under the shared island fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [35325/25]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent by each local authority under the bus stop enhancement programme during 2024 and to date in 2025; the reason noted for the underspent by each local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35334/25]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider extending the eligibility criteria for the young adult Leap card to include all individuals under the age of 30, given the ongoing cost of living pressures facing this age group; if he has assessed the affordability and impact of such a measure in advance of Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [35385/25]

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*214. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider introducing an allowance or subsidy for disabled individuals to help cover the rising costs of taxi services, given that taxi fares have increased by 21% since September 2022, and recognizing the additional challenges faced by disabled individuals in accessing public transportation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [35386/25]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport the current usage of public transport between Carlow Town and Dublin for 2023, 2024, and to date of 2025; in tabular form including route, time, percentage of capacity, if the route needs additional services added; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Natasha Newsome Drennan. [35394/25]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the installation of the next generation automatic vehicle location system on bus services nationally in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [35409/25]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of so-called ghost buses, mystery buses and disappearing buses reported on Dublin Bus routes from January 2025 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [35410/25]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport the budget allocated to Dublin Bus for the introduction of new bus services and the enhancement of existing services across Dublin from January 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [35411/25]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of lost trips per month from January 2025 to date on services operated by a company (details supplied) in Dublin west including the W4, L52, 236, 238 and 270 in comparison to the overall number of trips on the timetable for each route, and as a percentage of overall services per route. — Emer Currie. [35412/25]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of lost trips per month from January 2025 to present on services on Dublin Bus services operating in Dublin west in comparison to the overall number of trips on the timetable for each route, and as a percentage of overall services per route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [35413/25]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request the NTA/TII to review capacity levels on the DART service from Bray to Dublin city centre to ensure carriage numbers are sufficient given reports of overcrowding at peak times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [35440/25]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of flights operated by Omni Air International, that have landed in Shannon Airport in each of the past six weeks in tabular form; the number of flights operated by Omni Air International, that have passed through Irish air space in each of the past six weeks, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [35476/25]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport to list all the public services contracts worth $\notin 10$ million or more, which have been granted by himself or the forerunner for his Department, or other State bodies in the past five years; the value of each contract; the length of term of each; the expiration date of each contract; and whether any contract was discontinued during its term and for what reason. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35493/25]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport to list the most dangerous roads in the country based on road deaths, serious injuries and road traffic accidents; the measures he is taking to mitigate the risks and improve safety on these roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [35507/25]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driver testers in each driving test centre that are due to retire, by month, in 2025 and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [35523/25]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated full-year cost of making all public transport, including both public service obligation services and private commercial services, free; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35679/25]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of abolishing the M50 and East Link tolls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35680/25]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to support individuals who wish to complete pilot training in Ireland, as the costs are currently prohibitively high for most people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [35713/25]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the implementation plan for the default 30km per hour speed limit in built-up areas, as provided for under the Road Traffic Act 2024; when he expects the implementation to be complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [35743/25]

*230. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the progression of the refurbishment and enhancement works at Ceannt Station Galway; the projected costings for the completion of the project; the date when the works are to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [35759/25]

*231. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider the addition of a new train station on the Maynooth line between the existing Coolmine and Clonsilla stations to facilitate the ongoing development of lands for high-density residential use at Kellystown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35799/25]

*232. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the long delay in exchanging licences for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35859/25]

*233. To ask the Minister for Transport for a specific update on a project (details supplied) following the allocation of funding for 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [35929/25]

*234. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will clarify a matter relating to an application for a licence exchange (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35935/25]

*235. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of assaults that have taken place on the train service between Killarney and Mallow in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [35936/25]

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*236. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the online booking fees being charged to free travel pass holders by some bus companies; if he is aware that this is the only way to guarantee a seat on some bus services as a free travel pass holder; his views on whether this policy of charging free travel pass holders a fee to guarantee a seat is contradictory to the principals of the free travel scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [36004/25]

*237. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on a driving test application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [36008/25]

*238. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding a driving test date for person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [36037/25]

*239. To ask the Minister for Transport for a report on the number of electric buses Dublin Bus purchased in the past two years; the cost of these buses; the number of charging point in operation for these buses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [36080/25]

*240. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are proposals to expand or enhance public transport services, including Luas frequency at peak hours on the Red Line, and Dublin Bus routes, to better serve communities in Rathcoole, Saggart and Citywest. — Shane Moynihan. [36082/25]

*241. To ask the Minister for Transport what engagement he has had with South Dublin County Council regarding traffic congestion and road infrastructure in its administrative area, particularly in relation to access to the N7 and the M50. — Shane Moynihan. [36083/25]

*242. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the progress of the N16 road from Sligo to Enniskillen, which has seen considerable progress over the years, namely the upgrade of sections around Glenfarne village and north of Sligo town; for an update on the provision of funding for the continued upgrading of this important road, which connects the northwest and Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [36105/25]

*243. To ask the Minister for Transport if any assessments have been carried out by TII to examine the potential impact on traffic flow of the removal of Daly's roundabout from the N22 into Killarney; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [36122/25]

*244. To ask the Minister for Transport if any assessments have been carried out by TII to examine the potential impact on traffic flow of the narrowing of the carriageway on Pike Hill approaching Killarney; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [36126/25]

*245. To ask the Minister for Transport for a timeline for the roll out of contactless payment technology in Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [36139/25]

*246. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus shelters that have been sanctioned in Limerick in 2025, including a timeline for installation, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [36140/25]

*248. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made on enabling members of the public to use electric vehicle charging facilities in Government Departments' car parks as indicated by the former Minister; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [36151/25]

*249. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of Dublin Bus buses parked up in a location (details supplied); the reason they are parked there; the reason they are not operational; the cost of parking them there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [36171/25]

*250. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the planning process for the MetroLink; when the MetroLink can expect to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [36225/25]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*251. To ask the Minister for Finance the timeline for the housing measures promised (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [36220/25]

*252. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the rollout of the tax credit for unscripted television productions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [36226/25]

*253. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has looked at the possibility of lowering the VAT rate on construction materials to address the cost of building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [36234/25]

*254. To ask the Minister for Finance whether he read a report (details supplied) looking at the implications of the proposed e-liquids product tax, which has identified potential flaws in the self-declaration model; his views on this report and its findings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35200/25]

*255. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the current taxation treatment of widows and widowers, specifically in relation to factors (details supplied); and if he will outline any planned reforms to address the financial discrimination and long-term disadvantage faced by widows and widowers. — Pat Buckley. [35367/25]

*256. To ask the Minister for Finance if the freezing of a Post Office Savings Bank account (details supplied) that forms part of the Ireland State Savings range of products offered by the National Treasury Management Agency constitutes a default, including a temporary default, of Government debt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [35390/25]

*257. To ask the Minister for Finance if a universal system/process is used by insurance providers to check whether a property is located on a flood plain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [35456/25]

*258. To ask the Minister for Finance the options available to the property owner to query and validate an assessment (details supplied) given the impact it may have on future quotes and availability of cover with other providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [35457/25]

*259. To ask the Minister for Finance if the vehicle classification and VRT calculation will be reviewed for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35459/25]

*260. To ask the Minister for Finance to list all the public services contracts worth $\in 10$ million or more, which have been granted by himself or the forerunner for his Department, or other State bodies in the past five years; the value of each contract; the length of term of each; the expiration date of each contract; and whether any contract was discontinued during its term and for what reason. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35484/25]

*261. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of the increased inconvenience placed on small businesses when paying their tax as a result of regulatory changes to the tax card payment service, which limits the amount that can be paid by Debit Card to \notin 500; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35502/25]

*262. To ask the Minister for Finance if Revenue can provide any assistance to a person (details supplied) in County Donegal with the transfer-of-residence registration of an imported vehicle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35503/25]

*263. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason individuals building on their own land have the land value taken into account in the approved valuation when assessing for the help to buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [35681/25]

*264. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised from the dividend withholding tax applied to real estate investment trusts in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [35702/25]

*265. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised from the dividend withholding tax applied to Irish real estate funds in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [35703/25]

*266. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised in each of the past ten years from capital gains tax paid by real estate investment trusts, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [35704/25]

*267. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised in each of the past ten years from capital gains tax paid by Irish real estate funds, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [35705/25]

*268. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will bring forward a service level agreement between the Central Bank and the credit union movement as discussed during the Credit Union (Amendment) Act 2023 legislative process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35780/25]

*269. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the Credit Union Stabilisation Fund levy paid by credit unions; the amount that has been collected each year by the fund since its

inception; his plans for the future of the levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35781/25]

*270. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the Credit Institutions Resolution Fund levy paid by credit unions; the amount that has been collected each year by the fund since its inception, his plans for the future of the levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35784/25]

*271. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the appropriateness of the regulation of the buy-now, pay-later products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35785/25]

*272. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the implementation of recommendation 11.2 of the retail banking review; if he will ensure that the recommendation is prioritised given the rise in buy-now, pay-later products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35786/25]

*273. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and value of loans issued by credit union below $\notin 2,000$, to the end of March in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35787/25]

*274. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are regulatory measures that can be taken to address the failure of certain banks to pass on ECB interest rate cuts to customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35801/25]

*275. To ask the Minister for Finance for his plans to address the current situation in a residential site (details supplied) in accessing home insurance which is preventing people buying the apartments. — Jen Cummins. [35947/25]

*276. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of proposals in the Interdepartmental Pensions Reform and Taxation Group report from 2020 that have been implemented; the number not yet been implemented; the expected timeline for those not yet implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [36059/25]

*277. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are any plans for increasing the cap for PRSAs or introducing any changes on how employer contributions to PRSAs are capped; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [36060/25]

*278. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are plans to harmonise pension tax relief so that the State contribution under AE is equivalent to the tax relief which people get on private pensions; if so, whether the harmonisation plans upwards or downwards; what other details can be provided on the plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [36061/25]

*279. To ask the Minister for Finance If there any plans to simplify or align the rules for PRSAs and master trusts, specifically in relation to master trust contributions based on salary, age, and company service, and PRSA contributions with the limit of 100% of salary; if he agrees that there are very different rules for accessing benefits, either at retirement or on early retirement, in relation to tax-free lump sums, and different rules on death under each scheme, and that the funding for future and prior service opens up greater opportunities in a master trust, but not in a PRSA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [36063/25]

*280. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the new action plan for insurance reform, with specific regard to flood insurance; if the action plan will recommend changes to the memorandum of understanding between the OPW and Insurance Ireland to increase obligations

a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [36106/25]

*281. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the current vehicle registration tax and VAT exemption limits for vehicles adapted for individuals with disabilities, given the \in 16,000 cap has remained unchanged for over two decades despite rising vehicle costs and taxes; if he will consider introducing index-linking to ensure these exemptions keep pace with inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [36181/25]

on insurance companies to extend coverage to people in low-risk flood zones; and if he will make

Chun an Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí, Bonneagair, Athchóiriúcháin Seirbhíse Poiblí agus Digitiúcháin: To the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure; Public Service Reform and Digitalisation.

*282. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on the application for a Garda station (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [36141/25]

*283. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if there is a clause in public contracts to ensure the contractors winning public contracts must pay the industrial going rate to its employees for the services they deliver; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35263/25]

*284. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether the concept of the living wage has been adopted for public tenders for services, whereby the winner of the award must ensure minimum pay being set for its employees of the living wage to win the contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35264/25]

*285. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether all tenders worth €10 million or more for public service delivery are awarded on the lowest price tender received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35265/25]

*286. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the weighting or marks as a percentage of the total mark awarded to the lowest price applicants for public services tender competitions awarded by his Department in the past 5 years for tenders worth €10 million or more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35266/25]

*287. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the weighting or marks as a percentage of the total mark awarded that is guaranteed to applicants who qualify for public services contract tender competitions run by his Department in the past five years for tenders worth €10 million or more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35267/25]

*288. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to list all the public services contracts worth \notin 10 million or more, which have been granted by himself or his forerunner for his Department, or other State bodies in the past five

years; the value of each contract; the length of term of each; the expiration date of each contract; and whether any contract was discontinued during its term and for what reason. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35268/25]

*289. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will consider raising the national public procurement tender threshold for goods and services from \notin 50,000 to \notin 143,000 in line with the EU threshold, to support micro enterprises, reduce administrative burden, promote sustainability, and enhance value for money, while maintaining compliance and transparency in procurement. — Martin Daly. [35333/25]

*290. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on an urgent matter regarding sculptures (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [35354/25]

*291. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the fiscal space projected to be available in Budget 2025 for new current and capital spending. — Sorca Clarke. [35452/25]

*292. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the data resources available to individuals seeking up-to-date, accurate information on their exposure to flood risk; the frequency with which data and resources are updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [35458/25]

*293. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the estimated full-year cost of ensuring that every public sector worker earning under $\in 100$ thousand receives a pay increase of 10% in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35647/25]

*294. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation when an assessment was last made by the OPW of the levels of asbestos in Garda stations across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [35720/25]

*295. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he is satisfied that public bodies are compliant with their obligations for disclosing procurement information, in light of the Information Commissioner's ruling (details supplied), if he will be reminding this body of their obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [35741/25]

*296. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if a person can transfer their three years with the OPW to a local authority for pension purposes, State Pension Contributory (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35742/25]

*297. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if the new infrastructure unit in his Department has been tasked with preparing an infrastructure priorities list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [35753/25]

*298. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his views on whether existing legislation, related to whistleblowers, provides

adequate protection to whistleblowers irrespective of the industry they might be involved with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [35878/25]

*299. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the reason it was decided to not proceed with the relocation of a family (details supplied) as part of the voluntary homeowners relocation scheme, despite repeated severe flooding of their home and all indications being that they would be relocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35986/25]

*300. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will ensure that the Navan to Dublin rail line is included for designated funding in the review of the National Development Plan (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [36044/25]

*301. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the current status of the project prepared by the OPW re the Blackpool flood relief scheme, in view of the fact that this project was delayed due to his Department failing to act back in 2022; the timeline for when approval for the project to proceed will be given; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36070/25]

Chun an Aire Fiontar, Turasóireachta agus Fostaíochta: To the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment.

