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QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number in each intake of Gardaí, and the number who attested, in the past three years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36637/25]

2. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to the findings of a report (details supplied) that frontline services were contacted 32,144 times being an increase of 12% on 2023, that 44% of women surveyed were not satisfied with their initial engagement with An Garda Síochána and that highlighted their inconsistent response to more than 65,000 contacts received last year, the urgent steps he is taking to achieve zero tolerance of violence against women; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36323/25]

3. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the annual percentage of those who received a final negative decision on their international protection application who left Ireland within 30 days and who provided authorities with documentary evidence that they had left within three days of arrival in their home country, for each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36638/25]

4. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the criminal justice disregard of certain convictions related to consensual sexual activity Bill; when it will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [36639/25]

5. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the actions his Department is taking to provide additional prison places to meet current and future demand. — Tom Brabazon. [36720/25]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of naturalisation applications received in each respective year from 2020 to 2024 inclusive; the current average processing times for naturalisation applications; the measures being taken by his Department to further reduce application processing times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [36655/25]

7. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will expand on the proposals for the use of the old prison site at Rathmore Road, Cork city; if he will engage with the Irish Prison Service to ensure that any extension to that facility would include a provision for community use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [35407/25]

8. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the action taken by his Department to monitor the progress of young people who leave the youth diversion programme after their supervision period ends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36372/25]

9. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures his Department is taking to increase the staffing levels in the Criminal Assets Bureau to facilitate the increased detection of the proceeds of crime due to the reduction of the threshold from €13,000 to €5,000. — Erin McGreehan. [36379/25]

10. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an outline of the findings of the report of the Civil Legal Aid Review Group, which has indicated that he has received the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36599/25]

11. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on his Department’s engagement with the Department of Transport regarding the proposed transport security force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [36531/25]

12. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to a topical issue raised on 19 October 2023, if he will outline the current total number of allegations of child sexual abuse involving any member of the Probation Service that he or his Department have been made aware of; if he has considered putting in place a non-adversarial redress scheme, if appropriate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [36677/25]

13. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the roll-out of local community safety partnerships in Dublin west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [36530/25]

14. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on progress towards the introduction of a single permit system for visas and work permits. — Aindrias Moynihan. [36627/25]

15. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide an update on the progress being made to operationalise community safety partnerships; to outline the timeline, the model and operation of the partnerships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [35632/25]

16. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the projected annual cost for Ireland of participation in the EU Pact on Asylum and Migration for each of the next five years, broken down by current and capital expenditure, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [36668/25]

17. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide an update on his work to permit the retrospective use of biometric technologies for the Gardaí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [36167/25]

18. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps being taken to address overcrowding in prisons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [36681/25]

19. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department will examine the current waitlists for Naas courthouse and assign more staff to deal with the current backlog of cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [36664/25]

20. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the community response team in an area (detailed supplied) is being considered for permanent status; if he will provide data on arrests and incidents since its establishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [36633/25]

21. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if, in view of the serious damage being inflicted on increasing numbers of people, his Department, in conjunction with other Government Departments and statutory agencies, will introduce additional measures and supports to help people get off drugs and recover from addictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36644/25]

22. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is concerned at the chilling effect the proposed Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) (Amendment) Bill 2025 will have on the right to protest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36518/25]

23. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will hit his target of 1,000 new Garda recruits this year; how he will reach 5,000 recruits over the lifetime of this Government, as outlined in the Programme for Government, if the numbers are below average this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [36606/25]

24. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the progress in establishing a new criminal justice international cooperation office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [36374/25]

25. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the local community care partnership will have an increasing role and input for elected representatives to improve policing in their area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [36058/25]

26. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will raise the threshold for eligibility for free civil legal aid to the same level as for free criminal legal aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36519/25]

27. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he can clarify with whom the responsibility for the positioning of speed vans on national roads lie; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [34127/25]

28. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a facility (details supplied) is still being considered to house applicants for international protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35259/25]

29. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there are plans to introduce stronger bail laws; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [36663/25]

30. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is concerned at the chilling effect the proposed Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) (Amendment) Bill 2025 will have on freedom of speech; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36517/25]

31. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on his work to increase the number of civilian staff in An Garda Síochána. — James O'Connor. [36665/25]

32. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the proactive action undertaken to ensure that if and when unnamed criminals depart from a country (details supplied), the arm of the Irish law will be on their respective heels; if countries where they may be received have been identified; if so, if these countries have been engaged with to establish an extradition process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [36621/25]

33. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide data on the number of seizures, arrests and prosecutions related to the illegal use of electric bikes and mopeds over the past 12 months; and if he will outline whether Operation Meacan or similar initiatives are active in the Dublin Metropolitan Region North; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [36634/25]

34. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 177 of 15 May 2025, to provide an update on the operation of the court service at Youghal, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [36648/25]

35. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when he will sign the regulations to establish community safety partnerships provided for in the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36601/25]

36. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí who have taken early retirement in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [36230/25]

37. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide an update on the number of attacks on members of An Garda Síochána; the number of man hours lost consequently, for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [35408/25]

38. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when the replacement for Joint Policing Committees will come into place (the local community care partnership) nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [36057/25]

39. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if, in view of the increasing prevalence of drugs throughout urban and rural Ireland, additional measures will be introduced to deal with the scourge of such illegal products, taking into account the awful damage and hardship

being inflicted on individuals, families and communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36643/25]

40. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for a detailed summary of monies paid to the owners of a hotel (details supplied) in each year and to date for 2025 as it relates to contracts entered into for those fleeing the war in Ukraine and those seeking international protection. — Michael Murphy. [35245/25]

41. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will stop deporting children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36515/25]

42. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide details on the capacity of drug units in each Garda division; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [36297/25]

43. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline his engagement with the Garda Commissioner in light of the recent Women's Aid report on Domestic Violence to ensure future training on domestic violence is targeted at all areas of the Gardaí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [36628/25]

44. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will list the occasions when he met with the Garda Commissioner since he took office. — Peadar Tóibín. [36229/25]

45. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to review the process whereby international protection applicants may, at very short notice, be moved from the communities in which they have established connections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36346/25]

46. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will outline his plans to better integrated Garda-operated CCTV with other State-operated CCTV systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [36166/25]

47. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is concerned about staffing levels within the legal aid service nationally, its ability to meet demand, and potential impacts of understaffing within the legal aid service on the wider courts system. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36626/25]

48. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department have considered the impact on victims of crime by those who are convicted by reason of insanity, in that they are not made aware of the persons release from incarceration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [36676/25]

49. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the actions his Department has taken on foot of the US department of state 2024 Trafficking in Persons report to seek to improve Ireland's ranking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [36458/25]

50. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department is aware of properties being retrofitted or acquired for IPAS use in advance of planning or public

notification; and whether he will commit to a register of sites under assessment, to be shared with local authorities and Deputies. — Ken O’Flynn. [35227/25]

51. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps that have been taken to address and suspend the use of unqualified, unregistered self-appointed experts on ‘parental alienation’, and the construct of parental alienation itself in family law cases, until the report of the review of experts into its role in the family law process is completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35137/25]

52. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of the serious problem of drug tourism, where people come to Limerick city to secure and use illicit drugs; the actions the Gardaí intend to take to deal with this problem; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [36300/25]

53. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps his Department is taking to support those applying for family reunification visa in conflict zones such as Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [36584/25]

54. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will outline the plans for improving processing times for international protection applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [35633/25]

55. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason a number of senior leadership positions within An Garda Síochána remain vacant; the impact this is having on operational effectiveness, including the requirement for members to act in higher ranks on a temporary basis; when these vacancies will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [36521/25]

56. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware that the moving of court proceedings from Youghal to Dungarvan will mean that no Gardaí will be in Youghal and Killeagh when the court is in session; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [36666/25]

57. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps his Department is taking to ensure consistency, accountability and trauma-informed practice in frontline Garda responses to domestic, sexual, and gender-based violence across all divisions, in light of the Women’s Aid 2024 report which found that 44% of women who sought Garda support in such cases found the response unhelpful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [36520/25]

58. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on funding for a new courthouse and services, in Portlaoise, County Laois; to provide a timeframe around commencement and completion of the works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [36566/25]

59. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if, given the notable increase in rape and sexual assault cases in the Louth-Cavan-Monaghan area, he will outline any planned preventative programmes to stem this concerning rise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [36376/25]

60. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of opt-ins under article 3 and under article 4 of Protocol 21 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union in each year since the introduction of the Protocol, including to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36604/25]

61. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures his Department is taking to address prison overcrowding, in light of recent figures showing that prison capacity stands at 115%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [36527/25]

62. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the process in place within the Irish Prison Service system to coordinate services for the person being released, both in respect of their housing needs and the financial aid they require from the Department of Social Protection to ensure that they have adequate supports in place when released; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36373/25]

63. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on the Building Pathways Together programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [36682/25]

64. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the progression unit in Mountjoy Prison will reopen fully; if there are plans to open a similar facility elsewhere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [36607/25]

65. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will remove section 3 from the Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) (Amendment) Bill 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36516/25]

66. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 1082 of 10 June 2025, the urgent steps he is taking to end the policy of not offering accommodation to international protection applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36345/25]

67. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when the appraisals will be completed, and decisions made, on properties that have expressed an interest in providing international protection accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [36667/25]

68. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of serving Gardaí and those had retired or resigned within the previous five years who were convicted of a crime in each of the past ten years, by rank and by category of conviction, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [36669/25]

69. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will seek the development of a rural Garda plan to ensure the unique policing of rural areas is recognised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [36045/25]

70. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline his plans for further increasing the Garda training allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36603/25]

71. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to address delays in processing times for visa applications submitted to the South Africa visa desk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [36526/25]

72. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will establish a historical investigations unit to allow for independent police investigation into unresolved deaths and incidents of torture or ill-treatment as proposed by the Irish Council for Civil Liberties and the Committee on the Administration of Justice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36602/25]

73. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the training specific and actions his Department are undertaking to ensure that members of An Garda Síochána are best protected and best prepared for particular situations (details supplied); if there is a system within An Garda Síochána to engage vehicles that refuse to stop when engaged in criminal activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [36622/25]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

74. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the most recent discussions between the Government and the UK government on reinstating access for Irish fishermen to their traditional fishing grounds at Rockall; if he is considering taking the matter to international arbitration, given the illegality of this long-standing blockade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [36288/25]

75. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how he proposes to increase the tillage area, as outlined as a key desire in the Programme for Government; when a tillage incentive scheme will be introduced to support tillage growers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [36299/25]

76. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when his Department will implement the new measures to tackle TB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [36040/25]

77. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will direct the Marine Institute to undertake a formal stock assessment of sprat with the view of introducing a total allowable catch; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36041/25]

78. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outlaw teeth-clipping, tail-docking and castration in pig farming and regulate sow stalls and farrowing crates to have an area of no less than five square metres, so as to improve animal welfare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36640/25]

79. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a full explanation for the ongoing delays in issuing ACRES payments to participating farmers; the number of applicants still awaiting full or partial payment under all streams of the scheme; the urgent steps being taken by his Department to resolve system bottlenecks and ensure timely

payment to farmers who have met all compliance requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [36922/25]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

80. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware that only 52 persons have availed of fish assist across the State as of 31 May 2025; and if the Minister of State for the Marine and his Department officials will now engage with the representative POs for inshore and islands fishermen to discuss a financial support or subsidy scheme for the sector. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [36266/25]

81. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the Agri-Food Regulator will be granted additional powers of compellability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36023/25]

82. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline his Department's plans to deal with bovine TB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36021/25]

83. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is engaging with the Minister for Climate, Environment and Energy regarding the use of good agricultural land for solar farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [36654/25]

84. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a breakdown of funding uptake and participation levels by scheme under Ireland's Common Agricultural Policy Strategic Plan to date; how these supports are being geographically distributed and monitored for environmental impact; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [36636/25]

85. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider introducing an incentive scheme to encourage farmers who have particularly old and potentially dangerous tractors and machinery in their farm yards to upgrade to newer and safer options; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [36295/25]

86. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the additional supports he will put in place to support family farms in light of the recent finding that only 42% of medium and large farms are economically viable. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36153/25]

87. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers waiting on outstanding ACRES payments, including the numbers in Roscommon and Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [36047/25]

88. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the up-to-date position on payments issuing in respect of farmers' participation in ACRES in 2023 and 2024; the number of payments still outstanding for both of these years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [36629/25]

89. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has any concerns about questionable marketing practices used by Irish companies in west Africa in relation to fat-filled milk powder (FFMP) and the support given to FFMP exports by Bord Bia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36624/25]

90. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline the plans, if any, to standardise the rules for people with equine premises numbers that are applying for full herd numbers which are at present decided on a case-by-case basis in order to ensure that they will not be disadvantaged by the five-year rule when applying for young farmers enhancement schemes in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [36645/25]

91. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the up-to-date position regarding supports for farmers whose forestry was severely damaged due to storms including storm Éowyn; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36647/25]

92. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether he would consider re-introducing the young farmer installation aid scheme to support new entrants into farming. — Tony McCormack. [36529/25]

93. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when farmers will have the opportunity to avail of landscape actions and carry out works in upland cooperation areas under ACRES; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [36363/25]

94. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he is taking to protect Irish whiskey in international markets; the plans for expansion in that regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35260/25]

95. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the improvements to water quality during the lifetime of the fifth nitrates action programme in Ireland, which runs from 2022 to 2025, and in particular since the reduction in the maximum organic manure limit from 250 kg N/ha to 220 kg N/ha being implemented in targeted areas in January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [35553/25]

96. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to expedite the long-awaited ban on pair trawling; the reason this obvious decision has not been taken before now; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [36673/25]

97. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the schemes in place to support the creation and enhancement of hedgerows and other linear/connective landscape features of value to wildlife; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [35769/25]

98. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the concrete measures he is taking to tackle the spread of Bovine TB. — James O'Connor. [36653/25]

99. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the specific climate action measures implemented under Mission 1 of Food Vision 2030 to date; if he will outline the key performance indicators being used to track progress toward the 2030 targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [36635/25]

100. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when his Department will publish a plan on farm succession and generational renewal. — Tony McCormack. [36528/25]

101. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reasons behind ongoing delays in the issuing of basic income support for sustainability and areas of natural constraint payments to farmers particularly in County Tipperary; the steps being taken to resolve processing backlogs and ensure timely payments going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35595/25]

102. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline his Department's plan to build support with his counterparts in the European Union Member States for an urgent review of the impact of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and the recent 12-year extension of the fisheries component of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the EU and the UK, on the Irish fishing and seafood industry and to attain a fair share of the fish in Irish waters and other waters under the jurisdiction of the CFP and subject to this agreement with the UK, for the Irish industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [36267/25]

103. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the feasibility of a national wool scouring plant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36022/25]

104. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will introduce TAMS grant funding for goat herd owners in order that they can install suitable fencing and handling and housing facilities for their livestock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [36294/25]

105. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline the ways in which he is supporting Irish wool and developing its market potential; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36343/25]

106. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that have taken up the TAMS grant to enable them to install solar panels on their farm, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [36513/25]

107. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he has taken to taken to encourage landowners and Coillte to increase the percentage of native and other non-deciduous trees that are planted annually. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35135/25]

108. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if any proposed cuts to CAP, likely to be made from the EU portion of the Pillar 2 payment, will be covered by the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [36522/25]

109. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware that the prices farmers are receiving for wool is at an all-time low; the measures his Department will take to address this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [36360/25]

110. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if, given that the tillage sector is coming under increasing pressure from input costs and low prices, he will outline any proposed support packages for tillage farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Buttery. [36378/25]

111. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will mandate his Department to work collaboratively with other State agencies to address the environmental degradation of Lady's Island Lake, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36020/25]

112. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline the current funding allocation for TAMS 3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [35606/25]

113. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the outcome of the most recent discussions at the EU Agriculture Council in relation to the future funding of CAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36646/25]

114. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are plans for further supports or funding to be made available for structural damage to farm buildings during storm Éowyn, where an application was not made during the emergency TAMS 3 tranche, or whether there is another existing scheme to which farmers can apply for funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [36662/25]

115. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to implement the National Women in Agriculture Action Plan to support gender equality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [36525/25]

116. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if, given that TB reactors are now at a critical level affecting farmers across the country, he will outline any support packages to combat the rise of TB in herds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [36377/25]

117. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to support intergenerational farm transfer through the next CAP policy cycle; whether he is considering a dedicated farm succession scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [36658/25]

118. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the work of the Wool Council; and the actions the council has taken in order to further utilise and increase the value of wool. — Erin McGreehan. [36362/25]

119. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the guidance and supports available to hill farmers who are unable to carry out controlled burning due to weather conditions within the legal window; and whether he will consider a flexible burning scheme or pilot. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36152/25]

120. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 319 of 1 May 2025 and 132 of 20 May 2025, given that it is over a year since the closure of the public consultation on trawling within Ireland's six-nautical-mile limit, and given that trawling continues to take place in inshore waters, some of which are special areas of conservation, when the results of the public consultation will be published; when he will make a decision on the matter; if he is committed to implementing the commitment made in the Programme for Government to promote the sustainability of Ireland's fish stocks and to support the inshore fishing sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36344/25]

121. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps his Department is taking to help farmers who are worried about the threatened imposition of US tariffs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [36674/25]

122. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has spoken to his counterparts in other EU Member States in relation to the non-binding side attachments to the Mercosur trade deal, specifically in relation to deforestation and food safety standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [36361/25]

123. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will step up effective efforts in conjunction with the farming organisations to agree on and put in place a TB scheme that will include dealing with ineffective wildlife in all DVO areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [36623/25]

124. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the overall value of TAMS grants to support the installation of solar panels on farms to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [36514/25]

125. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the expected timeline for delivering a farm succession scheme that supports generational renewal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [36524/25]

126. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current number of farmers still awaiting ACRES payment; the plans in place to clear the backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [36523/25]

127. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the enforcement powers currently available to the Agri Food Regulator; if he is satisfied that these powers are sufficient to ensure compliance across the food supply chain; if he intends to bring forward any legislation to strengthen the regulator’s role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [36567/25]

128. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding available for urban horse projects to help enhance awareness of animal health and welfare for participants and the wider nearby community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35134/25]

129. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps his Department is taking to deal with pollution in Lady’s Island Lake; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [36510/25]

130. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is satisfied that the current badger management programme is sufficient in light of the reported explosion in badger numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [36659/25]

131. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is aware of the Environmental Protection Agency’s Coastal Lagoons: Ecology and Restoration Report; the actions his Department is taking of foot of it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [36511/25]

132. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how Coillte now takes biodiversity into consideration in its work following the closing of Coillte Nature; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [36512/25]

133. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions being taken by his Department to address the severe and growing problem of deer overpopulation across the country, including the impact on farmers and the spread of TB; if he will commit to a coordinated national cull and population management strategy in co-operation with the National Parks and Wildlife Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35596/25]

134. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures being taken to ensure pharmacies that dispense veterinary prescriptions are not losing revenue due to the roll-out of the national veterinary prescription system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [36630/25]

135. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions he will take to reduce carbon emissions from agriculture in light of the recent EPA report projecting a 1% increase in agricultural emissions by 2030 with existing measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36625/25]

136. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the action his Department is taking to ensure that the TB eradication programme is fully resourced, in view of staff shortages in regional offices which in turn leaves staff unable to carry out thorough investigations in to the cause of breakdowns and to implement a wildlife programme around all TB breakdowns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36358/25]

137. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is satisfied there is enough in the 1 January 2026 sixth nitrates action programme for Ireland to address water pollution from agricultural sources, specifically nitrates, and ensure no further erosion of the maximum organic manure limits from 220 kg N/ha; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [35554/25]

138. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has a programme available to support the development of city farms; if he will support organisations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [36670/25]

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

*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the Carlingford Lough Commission can avail of the Shared Island Civic Fund for the maintenance of navigational equipment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [36683/25]

*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to clarify the process by which this child can gain a passport in the situation where one parent refuses to sign a passport application form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [36707/25]

*141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if there are any funding streams available for the Carlingford Lough Commission for the maintenance of navigational equipment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [36717/25]

*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if any of the Irish citizens recently evacuated from Israel were current or former members of the Israeli Defence Forces. — Pat Buckley. [36760/25]

*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the outcome of the most recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and the UK Foreign Secretary in relation to the need to have comprehensive investigations into the Dundalk, Dublin and Monaghan bombings of May 1974, as the 50th anniversary of the bombings approaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [36773/25]

*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps the Government is taking on an EU level to end the Israeli blockade of food, humanitarian aid and baby formula which is having devastating consequences in children's hospitals in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [36797/25]

*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the basis on which, and by whom, the decision was taken to endorse the non-binding working IHRA definition of antisemitism; the reason this was not included in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [36826/25]

*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he is aware that his Department recently advertised for two internships at the Embassy of Ireland, Paris, that the advertised rate of pay was €4.35 per hour, that this rate of pay is far below the minimum wage in either France or Ireland, that this rate of pay would not even come close to covering accommodation costs, and that such a rate of pay effectively disqualifies those who cannot subsidise an internship from taking up the position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [36960/25]

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

*147. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will address matters concerning changes made to the warmer homes scheme which forbid the funding within the scheme of minor alterations to existing gas, oil or solid fuel heating systems to facilitate the insulation of homes (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [36728/25]

*148. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he can give a commitment to meet with a group (details supplied). — Pat Buckley. [36905/25]

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

*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the nature of the work in digitising the Military Service Pensions Collection; the total number of records to be digitised; the total number outstanding; and the time expected to complete the task. — Paul McAuliffe. [36958/25]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*150. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the development of a replacement for the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; if specific supports for purchasing electric vehicles will be considered as part of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [36692/25]

*151. To ask the Minister for Transport if Irish Rail has any plans to refurbish the CAF fleet of mark 4 trains used on the Dublin-to-Cork service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [36813/25]

*152. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the reduction of driving test waiting times in County Cork as of June 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [36814/25]

*153. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the reduction of theory test waiting times in County Cork as of June 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [36815/25]

*154. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the increase on driving testers employed in County Cork as of June 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [36816/25]

*155. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the most recent data available on driving test waiting times in Mallow, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [36817/25]

*156. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans there are to increase the capacity of the Irish Rail service from Mallow to Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [36818/25]

*157. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the repair works on the N72 Mallow to Killarney Road; when works will be concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [36819/25]

*158. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline plans to increase capacity of Bus Éireann service in Cork city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [36820/25]

*159. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on actions his Department or the Road Safety Authority are taking in order to reduce the backlog in waiting times for drivers who are booking a re-test as of June 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [36821/25]

*160. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the introduction of next gen ticketing on the Cork fleet for bus services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [36822/25]

*161. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update as of June 2025 on the Mallow-to-Dungarvan greenway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [36823/25]

*162. To ask the Minister for Transport to immediately examine and address an extremely dangerous junction (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [36841/25]

*163. To ask the Minister for Transport when the extremely dangerous road (details supplied) through a town in County Kerry will be brought up to a safe and acceptable standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [36843/25]

*164