*302. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his views on whether the Corporate Enforcement Agency is adequately resourced to carry out its functions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [35879/25]

*303. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the reason the Irish National Accreditation Board does not give accreditation for full genome testing, as in other EU Member States, rather than giving accreditation on a condition-by-condition basis. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35885/25]

*304. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of registered overnight serviced accommodation, by type, by county, in tabular form, for 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [35212/25]

*305. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide a detailed list of all measures the serviced accommodation sector is obliged to comply with as part of their registration with Failte Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [35213/25]

*306. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if the Short Term Letting and Tourism Bill 2025 will pass through the Oireachtas before the recess in July, in light of the passage of the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Bill 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [35242/25]

*307. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his Department's position on regarding platforms as publishers to ensure better accountability for tech companies for the content they allow on their websites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [34941/25]

*308. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the further initiatives being considered or implemented to drive tourism in the midlands region, building on the success of Ireland's Hidden Heartlands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [35301/25]

*309. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if a comprehensive AI strategy to protect the rights and livelihoods of those working in the Irish tour guide industry will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [35359/25]

*310. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the protections or supports for the long standing practice of family home bed and breakfasts that will be contained with the new short-term let legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [35362/25]

*311. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when the Government Departments Prompt Payment Returns report for Q1 2025 will be published by his Department; and whether any notable trends have been observed to date when compared to Q1 figures from previous years. — Albert Dolan. [35415/25]

*312. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to list all the public services contracts worth \notin 10 million or more, which have been granted by himself or the forerunner for his Department, or other State bodies in the past five years; the value of each contract; the length of term of each; the expiration date of each contract; and whether any contract was discontinued during its term and for what reason. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35483/25]

*313. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to outline protections in place for consumers regarding the cases of as person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [35528/25]

*314. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures the IDA is taking to ensure that the tenant of the Greystones Media Campus fulfils its contractual obligation to develop on the IDA land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [35586/25]

*315. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide a timeline as per the IDA contract with the tenant of the Greystones Media Campus in which it must begin development on the lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [35587/25]

*316. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures he will take to recoup the €24 million money spent through the ISIF in the Greystones Media Campus if development is not completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [35588/25]

*317. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide an update on the Greystones Media Campus; if the project is still planned to continue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [35589/25]

*318. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if the tenant of the IDA lands at the Greystones Media Campus does not fulfil its contractual obligation of development

as per the contractual clause, whether the lands will be transferred back to the IDA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [35590/25]

*319. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment following the conclusion of the Food Tourism Strategy 2018–2023, if there are plans to develop and publish a new food tourism strategy; if he will provide a year-by-year breakdown of the budget allocated to food tourism from 2019 to 2025, in tabular form; if any engagement with industry stakeholders on food tourism has taken place from 2023 to the present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [35764/25]

*320. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the plans being made to develop a US presidents trail on the island of Ireland. — Edward Timmins. [34985/25]

*321. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of work permits issued in relation to positions in the IT and technology sector in each month from January 2024 to date; the breakdown of the country of origin of the total number of such work permits granted in that time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35916/25]

*322. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures he is taking to boost domestic enterprises in the context of external pressure and on the multi-national sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [36062/25]

*323. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department considered supporting the re-development of a sugar processing industry in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [36094/25]

*324. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment since the removal of sea fishers from the list of non-approved occupations for the general employment permit in July 2024, the number of applications for such permits made by fishing vessel owner employers; the number of such applications granted by the Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [36159/25]

*325. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if the appeal that has been submitted against the decision of his Department not to renew a work permit application be considered (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [36160/25]

*326. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if the appeal that has been submitted against the decision of his Department not to renew a work permit application be considered (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [36161/25]

*327. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if the appeal that has been submitted against the decision of his Department not to renew a work permit application be considered (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [36162/25]

*328. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when the new Action Plan for Competitiveness and Productivity will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [36228/25]

Chun an Aire Oideachais agus Óige: To the Minister for Education and Youth.

*329. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will investigate a matter (details supplied) and urgently advise of the reason for such a disparity of services between Cork and Kerry; if Kerry's children are not as equally deserving of crucial early intervention; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [35190/25]

*330. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the percentage of children in the past five years that have left school before completing the Leaving Certificate or LCA; whether they were in mainstream school, special education, DEIS or private schools, in tabular form. — Jen Cummins. [35209/25]

*331. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the percentage of children by age leaving school in the past five years that have left school before completing the Leaving Certificate or LCA, in tabular form. — Jen Cummins. [35210/25]

*332. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the percentage of children who left school in the past five years before completing the Leaving cert or LCA; and who continued on to a form of further education pathways. — Jen Cummins. [35211/25]

*333. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on a matter of policy (details supplied) affecting wage increments for teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [35241/25]

*334. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will reconsider the teacher allocation in a school (details supplied) where the pupil intake has increased since last year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35285/25]

*335. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth what recourse is available for a parent where their child has additional needs child and is not receiving the agreed weekly hours with a special education teacher in school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35286/25]

*336. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on the SNA allocation for a school (details supplied) for the upcoming year; the reason there was no increase in this allocation; if this decision will be reviewed given the student/SNA ratio; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [35292/25]

*337. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school which will be losing a teacher due to being one pupil short (details supplied) will be allowed keep their current staff numbers, as losing a teacher will result in a multi-grade class of 39 students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [35300/25]

*338. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to clarify the situation regarding funding that was approved for a school (details supplied) approximately six years ago for the renovation of its science laboratory; the reasons for the delay; when these works will take place; if she will ensure that her Department liaises with the school as a matter of urgency on this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [35309/25]

*339. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding funding opportunities for primary schools to provide new outdoor recreation facilities and upgrade

existing outdoor spaces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [35312/25]

*340. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [35329/25]

*341. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a secondary school application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [35331/25]

*342. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [35332/25]

*343. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to re-consider the refusal of a grant (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [35347/25]

*344. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the results of the SNA allocation review at a school (details supplied); if surplus SNA posts were identified; the number of surplus posts identified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [35351/25]

*345. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if applications or the possibility to sign a fixed-term contract in a school is possible in the hope that the time-bound provision is open by September 2025 for teachers. — Darren O'Rourke. [35364/25]

*346. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason the MGLD designation from a school (details supplied) was removed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [35365/25]

*347. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of students taught Braille by the Visiting Teacher Service in each of the past ten years, broken down by primary and post-primary level and by year of education, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [35387/25]

*348. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on the proposed renovation of the science laboratory at a school (details supplied); the reasons for the delay since funding approval was granted approximately six years ago; and if she will confirm when the works are expected to commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [35389/25]

*349. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will increase investment and expand special schools and classes catering for children with mild general learning disabilities. — Darren O'Rourke. [35423/25]

*350. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will reverse any decision made to send children with mild general learning disabilities back into mainstream classes-schools. — Darren O'Rourke. [35424/25]

*351. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will reverse the redesignation of special classes, which will place children with mild general learning disabilities back into mainstream classes. — Darren O'Rourke. [35425/25]

*352. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of primary and post primary schools with access to a dedicated mental health professional; and the estimated cost of providing one to every school. — Sorca Clarke. [35470/25]

*353. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to list all the public services contracts worth $\in 10$ million or more, which have been granted by herself or the forerunner for her Department, or other State bodies in the past five years; the value of each contract; the length of term of each; the expiration date of each contract; and whether any contract was discontinued during its term and for what reason. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35482/25]

*354. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of a special school issue (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35580/25]

*355. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will instruct her Department to investigate the proposed redesignation of mild general learning disability (MGLD) schools, allowing for a full consultation to take place and ensuring that children with MGLD continue to have the right to access special school placements that suit their needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [35584/25]

*356. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if an allowance will be given to principals in recognition of leading and managing non-teaching staff (details supplied); if an allowance will be given to teachers and principals working in special need schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35585/25]

*357. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the status of the independent assessment on the feasibility of removing the exclusion of drivers aged over 70 from the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [35601/25]

*358. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the renovation of the science laboratory at a school (details supplied); when works will commence; and the engagement her Department has had with the school in relation on this project. — Tom Brabazon. [35604/25]

*359. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to examine the case for extra SNA spaces at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [35612/25]

*360. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35614/25]

*361. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated full-year cost of making primary- and post-primary education totally free, i.e., abolishing all charges (including voluntary contributions), providing free school uniforms, books and all other required equipment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35648/25]

*362. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated full-year cost of doubling capitation grants to primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35649/25]

*363. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated full-year cost of increasing the minor works grant by 20%; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35650/25]

*364. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated full-year cost of reducing the pupil teacher ratios to 15:1, across primary and post primary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35651/25]

*365. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated full-year cost of reinstating the numbers of assistant principals to the highest previous level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35652/25]

*366. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated full-year cost of increasing the number of special needs assistants by 1,500, 2,000, and 2,500 respectively, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35653/25]

*367. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated full-year cost of increasing the number of special education teachers by 500, 1,000, and 1,500 respectively, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35654/25]

*368. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of psychologists currently employed by NEPS; the number of sanctioned psychologist posts in NEPS; the estimated fullyear cost of running NEPS; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35655/25]

*369. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children enrolled in the school transport scheme in 2023 and 2024; the total cost of the scheme in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35656/25]

*370. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated cost to the Exchequer to provide free school transport to all primary and post-primary school students in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35657/25]

*371. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an urgent update regarding a school merge (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [35684/25]

*372. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will provide an urgent update regarding a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [35685/25]

*373. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of a case (details supplied); and if she will instruct her Department to review this case and ensure that the child in question is able to attend the special school in the 2025-2026 school year. — Paul Murphy. [35690/25]

*374. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if an application for a contract of indefinite duration for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [35701/25]

*375. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an appeal for the July Provision for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [35709/25]

*376. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an appeal for the July Provision for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [35710/25]

*377. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth considering the rising population and increasing demand in Dunshaughlin, Ratoath and Ashbourne, the measures she is taking to secure additional ASD classes in schools in these areas. — Darren O'Rourke. [35714/25]

*378. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to clarify a matter regarding a school (details supplied). — Ann Graves. [35718/25]

*379. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether Greystones is one of the areas to be included in the pilot common application system for the 2025-2026 admissions process; if not, if she would include it in light of the annual enrolment difficulties in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35727/25]

*380. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason the summer camp services in a school (details supplied) have not been run in the past number of years. — Peadar Tóibín. [35830/25]

*381. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason the free bus service to school drops for over-18-year-olds with disabilities who are still in education have ceased (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [35831/25]

*382. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will address the concerns raised in correspondence regarding mild general learning disability designation of schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [35864/25]

*383. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a request for a teacher by a school (details supplied) will be considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [35904/25]

*384. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review and streamline the process for engagement with the payroll section in her Department in cases in which a teacher reduces their work hours and substitutes for part of their working week to care for their child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [35908/25]

*385. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the plans for increased ASD class capacity at primary level for boys in the Clondalkin area for 2025-2026, and 2026-2027, given some ASD classes in the locality are situated in mixed-sex junior schools that progress to single-sex female senior schools and do not cater for boys in their ASD units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35925/25]

*386. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason there is currently no appeals mechanism available to schools via the NCSE website; when it will be available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35926/25]

*387. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the communication made with a union (details supplied) regarding the proposed strike action being taken by all school secretaries in the next academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [35930/25]

*388. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will ensure that a school (details supplied) is a recipient of all supports outlined in the Education Plan 2025 and, in particular, supports offered through the new education therapy service, which will see therapists working in special schools in the next school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35932/25]

*389. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a school (details supplied) have a class of 35 pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [35948/25]

*390. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she still expects to meet the target of 19 pupils per class as set out in the Programme for Government. — Jen Cummins. [35949/25]

*391. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in the east Cork constituency on a waiting list for a school place in special schools, for 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [36019/25]

*392. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the availability, location and number of places in ASD units in primary schools in the constituency of east Cork. — Pat Buckley. [36032/25]

*393. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be reviewed; if an additional special needs assistant support will be allocated to a school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36036/25]

*394. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of the current situation at school (details supplied); if so, the details she is aware of; the total amount spent by her Department to date for the school to operate over the past nine years; the definite timeframe on the release of a tender for the school building project, considering planning was received in April 2024 and the urgency caused by the limit of the lease in the temporary accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [36038/25]

*395. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on whether there is a need to review the processes in place for the amalgamations of second level schools; her further views whether the existing consultation process requires updating when two schools are being amalgamated; if amendments have been made to the Report on the Amalgamation of Second Level Schools published in 2001; if she is concerned that existing measures on school amalgamations do not appear to include all stakeholders; if her attention has been drawn to a recent amalgamation (details supplied); if she is concerned that past pupils were never included in the consultation process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [36049/25]

*396. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there are specific rules in place in relation to consultation both in the locality and with past pupils in cases in which two schools are amalgamating; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [36050/25]

*397. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding an ASD class which was sanctioned for school (details supplied) on 7 December 2023 but has since been reneged upon by the NCSE; if this decision can be further examined given the need for special class places in the south east; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [36065/25]

*398. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the SNA allocation for a special school (details supplied); if this allocation will be increased given 23 new pupils with complex additional needs will be starting in September 2025; if she is aware the principal has stated that they will require eight SNAs for the 2025-2026 academic year to deal with the significant additional influx of students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [36066/25]

*399. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding an SNA allocation review which took place in respect of a school (details supplied); if this matter will be reexamined given the additional need expressed by the principal; if there is an appeals mechanism available in respect of this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [36067/25]

*400. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 235 of 27 February 2025, if she is aware that a school (details supplied) has not been contacted by her Department regarding the reimbursement it is due; when the school will be reimbursed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36069/25]

*401. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware that a school in Bray (details supplied) missed the enrolment quota for an additional teacher by one student and will now lose a teaching post resulting in a single class of 39 students; if she will instruct her Department to reconsider this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36077/25]

*402. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason the sanctioning of an ASD classroom for a school in Wicklow town (details supplied) was cancelled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36078/25]

*403. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to define explicitly what she deems complex needs as per her use of the term in circular 0039/2025 to special schools. — John Brady. [36079/25]

*404. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if additional primary and secondary school places are planned for the Saggart, Rathcoole and Citywest areas to meet the needs of a rising school-age population. — Shane Moynihan. [36085/25]

*405. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children on reduced school days or absences due to school-based avoidance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [36099/25]

*406. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth how her Department is supporting teachers in educating autistic children within mainstream school classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [36100/25]

*407. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the concerns of families that have children with Downes syndrome regarding the availability of special classes for children with a general learning disability, not related to ASD, within mainstream schools; the actions she will take to address this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36111/25]

*408. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a timeline for construction to begin on a site (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [36145/25]

*409. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there has been a change to the school bus place application process for children with special educational needs; if she will outline the process for September 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36147/25]

*410. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the progress on school building projects and the projected completion dates for schools in Dublin mid-west (details supplied). — Shane Moynihan. [36168/25]

*411. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth who will determine whether a student has MGLD or 'complex MGLD' as per her use in the 0039/2025 circular; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36172/25]

*412. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the additional supports that will be put in place for students with MGLD who may return to mainstream education under her re-designation of special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36173/25]

*413. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will engage directly with teachers, school leaders and families to consult with them meaningfully before further implementation of re-designation of special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36174/25]

*414. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a primary school (details supplied) has not had a whole school evaluation since 2012; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36175/25]

*415. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth under what grounds a school is classified as a special school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36176/25]

*416. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on an application by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [36219/25]

Chun an Aire Cultúir, Cumarsáide agus Spóirt: To the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport.

*417. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether he engaged with the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation regarding the pension scheme of retired An Post workers (details supplied); and the outcomes of this discussion. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35153/25]

*418. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he has received the interim report of the Advisory Committee on Restitution and Repatriation of Cultural Heritage; if not, when he expects to receive this report; if he will publish the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36158/25]

*419. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department will look into the issues around very poor broadband and phone services in rural parts of Laois, particularly in Errill and Rathdowney; the stage that the National Broadband Programme is at for this region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [35201/25]

*420. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if there is a strategic plan in place to support small to medium-sized post offices from December 2025 onwards, following the conclusion of the current three-year funding arrangement under which $\in 10$ million per annum is being provided to An Post (2023-2025) to stabilise the post office network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [35290/25]

*421. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to list all the public services contracts worth $\in 10$ million or more, which have been granted by himself or the forerunner for his Department, or other State bodies in the past five years; the value of each contract; the length of term of each; the expiration date of each contract; and whether any contract was discontinued during its term and for what reason. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35480/25]

*422. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of people employed at management level in An Post, for each of the of the past 20 years. — Peadar Tóibín. [35686/25]

*423. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps his Department is taking to move to a more permanent support system for members of the creative community who were in receipt of the basic income for the arts scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [35732/25]

*424. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the plans to improve artistic workspace and residency programme opportunities in Meath. — Darren O'Rourke. [35773/25]

*425. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will ensure that any future basic income for artists scheme allows access for new working artists. — Darren O'Rourke. [35774/25]

*426. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if sports capital grant approval to allow an organisation (details supplied) to award the tender and start works will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [35933/25]

*427. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on an issue relating to a sports capital grant (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35934/25]

*428. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the level of available film and television studio space in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [36227/25]

Chun an Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta: To the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

*429. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on a project which must be carried out urgently, in consideration of serious issues with PPP bundles and funding which include essential regeneration (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Máire Devine. [36290/25]

*430. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to an exchange during Leaders' Questions on 21 May 2024, the timeframe set out in the Climate Action Plan 2024 for when the revised wind guidelines will be published and the review into the 2006 wind energy development guidelines completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [36260/25]

*431. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to set out the schedule and timeline for commencement of each section of the Planning and Development Act 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [36583/25]

*432. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on bundles 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the public private partnership social housing projects; whether they will continue as public private partnerships or be dropped; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [36579/25]

*433. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures being considered to ensure that utility infrastructure capacity does not become a long-term barrier to rural housing development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [36138/25]

*434. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures taken to implement a State savings scheme such as the Social Democrats-proposed 'Homes for Ireland' State savings scheme, submitted to him and the Taoiseach on 19 May 2025, which would leverage the \notin 160 billion in deposits to fund affordable housing delivery. — Rory Hearne. [36247/25]

*435. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on funding for the project to protect the corncrake; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [35197/25]

*436. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update of the application made in April 2024 on behalf of a community group water scheme (details supplied), under Measure A6 of the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2024 to 2026; if he will provide a timeline on the confirmation of funding bids in relation to Measure A6; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [35217/25]

*437. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will immediately commence section 31 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009, in order to restore rent-setting for local authority housing to a reserved function of elected councillors, as originally intended under the 2009 Act; the reason, in the absence of commencement, each local authority chief executive retains the power to set rents independently—without democratic input—leading to inconsistent policies across the country and a lack of transparency; his views on the recent Galway City Council case, where a proposed 3% rent increase and major reforms to the rent model were presented under executive function without councillor approval; if he will address

concerns about these changes being introduced during a time of sustained inflation and hardship for low-income tenants; if the ongoing delay in completing the national rent scheme review still justifies withholding the commencement of section 31 of the 2009 Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [35236/25]

*438. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if lower BER ratings such as B or C could be considered for new builds, as it could reduce the cost of the development of new homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [35238/25]

*439. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when setting the weekly rent for social housing, the incomes sources (wages, gross or net, private pension, maintenance payments, social welfare payments, children's allowance, carer's support grants, fuel allowance, living alone allowance, and so on) that the AHBs and the councils are permitted to take into account when calculating the sum on which the differential rent formula applies; if there are different formulae for different AHBs or councils; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35251/25]

*440. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has any plans to create a tracking system with the land registry to enable applicants to monitor the progress of their application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [35279/25]

*441. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an updated list of all email and phone lines for use of Oireachtas members within his Department, including all subsidiary bodies, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [35287/25]

*442. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications received for an exemption under residential zoned land tax due to actively farmed land in County Galway and County Roscommon. — Claire Kerrane. [35289/25]

*443. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of people who received a septic tank grant, per county, over the last three years; the number of tank inspections carried out in County Tipperary; how a person whose septic tank is not working can qualify for a grant to improve their septic tank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35306/25]

*444. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has met with a group (details supplied); and if not, if he will do so in the coming months. — Alan Kelly. [35319/25]

*445. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to list the dates and attendees of all meetings he and or his Department officials have had with the Environmental Protection Agency since he took office. — Alan Kelly. [35324/25]

*446. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of offshore renewable energy applications to an Bord Pleanála that have been met within the 18-week decision timeframe; the reason the timeframe was not met for the remaining projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35336/25]

*447. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is satisfied that sufficient resources are in place at An Bord Pleanála to determine the outcome of offshore

renewable energy applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35337/25]

*448. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the National Parks and Wildlife Service has engaged with phase 1 offshore renewable energy applications before submission of planning applications; if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35338/25]

*449. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it is standard policy for the National Parks and Wildlife Service to engage with phase 1 offshore renewable energy applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35339/25]

*450. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider mandating the National Parks and Wildlife Service to engage with phase 1 offshore renewable energy applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35340/25]

*451. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff in the National Parks and Wildlife Service working full-time on the delivery of offshore wind projects and applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35341/25]

*452. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the exact role of the National Parks and Wildlife Service in the area of offshore renewable energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35342/25]

*453. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if protections will be added for family home bed and breakfasts not to become commercially rateable properties allowing them to maintain their family home status be protected in legislation as non-commercial properties for purpose of local authority rates as has been the unofficial position since foundation of state; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [35363/25]

*454. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average processing time for a cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [35395/25]

*455. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to state the number of social homes delivered via buy-and-renew in 2024; and the average cost of the delivery of these units to the exchequer. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35402/25]

*456. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage why County Kerry is not included in the affordable housing scheme; if it will be included, and when; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [35414/25]

*457. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider establishing a dedicated scheme as part of Budget 2026 for local authorities to access funding for the retrofitting or replacement of substandard stock historical housing stock, perhaps with a trial in Dún Laoghaire and Dublin city, where older stock is widespread; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [35439/25]

*458. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is concerned about the level of access to training available to planners and associated staff in local authorities with regard to the standards and frameworks used in the assessment of biogas plant developments nationally, especially considering a national planning framework would be seen as the typical practice internationally, rather than leaving it to individual local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [35454/25]

*459. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the role of the Land Development Agency in relation to the purchasing of vacant sites and units that have the potential for significant residential development; the arrangements that exist for the purchase of such sites prior to them being placed on the open market in circumstances in which the ownership is under the control of the State or a State agency or in cases in which the State has a long standing relationship with the owner; and the plans of the Land Development Agency in relation a site (details supplied). — Jen Cummins. [35473/25]

*460. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to list all the public services contracts worth \notin 10 million or more, which have been granted by himself or the forerunner for his Department, or other State bodies in the past five years; the value of each contract; the length of term of each; the expiration date of each contract; and whether any contract was discontinued during its term and for what reason. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35488/25]

*461. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to examine the cases of persons (details supplied) affecting their application for housing aid for older people grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [35496/25]

*462. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify several queries in regard to rent pressure zones (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [35506/25]

*463. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it is the long term policy of his Department to reclassify further water bodies within Lough Corrib SAC as heavily modified water bodies (HMWBs) under the EU Water Framework Directive in a deliberate manner to undermine the integrity of the SAC for the commercial development of the lake and its tributaries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [35544/25]

*464. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the transfer of responsibility for OMCs from the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to his Department will happen before the summer recess; if the regulations concerning sinking funds and service charges will be in place by the end of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [35583/25]

*465. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are any plans to review or increase the current planning exemption threshold for playgrounds, presently set at ϵ 127,000, when undertaken by a local authority, to account for rising construction costs and inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [35603/25]

*466. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 515 and 516 of 25 February 2025 and No. 448 of 25 March 2025, all of which sought basic procurement-related data, including the number of public tenders that came in over, on, or under the awarded value, and the total procurement spend by his Department and its agencies in recent years, the reason his Department was unable to provide

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this information, stating in each case that "the information sought is not readily available and its compilation would involve a disproportionate amount of time and work"; and how it can be considered consistent with good governance that one of the State's largest and most strategically important Departments cannot state in precise terms the amount it has spent on public procurement in recent years.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [35555/25]

*467. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of hectares of land zoned under the residential zoned land tax that is currently undeveloped; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35623/25]

*468. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the tenant-in-situ scheme for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council; the number of houses purchased under this scheme to date; if any future funding is proposed to be allocated to this local authority under this initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [35691/25]

*469. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a homeowner (details supplied) who has been approved for a defective concrete blocks grant will retrospectively benefit from the 10% grant increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [35700/25]

*470. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on social housing PPP bundles 4, 5, 6 & 7 in the context of the decision by the Minister to not proceed with bundle 3. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35715/25]

*471. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has received a report from the CCMA on the review of Section 10; and to provide an update on whether he intends to review the current deficit funding and competitive tendering that is used to award Section 10 funded services. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35716/25]

*472. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline Uisce Éireann's current borrowing limits; its total borrowings; the source of these borrowings, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [35725/25]

*473. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has plans to conduct an audit of Waterways Ireland; if so, how long will this take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [35731/25]

*474. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant residential properties in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [35736/25]

*475. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding allocated to the tenant in situ scheme in Fingal for the years 2023 and 2024; and the amount ring-fenced for 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [35738/25]

*476. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant residential properties in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [35739/25]

*477. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the co-funding contribution expected of local authorities for the provision of wastewater infrastructure; if any support is provided to local authorities to meet these contributions given the significant financial implications for them; if his Department will assist Galway County Council with their contribution for the Craughwell and Clarinbridge projects; if this expected contribution will be reviewed given that these investments will not generate any identifiable return for local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [35750/25]

*478. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to examine concerns in respect of persons in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [35752/25]

*479. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to review to current tenant purchase scheme to allow council owned housing secured under the part V agreements and or AHB properties to be sold as part of any future tenant purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [35760/25]

*480. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, under the March 2026 legislation, a tenancy in shared rental accommodation can be considered to have ended for all tenants if one tenant leaves; if the rent can then be reset to market rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [35886/25]

*481. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timelines for the publication of the Gaeltacht planning guidelines; if each Gaeltacht language planning area will be supported to develop its own local housing strategy aligned with these guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34982/25]

*482. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress made on establishing a deposit protection scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [35905/25]

*483. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of any supports and grants for people of limited means or with disabilities to fix damaged driveways in instances where these fall outside the council's roads and footpaths remediation works programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [35907/25]

*484. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his proposals for the Land Development Agency (LDA) to develop its land bank to engage in active land management policies and for the LDA to deliver private housing in appropriate locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [35551/25]

*485. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to expand the Land Development Agency's geographical area of operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [35552/25]

*486. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to increase the maximum house value limits for the first home scheme for Cork; if the city values to the metropolitan area of County Cork will be extended and particularly the city Dáil constituencies in order that the one set of qualifying criteria applies. — Séamus McGrath. [35939/25]

*487. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the rural planning guidelines, Gaeltacht planning guidelines and planning guidelines for the Islands. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35993/25]

*488. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to publish the Mulcahy report or a summary of the report into planning irregularities in Donegal. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35994/25]

*489. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has received any responses from the chief executives of Roscommon County Council and Galway County Council following the Cabinet's ratification and circulation of the planning framework to local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [36002/25]

*490. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline details of an unpublished 2023 directive from his Department to local authorities instructing them to purchase homes with tenants in-situ where possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [36071/25]

*491. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details on a unit set up within his Department by his predecessor to engage with local authorities in relation to the tenant in-situ scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [36072/25]

*492. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a query (details supplied) relating to RPZs. — Cathal Crowe. [36076/25]

*493. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline plans to increase the supply of affordable and social housing in the Saggart and Citywest areas, in light of ongoing population growth and housing demand. — Shane Moynihan. [36081/25]

*494. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, in light of the timeline for the 2027 Census, he will set out the subsequent timelines for completion and publication by the Electoral Commission of boundary reviews for, respectively, local electoral areas; European constituencies; and Dáil constituencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [36098/25]

*495. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant council houses in Kerry; how soon they will be available for new tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [36119/25]

*496. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an updated list of all email addresses and phone lines for use by Oireachtas members within his Department, including all subsidiary bodies, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [36142/25]

*497. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will respond to concerns on the new rent pressure zone rules (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [36179/25]

*498. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline, in light of recent reports concerning the status of the tenant-in-situ scheme in Cork city and Cork

county, the number of acquisitions currently paused or delayed due to funding constraints in each of these local authorities; whether he intends to provide supplementary funding to address the reported $\notin 1.7$ million shortfall that is preventing both Cork City Council and Cork County Council from completing purchase agreements already initiated under the scheme; whether his Department will consider reallocating underutilised funds from other local authorities to areas of acute need such as Cork; the measures being taken to ensure that local authorities can continue to use the scheme effectively as a homelessness-prevention tool in 2025 and beyond; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [36221/25]

*499. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when specific turf cutting compensation scheme payments will be issued to plot holders at Ballynagrenia bog, Moate, County Westmeath (details supplied); and when this payment will be issued. — Robert Troy. [36224/25]

*500. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of times he has met with representatives from An Bord Pleanála since he took office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [36231/25]

*501. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps his Department is taking to reduce the rate of vacancy among social houses across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [36232/25]

*502. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of An Bord Pleanála refusing planning permission due to population targets potentially being exceeded by the proposed residential development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [36233/25]

*503. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to advise when the new Countryside Forum for Nature is to hold its first meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [36240/25]

*504. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to address anomalies in wildlife legislation relating the size of fox snares and the use of crow decoys; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [36241/25]

Chun an Aire Coimirce Sóisialaí: To the Minister for Social Protection.

*505. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of implementing a pension scheme for foster carers registered with the State and currently providing care to foster children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [36001/25]

*506. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if parents of Irish babies born through surrogacy can avail of the newborn baby grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [35206/25]

*507. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision on an appeal for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [35243/25]

*508. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35252/25]

*509. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of children currently residing in IPAS accommodation who are eligible for child benefit as opposed to the DEA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35291/25]

*510. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reasons for the persistent delays in processing applications for the domiciliary care allowance; to provide the current average waiting time for new applications; to detail the measures being taken to reduce backlogs and improve processing efficiency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [35293/25]

*511. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he has examined the repercussions that the National Minimum Wage Act 2000 will have on carers (details supplied); if he plans plan to communicate this change to carers and advise them of the repercussions it may have on their ability to claim carer's allowance or carer's benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [35396/25]

*512. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to list all the public services contracts worth $\in 10$ million or more, which have been granted by himself or the forerunner for his Department, or other State bodies in the past five years; the value of each contract; the length of term of each; the expiration date of each contract; and whether any contract was discontinued during its term and for what reason. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35491/25]

*513. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether the back-to-school clothing and footwear allowance will be means-tested with regard to foster care families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35495/25]

*514. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason services from a company (details supplied) are not covered by the free travel pass; whether there are plans to extend the free travel pass to this provider; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35508/25]

*515. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline the basis upon which a commercial bus operator can be covered by the free travel pass, including the main criteria that must be met by the operator; and to identify the agency, Department or Minister that is responsible for making the decision. — Pearse Doherty. [35509/25]

*516. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) was denied carer's allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [35593/25]

*517. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the parental leave entitlements for surrogate parents (details supplied). — Michael Cahill. [35597/25]

*518. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing all headline weekly social protection payment to \notin 300 per week, excluding disability allowance, invalidity pension, partial capacity, disablement pension and blind person's pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35638/25]

*519. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing disability, blind pensions and invalidity pension to \notin 350 per week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35639/25]

*520. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of restoring the pension age to 65 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35640/25]

*521. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing child benefit by 10% and extending payment to all children aged 18 years or under, including those in the international protection process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35641/25]

*522. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing qualified child rates by $\notin 6$ for children under 12 and $\notin 15$ for children 12; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35642/25]

*523. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of abolishing the means test for carer's allowance and providing access to all who meet the other criteria for it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35643/25]

*524. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of extending eligibility for the fuel allowance to all pensioners, to all in receipt of the working family payment and-or a medical card; the estimated full-year cost of abolishing the waiting period of a year for those on jobseeker's allowance,; the cost of increasing the rate by \notin 20 per week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35644/25]

*525. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of extending parent's benefit to 52 weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35645/25]

*526. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of providing free school meals for all post-primary school pupils in public schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35646/25]

*527. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reasons his Department does not recognise civil partnerships registered in Northern Ireland between 16 May 2016 and 12 January 2020 for social welfare purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [35693/25]

*528. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of extending parent's benefit by one week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [35706/25]

*529. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the weekly payments for maternity benefit, adoptive benefit, paternity benefit, and parent's benefit to \notin 350 per week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [35707/25]

*530. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will address the pay disparity affecting regional administrators in the Citizens Information Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [35711/25]

*531. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average processing times for domiciliary care allowance claim reviews and domiciliary care allowance claim appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [35721/25]

*532. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average processing times for carer's allowance claim reviews and carer's allowance claim appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [35722/25]

*533. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the same paid parental leave rights can be claimed by persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [35746/25]

*534. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will address the issue of supports for families who are sharing custody of children with special needs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35761/25]

*535. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an invalidity pension appeal will be approved for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [35868/25]

*536. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No 150 of 19 June 2025, the reason for the difference between the \notin 794 million estimate for the year-10 Exchequer contribution to auto-enrolment provided in that reply and the \notin 539 million estimate for the year-10 Exchequer contribution to auto-enrolment provided in the regulatory impact assessment accompanying that legislation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35871/25]

*537. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a medical report (carer's support grant) would have to be updated for a person who has a life-long condition that will not change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35942/25]

*538. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) was refused a pension in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35998/25]

*539. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration is being given to including long-Covid for social welfare benefits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [36005/25]

*540. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to consider removing the means test as a qualifying criteria for foster carers to access the back-to-school allowance, given the unique circumstances of the children they care for; the annual cost for all children in care to receive this allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [36007/25]

*541. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he supports the implementation of the recommendation in the review of the Gender Recognition Act 2015 to allow for a system of recognition for people who are non-binary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [36096/25]

Chun an Aire Dlí agus Cirt, Gnóthaí Baile agus Imirce: To the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration.

*542. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a county-bycounty breakdown of the number of fixed charge notices/parking fines issued for parking in disabled parking bays over the past two years, in tabular form. — Shane Moynihan. [36068/25]

*543. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when the SAVI 2 report, originally commissioned in 2018 by the then-Minister for Justice to provide updated national data on sexual abuse and violence in Ireland, is due to be published (details supplied); the reasons for the prolonged delay; if she will commit to publishing an interim statement or summary of the progress to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35191/25]

*544. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there are any instances whereby an international protection applicant would be considered for early labour market access ahead of the six-month eligibility period, such as sponsorship by a prospective employer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [35202/25]

*545. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the assessment that is made of the socio-economic impact of placing large-scale, single-gender IPAS centres in smaller communities; and whether local schools, GP practices and Gardaí are consulted in advance of such placements. — Ken O'Flynn. [35229/25]

*546. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on the current backlog of asylum applications in Ireland; the average processing time; and the steps being taken to expedite decisions while preserving the integrity of the system. — Ken O'Flynn. [35230/25]

*547. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on recent figures showing significant early resignations within An Garda Síochána; the analysis his Department has conducted on morale within the force; and whether targeted retention and support measures are being developed. — Ken O'Flynn. [35231/25]

*548. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether emergency planning powers or Ministerial discretion have been used in the past 12 months to bypass public consultation in the approval of accommodation for international protection applicants; and whether he will publish a record of such interventions. — Ken O'Flynn. [35232/25]

*549. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he accepts there has been a marked deterioration in public safety and street-level crime in major cities such as Dublin, Cork, and Limerick; and whether the current community safety partnership model is fit for purpose. — Ken O'Flynn. [35233/25]

*550. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the safeguards in place to ensure a balanced gender and age profile in IPAS centres, particularly in smaller towns; and whether his Department has assessed the community impact of accommodating large cohorts of single adult males. — Ken O'Flynn. [35234/25]

*551. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when the 2025 rounds of the International Protection Fund, the National Integration Fund and the Community Integration Fund will each be opened for applications; the amounts that will be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35249/25]

*552. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of a citizenship application (details supplied) and when it is likely that same will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [35305/25]

*553. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [35328/25]

*554. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position in regard to recruitment for the Garda band as there has been no recruitment since 2006 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [35352/25]

*555. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of families and the number of children with status, per county who have been issued with letters informing them that they will be moved to alternative IPAS accommodation if they have not sourced private accommodation by 4 July 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35360/25]

*556. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there has been any formal review of interagency coordination between sexual assault treatment units, Gardaí, and social services in the cases of group sexual assault, particularly where minors and vulnerable adults are involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [35383/25]

*557. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 472 and 473 of the 29 May 2025, if the information requested in relation to the current average duration of employment of staff in each of the agencies involved in the end-toend asylum process and the current number of vacancies in each of the agencies involved in the end-toend asylum process are now available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35404/25]

*558. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reasons for non-visa required international students having to show ϵ 6,665 in financial support to study in Ireland for an eight-month programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [35436/25]

*559. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of the new requirement for non-visa required international students to show $\notin 6,665$ in financial support to study in Ireland for an eight-month programme; the impact it will have on students accessing education here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [35437/25]

*560. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of housing units being paid for by the State for Ukrainian refugees, in 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [35463/25]

*561. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views in relation to the length of time it takes to process holiday/visit visas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35474/25]

*562. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to list all the public services contracts worth €10 million or more, which have been granted by himself or the forerunner for his Department, or other State bodies in the past five years; the value of each contract; the length of term of each; the expiration date of each contract; and whether any contract was discontinued during its term and for what reason. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35489/25]

*563. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has explored average sentence length and the impact living in an area of deprivation has on these for similar crimes. — Thomas Gould. [35517/25]

*564. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the retail crime strategy; the timeline for its publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [35524/25]

*565. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the timelines for the processing of a peace commissioner applications for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [35529/25]

*566. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when persons (details supplied) can expect a decision on their short-stay holiday visa appeal. — Claire Kerrane. [35560/25]

*567. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of the court building in Carndonagh, which has been closed for renovation; if it is intended to be reopened as a court venue; if not, if consideration will be given to making the building available for alternative community use; if arrangements can be made to ensure that people are no longer summonsed to Carndonagh when hearings must take place in Buncrana. — Charles Ward. [35605/25]

*568. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will respond to correspondence (details supplied) regarding an eviction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [35613/25]

*569. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the supports being given to An Garda Síochána to support the survival of the Garda Band; the efforts being made to support the bands survival; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35696/25]

*570. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of retirements, per county, and by rank, in An Garda Síochána between 2020 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [35697/25]

*571. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will share the details of the correspondence his Department received from the OPW regarding asbestos in Garda stations in 2017. — Alan Kelly. [35698/25]

*572. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a review will be conducted into the IPAS centre (details supplied). — Martin Kenny. [35699/25]

*573. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to examine the case of a person (details supplied) and provide an update; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [35712/25]

*574. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if emergency visa applications for persons (details supplied) will be expedited given the current situation in their home country of Iran; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [35744/25]

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*575. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a list of S 181(2) (a) orders that have been issued with respect to accommodation provided by the International Protection Accommodation Service for people seeking international protection and people in receipt of temporary protection; and to explain the legal purpose of these orders. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35745/25]

*576. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position in relation to obtaining citizenship by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [35751/25]

*577. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his Department's overall approach towards accommodation contracts relating to the International Protection Accommodation Service and beneficiaries of temporary protection in Lisdoonvarna, County Clare (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [35755/25]

*578. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding draft legislation regarding the proposed use of facial recognition technology; the timeline for when this Bill will be progressed; if it will be subject to pre-legislative scrutiny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [35852/25]

*579. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the way in which any concerns related to data protection and civil rights will be addressed in legislation related to facial recognition technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [35854/25]

*580. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the total number of incidents of misappropriation of funds that have occurred to his knowledge, within companies or by individuals, that provide premises to the international protection accommodation service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [35881/25]

*581. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is satisfied that the State has pursued all persons who may have misappropriated funds through the provision of accommodation or premises to the international protection accommodation service, to the full extent of the law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [35882/25]

*582. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the conditions which currently apply for an application for Irish citizenship; his views on whether these conditions are currently too lax and need to be tightened; if individuals who are granted asylum status receive any preferential treatment or fast track in relation to citizenship applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35917/25]

*583. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will support the formation of a permanent stakeholders' forum for licenced firearms holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35927/25]

*584. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason the majority off all join family visa applications are being sent to visa HQ in Dublin when several embassies hold powers to process in-house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35950/25]

*585. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average processing time for join family visas processed in Dublin HQ given the 72-day processing time stated by him in previous parliamentary questions is not in line with processing times stated on the ISD website; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35951/25]

*586. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason there is no ability to track when visa applications have been sent from an embassy abroad to visa HQ in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35952/25]

*587. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason postal queries sent to visa HQ are taking upwards of six months for replies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35953/25]

*588. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to clarify his Department's new policy to not refuse visas in the first instance and instead RFI with a 15-day deadline, and the impact of such on processing times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35954/25]

*589. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of staff in his Department are working on queries which are received through the new DCC portal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35955/25]

*590. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if AI is being used to answer queries received through the DCC portal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35956/25]

*591. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way in which migrants with urgent queries should contact his Department, given queries submitted through the new DCC portal are taking 3-6 weeks for replies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35957/25]

*592. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when the review of the non-EEA join family policy document will be completed. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35958/25]

*593. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the expected rollout timeline for the national electronic tagging programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35970/25]

*594. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if Castlerea Prison is included in the electronic tagging programme implementation plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35971/25]

*595. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for a schedule of the number of Defence Force members that made applications to the Garda trainee programme in each year from 2021 to date in 2025; the number of those that were successful at stage 1 and 2 of the Garda recruitment process, for the same time period; and the number of those that were admitted to the Garda trainee programme over that time period. — Aidan Farrelly. [35987/25]

*596. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a timeframe for the complete refurbishment of the now closed District courthouse in Wicklow town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36024/25]

*597. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide details of the costings-options for full restoration of Wicklow Courthouse that the OPW provided the Courts Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36025/25]

*598. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a breakdown of all costs, including nature of cost for the closed Wicklow Courthouse for each year between 2010 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36026/25]

*599. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if consideration has been given to handing the Wicklow Courthouse over for community usage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36027/25]

*600. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline any capacity issues in Wicklow in relation to the Courts Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36028/25]

*601. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí attached to roads policing units to date in June 2025, by division; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [36212/25]

*602. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in light of the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and the level of public sympathy for Palestinians in Ireland whether he will expand the Community Sponsorship Programme to help settle Palestinian families in Ireland with community support. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36222/25]

Chun an Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara: To the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

*603. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a strategic environmental assessment was carried out prior to the development and publication of the National Biomethane Strategy; the way in which this assessment informed the strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [35453/25]

*604. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the 2022 pilot farm environmental study programme, the delivery of which was awarded to an organisation (details supplied) after a public tender process; when the decision not to proceed with the study programme was made by his Department; when the organisation was informed by his Department that it no longer planned to proceed with the study programme; the reason the programme did not proceed as planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35276/25]

*605. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to implement a ban on glyphosate use as has been done in other countries due to increasing research that it is probably carcinogenic to humans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [35277/25]

*606. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the decision not to proceed with the 2022 Pilot Farm Environmental Study Programme was made by his Department; when an organisation (details supplied) was informed by his Department that it no

longer planned to proceed with the study programme; the reason the programme did not proceed as planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35298/25]

*607. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will contribute to the local improvement scheme fund in recognition of the significant proportion of roads being funded under the scheme to enable and improve access to agricultural holdings; if his Department has ever been approached by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht with a view to securing a contribution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [35302/25]

*608. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers still impacted by the delay in payments under the ACRES for 2023, by county; when the issue will be resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35311/25]

*609. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has met with a group (details supplied); and if not, if he will do so in the coming months. — Alan Kelly. [35318/25]

*610. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to list the dates and attendees of all meetings he and or his Department officials have had with the Environmental Protection Agency since he took office. — Alan Kelly. [35323/25]

*611. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the mistreatment of horses in County Clare (details supplied); the steps he is taking to ensure that those who are responsible for this cruelty are held accountable; to outline the legislation that is in place to protect animals when they are involved in events such as fairs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [35366/25]

*612. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for the number of export licences for dogs granted by his Department for 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, by country of destination, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [35422/25]

*613. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to list all the public services contracts worth $\in 10$ million or more, which have been granted by himself or the forerunner for his Department, or other State bodies in the past five years; the value of each contract; the length of term of each; the expiration date of each contract; and whether any contract was discontinued during its term and for what reason. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35477/25]

*614. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the progress made by the deer management strategy group; the number of deer culled as a result of its work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [35511/25]

*615. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount in terms of acres/ hectares of forestry land currently owned by Coillte in the Ballycastle area; the amount of forestry land in the Ballycastle area sold by Coillte over the past ten years; and when was it sold. — Frankie Feighan. [35724/25]

*616. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason Greyhound Racing Ireland still have no strategic plan in place two-and-a-half years after the last plan expired; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35802/25]

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*617. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the indicators and targets, as stipulated in the Code of Practice for the Governance of Stare Bodies that are being used to measure the performance of the Irish greyhound industry in the absence of a strategic plan for the past two-and-a-half years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35803/25]

*618. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline his Department's policy on land eligibility for CAP payments where bracken or heather encroachment has occurred due to natural conditions beyond a farmer's control. — Conor D. McGuinness. [35816/25]

*619. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has considered reintroducing or substituting a safe chemical alternative to Asulox for bracken control in uplands. — Conor D. McGuinness. [35817/25]

*620. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will support the establishment of a new EIP or pilot project to support sustainable grazing, biodiversity and wildfire prevention in the Comeragh Mountains. — Conor D. McGuinness. [35818/25]

*621. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on his Department's work to support Ireland's sea fisheries sector. — Michael Cahill. [36003/25]

*622. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when new EU regulations and conditions attaching to such regulations will be applied (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36043/25]

*623. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the consideration given by his Department to re-establishing sugar beet processing in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [36091/25]

*624. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the analysis his Department conducted on carbon sequestration qualities of the States hedgerows and how they may be used as mitigation against agriculture emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [36092/25]

*625. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department reviewed the biogenic carbon cycle from grass fed cattle in terms of emission reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [36093/25]

Chun an Aire Leanaí, Míchumais agus Comhionannais: To the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality.

*626. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated cost of aligning the aftercare allowance to the foster care allowance (FCA) for all foster children in the State aged 18 and to be in receipt of this until they are 23 if living in the foster home, in order to avoid foster families in receipt of the FCA to not lose \notin 125 per week, or in some cases losing the full \notin 425 per week. — Claire Kerrane. [36000/25]

*627. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if consideration will be given to providing more CDNT supports to mainstream schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [36101/25]

*628. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to confirm whether people under 18 who are currently on the waiting list for an autism assessment will not be removed from that waiting list upon turning 18; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [35214/25]

*629. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1205 and 1206 of 22 January 2025, the status of the jointly commissioned literature review; if the research company has submitted its report for consideration as anticipated (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35250/25]

*630. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when a swimming pool in south Tipperary, owned by her Department, will be re-opened as its closure has had a huge impact on swimming lessons for hundreds of students in south Tipperary; the length of time the pool has been out of action; when the report on the works needed will be finalised; the reason for the delay in having this matter rectified; if repairing this swimming pool is a priority for Tusla; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35282/25]

*631. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 1831 of 29 April 2025, the reason for the delay in providing an answer; the reason a second parliamentary question regarding the matter has been ignored; when an answer will be forthcoming; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35294/25]

*632. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of the significant shortfall in early years childcare provision in Boyle, County Roscommon (details supplied); if funding or support will be made available to develop suitable premises for additional childcare services in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [35308/25]

*633. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of service statements issued by each children's disability network team in each area in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35344/25]

*634. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of assessments of need completed by each children's disability network team in each area in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [35345/25]

*635. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children on waiting lists for an assessment of need, by area, in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; the number overdue for completion; and the number completed with a service statement. — David Cullinane. [35346/25]

*636. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider implementing a streamlined approach for assessment of needs reports to ensure that each report completed is done to the same standard and with consistent use of language and terms. — Aisling Dempsey. [35349/25]

*637. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide an update on her Department's consideration of including socio-economic background as a ground for discrimination under the Equality Acts; if she will outline the policy basis informing this review and the expected timeline for any proposed changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [35384/25]

*638. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of creche groups that have pulled out of core funding in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form, by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [35391/25]

*639. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of creches that have signed up to the core funding scheme in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form, by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [35392/25]

*640. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether there is a plan to support families whose only accessible creches are in the 7% of creches that are not signed up to the core funding scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [35393/25]

*641. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality as per her Department's announcement in March, to clarify and outline on what date successful applicants of the children's disability services grant will be provided funding under the grant; the amount of funding to be provided to them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35403/25]

*642. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether any official within her Department was aware of the commitment given by a previous Minister of State, Anne Rabbitte, who publicly committed to funding of \notin 200,000 for adult day care services and \notin 150,000 for respite services at a disability services provider (details supplied) during a visit to the disability services provider in June 2023; if this commitment will be fulfilled; whether an official within the Department was aware of the commitment prior to or after the commitment being announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35418/25]

*643. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will commit to funding a community neuro-rehabilitation team for the southeast in Budget 2026, in line with the Programme for Government commitment to complete the national rollout. — Conor D. McGuinness. [34817/25]

*644. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of early years students on degree courses (NFQ Level 7 and above) who attended work placements in early years settings in 2023 and 2024; the number of new early years graduates (NFQ Level 7 and above) who began working in early years settings in 2023 and 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [35438/25]

*645. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether any costing has been done on integrating early years mental health supports into childcare settings, including inpatient child therapeutic interventions or staff training. — Sorca Clarke. [35471/25]

*646. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if an NTPF type scheme exists for those waiting for an assessment of needs; the way they can apply; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [35475/25]

*647. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to list all the public services contracts worth $\in 10$ million or more, which have been granted by herself or the forerunner for

her Department, or other State bodies in the past five years; the value of each contract; the length of term of each; the expiration date of each contract; and whether any contract was discontinued during its term and for what reason. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35478/25]

*648. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated full-year cost of increasing childcare subsidies to 100% of fees paid by parents availing of childcare subsidies from the national childcare scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35658/25]

*649. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated full-year cost of providing free school meals for all pre-school children in the ECCE scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35659/25]

*650. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated full-year cost of increasing wages for all childcare workers by €2 an hour via a public subsidy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35660/25]

*651. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated cost of hiring 375 additional clinicians required to clear assessment of needs waiting lists with autism; the estimated full-year cost of ensuring that the timelines for assessment of needs outlined in the Disability Act 2005 are met; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35661/25]

*652. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will confirm that the promised uplift of the community neurorehabilitation team in the mid west region will take place in 2025, as committed to by the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [35728/25]

*653. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the community neurorehabilitation team in the mid west region, which provides critical therapies including physiotherapy, speech and language, psychology and so on to neurological patients, will be funded to increase the number of posts from 6 to 12, as stipulated in the national neurorehabilitation strategy and in the Action Plan for Disability Services 2024-2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [35729/25]

*654. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the necessary works will be carried out at the Saoirse Centre in Athboy for the adult services; if the centre will be well secured with fencing prior to doors opening (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [35828/25]

*655. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 712 of 24 June 2025, her plans to amend core funding to restrict the keeping of deposits where a child does not avail of a place, either at all, or within a prescribed period; and her plans to review the rates of maximum deposits that can be charged. — Ivana Bacik. [35979/25]

*656. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures she is taking to provide extra resources and support to creches in Dunshaughlin (details supplied) in order to cater for the growing demand of creche and afterschool places.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35988/25]

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*657. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to extend the number of therapeutic hubs providing support to children in care across the country; whether more funding will be provided to Tusla to grow the number of therapeutic hubs and to resource them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [35999/25]

*658. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare places currently available in the constituency of east Cork. — Pat Buckley. [36033/25]

*659. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of new childcare places that have been opened in the constituency of east Cork for the years 2020 to 2025 respectively. — Pat Buckley. [36034/25]

*660. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers that have closed; the childcare places that have been lost as a result of these closures in the constituency of east Cork in each of the years 2020 to 2025, respectively.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [36035/25]

*661. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of the shortage of childcare places in the Citywest and Saggart area; and to set out what action her Department is taking to address it. — Shane Moynihan. [36088/25]

*662. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current capacity of Oberstown Children Detention Campus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [36120/25]

*663. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current open staff vacancies of Oberstown Children Detention Campus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [36123/25]

*664. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the supports in place in Oberstown Children Detention Campus to alleviate pressure and support those working on the campus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [36124/25]

*665. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if there are financial supports available from the HSE, or other sources, for people who want to return to education to undertake a postgraduate conversion course as a therapist including occupational therapist, speech and language therapist, which would deliver additional therapists into our services more quickly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [36156/25]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*666. To ask the Minister for Health the overall percentage of the health budget currently allocated to mental health; and the increase in funding (as a percentage of GDP or GNI) that would result from a \in 500 million additional allocation.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [35464/25]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 754 of 24 June 2025, the position regarding frontline workers who are suffering from long-Covid; if he proposes to extend the current deadline of 30 June 2025 for support payments to those in this position; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [35559/25]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health since Government approval was secured in September 2024 for Ireland to evacuate a number of sick children from Gaza for treatment and care, following an appeal from the World Health Organisation (WHO) to address the current health needs of people from Gaza, the number that have been treated to date in 2025; and the number that remain outstanding at this time. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [35913/25]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health when the community mothers scheme will be reintroduced.. — Shane Moynihan. [36165/25]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health the actions her Department is taking to increase the availability of GPs in the Dublin 13 area. — Tom Brabazon. [35192/25]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to increase facilities for adults suffering with eating disorders; if she is aware that there are only three adult beds in Ireland and that they are for the catchment area of St. Vincent's Hospital; if she agrees that this is wholly insufficient; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [35196/25]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health the details and dates of correspondence received from the HSE or Children's Health Ireland regarding a report (details supplied); and if she will provide Dáil Éireann or the Committee on Health with a copy of the report. — David Cullinane. [35198/25]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health the details of a report (details supplied); whether she has sought or received this report from Children's Health Ireland; and if she will provide Dáil Éireann or the Committee on Health with a copy of the report. — David Cullinane. [35199/25]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health if the funding for podiatry services has been discontinued for people with type 2 diabetes (details supplied); if so, the date this was discontinued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35204/25]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help agencies registered in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35218/25]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health when urgent care and procedures will be conducted for a person (details supplied). — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [35219/25]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health the number of pain management specialists currently employed in University Hospital Waterford; the number of hours they are contracted to work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [35220/25]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health the status of her plans to replace the Dentists Act 1985 with modern and fit-for-purpose legislation; the timeline she is working towards; if she will commit to bringing forward amendments to the 1985 Act in the interim to enhance patient safety, provide for the maintenance of professional competence, and to urgently enhance the powers of an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [35253/25]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health if the anti-sickness drug akynzeo can be made available on the GMS as it is the only effective anti-sickness medication for many cancer patients, including those with a brain tumour; if she is aware that the cost of buying this medical monthly is placing financial strain on families already dealing with illness; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [35269/25]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35270/25]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that can be taken to ensure a person (details supplied) receives the medical test results she requires promptly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [35271/25]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health to request that the HSE revisits the way in which a complaint was addressed at a hospital (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [35278/25]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health for an urgent update on a referral (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35280/25]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the process in relation to the section 39 funding process; to outline the process if an application is refused; the means by which an organisation can appeal such a decision; the oversight there is over such decisions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35281/25]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration would be given by her Department for the inclusion of vape devices (details supplied) in the Public Health (Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Act 2023, in view that although the devices are marketed as rechargeable and replaceable because of supplementary pods they remain fundamentally environmentally wasteful; are attractive to young consumers owing to their low cost; contain significantly more vape liquid allowing 6,000 puffs compared with 600 puffs in a regular vape; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [35295/25]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of vape devices (details supplied); if her Department will legislate for them in the Public Health (Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Act 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [35296/25]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has analysed the research that is available re the dangers of vape devices (details supplied); the action proposed to be taken in order to restrict their use; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [35297/25]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on any engagements her Department has had at an EU level concerning cancer warning labelling on alcohol products in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [35299/25]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that alcohol is included and made a priority in the new national drugs strategy; if she will arrange to meet a coalition group that made contact with her office (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35307/25]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [35326/25]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [35330/25]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health if she will clarify the monthly quantity limits for each hormone replacement therapy (HRT) product covered under the free HRT scheme (details supplied); whether there is a cap on the number of packs dispensed per month for products such as oestrogen patches and lenzetto spray; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35343/25]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health the supports she has put in place for the hundreds of patients who were negatively impacted by the closure of a practice (details supplied); if she has ensured they will receive treatment; if she has ensured that they will receive repayment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35348/25]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health if, in light of the severe struggles outlined (details supplied), she will allow for a hospital bed, as respite is no longer an option due to high support needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [35350/25]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of 1 million home support hours. — David Cullinane. [35355/25]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health the capital and current cost of 10 community nursing unit beds. — David Cullinane. [35356/25]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health is she will review the qualifying income limits for a medical card to ensure that they align with social protection payments (details supplied). — Séamus McGrath. [35358/25]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the framework for the blind welfare allowance means assessment; and the guidelines on how savings affect the assessment. — Brian Stanley. [35361/25]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health if all regions have timely, equitable access to sexual assault treatment units; if she will provide a list of these units per County, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [35379/25]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which follow-up services following treatment in sexual assault treatment units are monitored for consistency and survivor satisfaction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [35380/25]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health the last time trauma informed training for sexual assault treatment unit staff was updated; if survivors were consulted in evaluating and improving the treatment experience; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [35381/25]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health with regard to data collected on cases involving multiple perpetrators, the trends that have emerged in relation to age, location, and reporting outcomes in such cases in the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [35382/25]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health the services currently provided for adult patients with epilepsy at a hospital (details supplied); the number and grade of staff that are currently attached

to this service at this site; the number of current staff vacancies within this service; the number of epilepsy patients currently registered with this service; the number of patients currently awaiting first consultations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [35397/25]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of recruiting and retaining 1,000 additional mental health professionals, by profession, for example, psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, occupational, therapists, social workers, and by salary band. — Sorca Clarke. [35426/25]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she is taking to address the existing 700+ vacant posts in mental health services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [35427/25]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing 20 additional eating disorder inpatient beds and community based services. — Sorca Clarke. [35428/25]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of fully staffed emergency mental health services and regional crisis response teams. — Sorca Clarke. [35429/25]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health the current average salary and total annual cost, including PRSI, pension, of a full-time consultant psychiatrist, clinical psychologist, mental health nurse (all grades), occupational therapist, social worker, counsellor and psychotherapist, peer support worker, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [35430/25]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health the number of mental health vacancies across HSE community and inpatient services, disaggregated by health region and by profession. — Sorca Clarke. [35431/25]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health the workforce planning that has been done to estimate the number of additional mental health professionals needed by 2030. — Sorca Clarke. [35432/25]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health the average capital and operational cost of establishing a new community mental health hub including premises, equipment, IT and staffing. — Sorca Clarke. [35433/25]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of establishing one 24-7 mental health crisis responses team per health region, including staffing, vehicles, premises and clinical support. — Sorca Clarke. [35434/25]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health the number and location of existing youth mental health drop-in services such as Jigsaw; and the average cost per centre per year. — Sorca Clarke. [35435/25]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health the capital allocation currently provided under the NDP for mental health infrastructure, and the amount of it that remains unspent or uncommitted. — Sorca Clarke. [35443/25]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health the number of fully staffed CAMHS teams currently operational, per health region; and the number of additional teams that would be required to meet national guidelines, taking the increase in population into account. — Sorca Clarke. [35444/25]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of hiring the full multidisciplinary CAMHS teams needed to ensure no child waits longer than eight weeks for an initial assessment. — Sorca Clarke. [35445/25]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health the annual operational cost of running a CAMHS inpatient unit; and the capital cost attached to opening a new one. — Sorca Clarke. [35446/25]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of HSE-funded counselling hours delivered annually in primary care; and the average cost per session. — Sorca Clarke. [35447/25]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional therapy hours or sessions that would be deliverable under a €25 million increase in the talk therapy budget. — Sorca Clarke. [35448/25]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for CIPC and other primary mental health interventions, per health region. — Sorca Clarke. [35449/25]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health the current per capita spend on mental health services in each health region. — Sorca Clarke. [35450/25]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health the counties that currently lack 24-7 crisis mental health cover; and the estimated cost to establish cover in each. — Sorca Clarke. [35451/25]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health the cost benefit analysis conducted by the Department on expanding community based mental health care, as opposed to inpatient models; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [35465/25]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health if any spending evaluation tools have been applied to mental health programmes since 2020; what the outcomes were; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [35466/25]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health the annual budget allocated to digital mental health services; the average cost per user interaction or session; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [35467/25]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dual diagnosis teams currently in operation, by health region; and the estimated cost of ensuring at least one operational team, per health region. — Sorca Clarke. [35468/25]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health the average cost of treating individuals with a dual diagnosis in community settings versus inpatient units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [35469/25]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health if translation and interpretation costs are ringfenced in mental health services for those with limited English; and the average cost per health region for accessible communication supports. — Sorca Clarke. [35472/25]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health to list all the public services contracts worth $\in 10$ million or more, which have been granted by herself or the forerunner for her Department, or other State bodies in the past five years; the value of each contract; the length of term of each; the expiration

date of each contract; and whether any contract was discontinued during its term and for what reason. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35487/25]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of discrepancies in the application of prescriptions by pharmacies (details supplied); and her plans to ensure that all pharmacies adhere to the same guidelines. — Paul McAuliffe. [35494/25]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists based at Donabate health centre in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Ann Graves. [35497/25]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant paediatric plastic surgeons based at CHI Temple Street in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Ann Graves. [35498/25]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric psychologists based at Portmarnock primary care centre in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Ann Graves. [35499/25]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists based at Swords health centre in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Ann Graves. [35500/25]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health the number of physiotherapists based at Malahide health centre in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Ann Graves. [35501/25]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health the number of mental health programmes are currently subject to output based budgeting and key performance indicators; and the estimated administrative cost of expanding this approach. — Sorca Clarke. [35512/25]

*737. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has conducted a review of inefficiencies or duplication across the HSE mental health services; and if any projected cost savings have been identified. — Sorca Clarke. [35513/25]

*738. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which Ireland's current per capita spending on mental health compares with EU and OECD averages; and the estimated additional cost to bring spending to the EU average. — Sorca Clarke. [35514/25]

*739. To ask the Minister for Health the cost per person of inpatient psychiatric care versus enhanced community based mental health care; and if transition modelling has been carried out. — Sorca Clarke. [35515/25]

*740. To ask the Minister for Health the protocols in place to review and adjust thyroid medication dosages for women following childbirth, particularly where the dosage was increased during pregnancy; in the absence of protocols, the measures that will be taken to ensure that postnatal thyroid treatment is appropriately monitored to avoid adverse effects such as depression and suicidal ideation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [35518/25]

*741. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of cases in which women have remained on elevated thyroid medication postpartum without review, resulting in serious mental health side effects including depression and suicidal thoughts; and if the HSE has conducted or will conduct any review or audit into such cases. — Peadar Tóibín. [35519/25]

*742. To ask the Minister for Health the clinical guidelines currently in place for general practitioners and endocrinologists regarding the monitoring and adjustment of thyroid hormone levels in postpartum women; and if updated guidance will be issued to ensure safer prescribing practices. — Peadar Tóibín. [35520/25]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health whether postnatal mental health services and screening procedures include evaluation for physiological causes such as thyroid hormone imbalance; and if he will take steps to improve interdisciplinary collaboration between endocrinology and mental health services for new mothers. — Peadar Tóibín. [35521/25]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to raise awareness among healthcare professionals and the public about the connection between thyroid hormone imbalance and severe postpartum depression or suicidal ideation; and if additional training, guidance, or public information campaigns will be supported in this area. — Peadar Tóibín. [35522/25]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of delivering 47 additional community teams, 17 CAMHS ID teams, 41 inpatient CAMHS beds and 20 early intervention in psychosis teams, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [35530/25]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of reopening Keltoi. — Sorca Clarke. [35531/25]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of developing an all island mother and baby perinatal mental health unit. — Sorca Clarke. [35532/25]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of funding all trainee counselling and educational psychology positions in line with their clinical counterparts. — Sorca Clarke. [35533/25]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients receiving injections for macular degeneration at the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital each month for the period January 2024 to end June 2025; the number waiting for an appointment for an injection, by wait timeband; the level of delay between appointments; if this is in line with optimal treatment practice; the level of resources sought or otherwise required to ensure that people receive their appointments on time and that clinics are properly staffed, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35557/25]

*750. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 771 of 24 June 2025, if she will clarify that "human application" does not mean the application of such organs/ tissue to commercially driven research, and the definition used in the Bill refers to 'extracorporeal applications' which could include commercial driven research on 'extracorporeal technologies'; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [35558/25]

*751. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a policy (details supplied) has been in place for Ennis and Nenagh since 17 August 2023 to protect the rapid response vehicle (RRV) and ensure where an ambulance personnel is not at work, that the advanced paramedic is not taken off the RRV and this policy is not in place in Roscommon, which is also without an emergency unit, as Ennis and Nenagh are; the reason Roscommon is being treated differently; and if this policy will be implemented to ensure protection of the same vital RRV in Roscommon, just as important as Ennis and Nenagh. — Claire Kerrane. [35561/25]

*752. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the category of patients that will be provided for under the fit-out of the existing first floor shell & cores space of Mallow General Hospital to provide 24 bed inpatient ward, as per the Acute Inpatient Bed Capacity Expansion Plan and HSE Capital Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [35562/25]

*753. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of full and partial lower limb amputations that were carried out in 2022, 2023 and 2024; the number of these patients, by county, who had diabetes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [35563/25]

*754. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients, by county, treated for foot ulcerations, which do not require a full or partial limb amputation in 2022, 2023 and 2024; the number of those patients who had diabetes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [35564/25]

*755. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients under the age of 65 years treated for foot ulcerations, which did not require a full or partial limb amputation in 2022, 2023 and 2024, by county; the number of those patients who had diabetes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [35565/25]

*756. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full and partial lower limb amputations that were carried out in 2022, 2023 and 2024 on persons under 65 years of age, by county; the number of these patients who had diabetes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [35566/25]

*757. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days required by patients treated for foot ulcerations, which do not require a full or partial limb amputation in the years 2022, 2023 and 2024; the number of those patients who had diabetes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [35567/25]

*758. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital bed days required by patients, treated for foot ulcerations, which do not require a full or partial limb amputation in the years 2022, 2023 and 2024, by county; the number of those patients who had diabetes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [35568/25]

*759. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital bed days required by patients undergoing full and partial lower limb amputations procedures in the years 2022, 2023 and 2024; by county, on persons under 65 years of age; the number of these patients who had diabetes, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [35569/25]

*760. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital bed days required by patients, by county, on persons under 65 years of age; treated for foot ulcerations, which do not require a full or partial limb amputation in the years 2022, 2023 and 2024; the number of those patients who had diabetes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [35570/25]

*761. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE senior podiatrists and WTE basic grade podiatrists employed by the Health Service Executive, in the years 2022, 2023 and 2024; the number of those employed by RHA area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [35571/25]

*762. To ask the Minister for Health if she plans to introduce a second Level 8 University Degree programme for podiatric medicine to effectively address the shortage of qualified podiatrists available to work in the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [35572/25]

*763. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the drafting of underpinning legislation for the non-statutory inquiry into sodium valproate; when this is expected to be completed; and when the public-facing elements of the inquiry will commence. — David Cullinane. [35573/25]

*764. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outpatient podiatry appointments delivered, by hospital group, in the years 2022, 2023 and 2024; the number of outpatient podiatry appointments delivered, by hospital group, to people with diabetes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [35574/25]

*765. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of podiatry appointments delivered, by each HSE enhanced community care specialist ambulatory care hub in 2023 and 2024; the number of those podiatry appointments delivered to people with diabetes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [35575/25]

*766. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE clinical podiatry specialists, WTE senior podiatrists, WTE staff-grade podiatrists that have been recruited to date to staff the HSE enhanced community care specialist ambulatory care hubs; the number of posts that remain unfilled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [35576/25]

*767. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people with diabetes on a waiting list by hospital group, in the years 2022, 2023 and 2024; the number of those waiting less than six months, between 6-12 months, and more than 12 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [35577/25]

*768. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people with diabetes on a waiting list to see a podiatrist by hospital group; the number of those waiting less than six months, between 6-12 months, and more than 12 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [35578/25]

*769. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people with diabetes on a waiting list to see a podiatrist by in each HSE enhanced community care specialist ambulatory care hub hospital group; the number of those waiting less than six months, between 6-12 months, and more than 12 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [35579/25]

*770. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GPs registered in east Cork. — Pat Buckley. [35591/25]

*771. To ask the Minister for Health the number of registered GPs in east Cork that accept medical cards. — Pat Buckley. [35592/25]

*772. To ask the Minister for Health if a full HTA application for a drug (Veoza) has been submitted, and when it is anticipated this HTA will be complete; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [35598/25]

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*773. To ask the Minister for Health if she will assess the current allocation of funds for aids and appliances for vision impairment; if she is aware of the inequity of the current arrangement whereby certain parts of the country are allocated no funding or extremely limited funding for said aids; if she will consider introducing a system where access to said aids is consistent regardless of geographic location; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35600/25]

*774. To ask the Minister for Health if she and her officials will meet with an organisation to discuss their policy concerns (details supplied). — Mark Wall. [35621/25]

*775. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of providing and staffing 1,000 additional acute beds in a public hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35667/25]

*776. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of providing and staffing 100 additional level 3 ICU beds in a public hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35668/25]

*777. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of hiring an additional 100 speech and language therapists, 100 psychologists, 100 occupational therapists and 100 physiotherapists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35669/25]

*778. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost to hire 100 permanent consultants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35670/25]

*779. To ask the Minister for Health how many GP visits were there in 2022, 2023 and 2024, the average cost of visiting a GP in each year, and the total revenue from GP visits in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35671/25]

*780. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of abolishing all inpatient and Emergency Department charges; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35672/25]

*781. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing universal free primary care, including GP care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35673/25]

*782. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of reducing the drug payment scheme threshold to $\notin 10$ per month; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35674/25]

*783. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of scraping prescription charges for medical card holders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35675/25]

*784. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated revenue from all parking charges at public hospitals in 2023 and 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35676/25]

*786. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of free hormone replacement therapy for anyone who needs it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35678/25]

*787. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm the number of registered dentists in the East Cork Constituency. — Pat Buckley. [35694/25]

*788. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental practices that are currently accepting new medical card patients in the East Cork Constituency as of now, and at this same point in 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [35695/25]

*789. To ask the Minister for Health whether alcohol warning labels will be introduced in May 2026 as planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35726/25]

*790. To ask the Minister for Health when the GP contract for Ballymore Eustace Health Centre is next due for tender; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [35730/25]

*791. To ask the Minister for Health if she will expedite an appointment for surgery for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [35735/25]

*792. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that have undergone bone marrow transplants, on an annual basis, since 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35740/25]

*793. To ask the Minister for Health the redress for families in circumstances in which parents of children have been informed by CHI that their child/children have been operated on unnecessarily; the next steps in the review of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [35748/25]

*794. To ask the Minister for Health if the board of the HSE has provided the final approval and sign off for the development of the Galway city west primary care centre. — John Connolly. [35749/25]

*795. To ask the Minister for Health the expected start and completion dates of the St. James's Hospital annex planned for the new Children's Hospital's works depot on Davitt Road, Dublin 12; to detail the various medical, administrative and residential components; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35756/25]

*796. To ask the Minister for Health the progress and expected completion date of the planned Curlew Road primary health care centre in Dublin 12; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35757/25]

*797. To ask the Minister for Health her plans for a premises (details supplied) on Davitt Road in Dublin 12; the expected commencement date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35758/25]

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*798. To ask the Minister for Health if it can be ensured that an urgent appointment for surgery is scheduled for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [35762/25]

*799. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider extending special leave with pay for those who worked on the frontline during the pandemic, contracted long-Covid and as a result are still suffering from serious health issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [35837/25]

*800. To ask the Minister for Health at the time of the overview, the WTE number and grade of CR staff employed in each hub site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35842/25]

*801. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that participated in a phase 3 Cardiac Rehab programme in each site (hospital and hub) in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35843/25]

*802. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria used to deliver funding to support 13 permanent cardiac rehab posts to integrated health authority regions (IHA) 1 and 2 (Galway, Mayo, Roscommon); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35844/25]

*803. To ask the Minister for Health the national average wait times for audiology appointments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [35855/25]

*804. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown, per region, of the wait times for audiology appointments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [35856/25]

*805. To ask the Minister for Health the steps her Department is taking to recruit additional staff to alleviate lengthy wait times for audiology appointments nationally in Dublin north west; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [35857/25]

*806. To ask the Minister for Health the anticipated timeline for the reduction of wait times for audiology appointments with the recruitment of additional staff for the sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [35858/25]

*807. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department is aware of the case of a person (details supplied); the actions being taken by the HSE to ensure they receive adequate administrative support, in line with occupational health recommendations, given their condition; if she is aware that the HSE-approved permanent administrative post has not been sanctioned by IBH/paybill, and that efforts to recruit via agency and internal panels have failed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [35884/25]

*808. To ask the Minister for Health if she or her Department are engaging with, or will engage, a company (details supplied) concerning the termination of a contract of care for a resident. — Holly Cairns. [35914/25]

*809. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the safety-care measures put in place at a hospital (details supplied) following the HSA inspection at the hospital in June 2022; if there has since been a follow up inspection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [35928/25]

*810. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the measures being taken to address the backlog in HSE dental check-ups for primary school children; whether a catch-up programme is planned for children who missed their second-class dental assessments due to Covid-19 related delays; if he will clarify whether any reimbursement or tax relief is available to families who have had to pay for private dental care in the absence of public provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [35931/25]

*811. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans in place to extend-replace the temporary special scheme for HSE staff unfit for work due to long covid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [35937/25]

*812. To ask the Minister for Health further to Government approval in September 2024 for Ireland to evacuate a number of sick children from Gaza for treatment and care, following an appeal from the World Health Organisation to address the current health needs of people from Gaza, the number of children from Gaza received and treated to date in 2025; and the number which remain outstanding at this time, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [35941/25]

*813. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35944/25]

*814. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be offered to a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35945/25]

*815. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place to get sufficient number of health care assistants working in areas throughout the country (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [35959/25]

*816. To ask the Minister for Health when the new wing of Midleton Community Hospital will be officially open; the date for completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [35960/25]

*817. To ask the Minister for Health if the old Midleton Community Hospital will be used for any specific alternative community services once the new hospital in Midleton is completed and open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [35961/25]

*818. To ask the Minister for Health if it is possible to give the kitchen area in the old Midleton Community Hospital to the local meals and wheels in Midleton (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [35962/25]

*819. To ask the Minister for Health when works will begin on the existing site of the Owenacurra mental health respite centre, in Midleton County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [35963/25]

*820. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the commissioning and staffing of the new CAMHS unit in the New Children's Hospital; how is it progressing; the estimated date for when it will commence its operations; her views on whether this will this help the emergency flow of children and adolescents to the new hospital and St. James's; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [35972/25]

*821. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE public health nurses based at Carrick on Shannon primary care centre in 2023, 2024 and to date 2025. — Martin Kenny. [35976/25]

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*822. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dietitians based at Drumkeerin health centre in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025. — Martin Kenny. [35977/25]

*823. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE administrative staff based at Geevagh health centre in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [35978/25]

*824. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated to the National Traveller Health Action Plan in 2024; the mechanisms in place to ensure that this funding reaches traveller-led and community based organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [35981/25]

*825. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing levels within Traveller Primary Healthcare Projects across each health region; and whether any additional staff or resources have been allocated since the publication of the national traveller health action plan. — Sorca Clarke. [35982/25]

*826. To ask the Minister for Health the specific mental health supports provided under the national traveller health action plan, including the recruitment of mental health professionals from the traveller community and how outcomes are being measured. — Sorca Clarke. [35983/25]

*827. To ask the Minister for Health which specific parts of the national traveller health action plan has not been implemented yet; and when those elements will commence. — Sorca Clarke. [35984/25]

*828. To ask the Minister for Health if she will meet with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the audit carried out by CHI. — Sorca Clarke. [35992/25]

*829. To ask the Minister for Health to outline details of the recent move of the National Immunisation Advisory Committee from the Royal College of Physicians to the Health Information and Quality Authority; the impact this development will have on the speed at which vaccines could be added to the national immunisation programme bearing in mind it currently takes on average six years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [35995/25]

*830. To ask the Minister for Health if, arising from the recent move of the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) from the Royal College of Physicians to the Health Information and Quality Authority, there will be an increase in the budget and extra resources allocated to NIAC as a consequence of this move; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [35996/25]

*831. To ask the Minister for Health if, arising from the recent move of the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) from the Royal College of Physicians to the Health Information and Quality Authority, NIAC will remain an independent committee with the ability to define its own work programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [35997/25]

*832. To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline the means by which her Department is monitoring progress on the National Traveller Health Action Plan, particularly regarding traveller mental health outcomes; if disaggregated health data is being collected and published by ethnicity in line with national equality strategies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [36051/25]

*833. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of names of traveller organisations that her Department engaged during the design and implementation of the National Traveller Health Action plan; the structures in place to ensure their ongoing involvement and oversight; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [36052/25]

*834. To ask the Minister for Health the number of travellers who died by suicide in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [36053/25]

*835. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a surgery appointment for a 21-year-old woman suffering from scoliosis, who was first told in the summer of 2022, almost three years ago, that her surgery would take place in the winter of 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [36064/25]

*836. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children shortlisted for evacuation to Ireland for medical reasons that have died while awaiting evacuation; the reason there is a significant delay in evacuating children; and the steps she is taking to ensure that children who are shortlisted for evacuation for medical reasons are quickly evacuated. — Paul Murphy. [36074/25]

*837. To ask the Minister for Health the number of procedures for idiopathic scoliosis on public patients in a private hospital (details supplied) that have been conducted in each of the past three years; the average patient length of stay of these operations; to outline the funding arrangements for the surgical team; and whether this public private treatment programme has been reviewed in the midst of the recent revelations surrounding the National Treatment Purchase Fund. — Paul Murphy. [36075/25]

*838. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the provision of primary healthcare services and infrastructure in the Saggart, Rathcoole and Citywest areas, specifically plans for new GP clinics or health centres. — Shane Moynihan. [36084/25]

*839. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the current GP-to-patient ratio in the Saggart area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [36089/25]

*840. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the recruitment of public health nurses, specifically in the Dublin mid-west region; and if she will outline the measures are being taken to address staffing shortages and ensure adequate community nursing services are available to meet local demand. — Shane Moynihan. [36090/25]

*841. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to provide routine blood tests free of charge for all, as presently, the fee, ranging from $\notin 25$ to $\notin 55$, is causing a lot of stress, in both health and financial terms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [36097/25]

*842. To ask the Minister for Health the number of long stay and short stay beds that remain unused in Kenmare Community Hospital County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [36103/25]

*843. To ask the Minister for Health if all the beds in Kenmare Community Hospital Kerry have ever been used since it was opened; if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [36104/25]

*844. To ask the Minister for Health the complement of nursing staff required in Kenmare Community Hospital, Kerry in order to open all the beds there. — Danny Healy-Rae. [36107/25]

*845. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds used at one time for respite in Kenmare Community Hospital, Kerry. — Danny Healy-Rae. [36108/25]

*846. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant beds in the district Killarney community hospital Kerry during April and May 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [36109/25]

*847. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of vacant beds at a nursing home (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [36110/25]

*848. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in the opening of the community hospital Killarney; if this opening will be expedited; the current expected date for opening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [36112/25]

*849. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 13 awaiting dental screening; the length of time they are waiting, by CHO, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [36143/25]

*850. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people employed at the University Hospital Limerick group on career break, by length of time, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [36144/25]

*851. To ask the Minister for Health the number of calls responded to by paramedic crews from Tuam ambulance base in 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [36163/25]

*852. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance calls responded to by the rapid response vehicles in based in Galway and Clifden in 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [36164/25]

*853. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be admitted to a centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36169/25]

*854. To ask the Minister for Health when 2025 jobs for radiography and radiation therapy graduates in Ireland will be approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36170/25]

*855. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to make the meningococcal B (MenB) vaccine available free of charge to older citizens; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [36177/25]

*856. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of section 9D of the Official Languages Act 2003; and if the new name proposed for the national children's hospital complies with this section by being in the Irish language only. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36178/25]

*857. To ask the Minister for Health her response to the request by an organisation (details supplied) for a \notin 9 million investment in dementia-specific supports in Budget 2026, including

*858. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide updated figures on the number of people currently waiting for dementia-specific day care or home care services in each CHO area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [36183/25]

*859. To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline plans to expand counselling supports for people living with dementia and family carers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [36184/25]

*860. To ask the Minister for Health if funding has been allocated in Budget 2026 to support the implementation of the National Dementia Registry and the continued rollout of the Memory Assessment Support Services model of care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [36185/25]

*861. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider increasing investment in dementia research, given that it currently accounts for less than 1.5% of total health research output; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [36186/25]

*862. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider awarding discretionary medical cards to women who underwent pelvic mesh implant surgery and were left with crippling, life-changing complications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [36215/25]

*863. To ask the Minister for Health if she will carry out an independent inquiry into mesh implants, to establish the facts, the extent of harm, and develop a registry of the individuals affected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [36216/25]

*864. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE has not reinstated a podiatry clinic in Barrack View Health Centre, Edward Street, Limerick, which has not been held since March 2025; when it will be reinstated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [36217/25]

Chun an Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta: To the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research; Innovation and Science.

*865. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of the current proposal to split Erasmus+ into a standalone mobility programme and a skills chapter of the competitiveness fund; the Irish position on this; the discussions that have taken place on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [35205/25]

*866. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what the current administration, teaching, instructor and management grades are in further education and training; what circular letters, if any, correspond to each of these grades; and what the associated pay scales are (for example, CL 44/99 for VTOS co-ordinator); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35314/25]

*867. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if financial support is available to Irish citizens who chose to complete a third level degree abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [35460/25]

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*868. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider enforcing a scheme for Irish citizens training abroad in medicine, where tuition relief would be provided while completing their degree, contingent on a contractual agreement to return and serve in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [35461/25]

*869. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to list all the public services contracts worth $\in 10$ million or more, which have been granted by himself or the forerunner for his Department, or other State bodies in the past five years; the value of each contract; the length of term of each; the expiration date of each contract; and whether any contract was discontinued during its term and for what reason. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35486/25]

*870. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason funding to an organisation (details supplied) did not increase in Budget 2025; if he is aware of a reduction in places; if he will review the allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [35510/25]

*871. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated full-year cost of abolishing tuition fees for postgraduate and repeat students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35662/25]

*872. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated full-year cost of ensuring all postgraduate research students receive a full-year €30,000 stipend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35663/25]

*873. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated full-year cost of doubling maintenance grants and restoring the grant adjacency rate to 24km; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35664/25]

*874. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated full-year cost of increasing mental health supports on campuses to ensure one counsellor per 1,000 students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35665/25]

*875. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost to fully fund the provision of 30,000 additional student beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35666/25]

*876. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports in place for societies at third level institutions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [35708/25]

*877. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for details of SUSI grant eligibility conditions for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [35723/25]

*878. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to detail all business cases received for capital works in each technological university, including

*879. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to detail all options papers received from technological universities in relation to the development of student accommodation, including the date received, the current status of each, in tabular form, and the timeline for progression. — Conor D. McGuinness. [35965/25]

*880. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his Department's plans to address the shortage of affordable student accommodation in Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [35966/25]

*881. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the legislative basis by which technological universities, including SETU, may borrow to fund capital expenditure; if the relevant provisions have been commenced; and if not, the timeline for giving effect to them. — Conor D. McGuinness. [35967/25]

*882. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to detail his engagement to date under the National Development Plan in relation to capital works at SETU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [35968/25]

*883. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to detail the capital funding allocated to each technological university in each year from the date of their establishment to date, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [35969/25]

*884. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the completion percentages in apprenticeship courses at third level, in tabular form. — Jen Cummins. [35974/25]

*885. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the apprenticeship courses available at third level; and the number of apprentices enrolled, in tabular form. — Jen Cummins. [35975/25]

*886. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if any consideration has been given towards increasing the grant available to companies for the employment of an apprentice as part of an apprenticeship programme. — John Connolly. [35990/25]

*887. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if any consideration has been given towards increasing the grant available to companies for the employment of an apprentice as part of an apprenticeship programme. — John Connolly. [35991/25]

*888. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for detailed information regarding the decrease in total grants paid to University College Cork from the estimated \notin 208,787,000 in 2022 to the estimated \notin 195,477,000 in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [36009/25]

*889. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for detailed information regarding the decrease in total grants paid to Trinity College Dublin from

the estimated €210,341,000 in 2022 to the estimated €196,316,000 in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [36010/25]

*890. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for detailed information regarding the decrease in total grants paid to St. Angela's College from the estimated \in 10,464,000 in 2022 to the estimated \in 9,483,000 in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [36011/25]

*891. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for detailed information regarding the decrease in total grants paid to the Irish University Association from the estimated \notin 9,049,000 in 2022 to the estimated \notin 4,066,000 in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [36012/25]

*892. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for detailed information regarding the decrease in total grants paid to the National College of Ireland from the estimated ϵ 2,886,000 in 2022 to the estimated ϵ 2,728,000 in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [36013/25]

*893. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for detailed information regarding the decrease in total grants paid to the Royal Irish Academy from the estimated \notin 7,463,000 in 2022 to the estimated \notin 7,062,000 in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [36014/25]

*894. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for detailed information regarding the decrease in total grants paid to Griffith College from the estimated ϵ 1,801,000 in 2022 to the estimated ϵ 1,336,000 in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [36015/25]

*895. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for detailed information regarding the decrease in recurrent grants paid to St. Angela's College from the estimated \in 8,795,000 in 2022 to the estimated \in 7,655,000 in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [36016/25]

*896. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for detailed information regarding the decrease in recurrent grants paid to the Royal Irish Academy from the estimated \in 6,167,000 in 2022 to the estimated \in 5,596,000 in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [36017/25]

*897. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for details as to the reason there has been no increase in recurrent grants paid of the estimated \notin 1,105,000 for Maynooth University since 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [36018/25]

*898. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for detailed information regarding the decrease in skills grant payments for a college (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [36054/25]

*899. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for detailed information regarding the decrease in the skills grant payments for a college (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [36055/25]

*900. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for detailed information regarding the decrease in Skills Grant Payments for a college (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [36056/25]

Chun an Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta: To the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht.

*901. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht regarding the sale of a property (details supplied) the price received for the sale of this asset and the terms and conditions of the contract have yet to be publicly disclosed; his views on whether the details of the sale should still be a matter of confidentiality?.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [35208/25]

*902. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the up to date data in respect of the number of roads, kilometres of road and square meterage of roads being completed per local authority area under the local improvement scheme, including the amount of money spent per annum and roads and area completed for each year since 2019, in tabular form; if he is concerned that the value for money being achieved in his constituency is not being achieved in many other constituencies; if he will seek to establish how such large variations exist in terms of outcomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [35304/25]

*903. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to list all the public services contracts worth $\notin 10$ million or more, which have been granted by himself or the forerunner for his Department, or other State bodies in the past five years; the value of each contract; the length of term of each; the expiration date of each contract; and whether any contract was discontinued during its term and for what reason. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35490/25]

*904. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on the town and village renewal scheme, including details of the percentage of applications to the scheme that get approved and rejected, the value of approved and rejected applications and the primary reasons for any rejections; if he will provide this information broken down on an annual basis for every year since the commencement of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [35602/25]

*905. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta i gcomhthéacs cheisteanna 482 agus 483 a freagraíodh an 25 Feabhra 2025 cén dul chun cinn atá déanta leis an obair thaighde bunaithe ar fhoinsí éagsúla Stáit a bhí le foilsiú ag Údarás na Gaeltachta ag tabhairt léargas ar an nasc idir an Ghaeilge, an Ghaeltacht agus obair Údarás na Gaeltachta agus a Roinn féin; cén dul chun cinn atá déanta leis an dá chlár nua tacaíochta trí bliana a bhí i gceist a fhorbairt agus a sholáthar in 2025 chun tacú leis an Údarás san obair atá ar siúl ag an eagraíocht le húsáid na Gaeilge a spreagadh i measc lucht gnó sa Ghaeltacht; cad iad na torthaí atá bainte amach leis an gClár Tacaíochta Gaeilge do Ghnólachtaí ó thaobh úsáid na Gaeilge sa ghnó agus san idirghníomhaíocht idir na fostaithe, a gcustaiméirí agus iad féin agus cén méadú atá tagtha ar fheiceálacht na Gaeilge i mbailte aitheanta chun íomhá láidir Ghaelach a chothú agus a chur chun cinn; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [35946/25]

*906. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht what funding has been and will be provided by his Department for community centres, libraries and recreational amenities in Saggart, Citywest and Rathcoole areas. — Shane Moynihan. [36086/25]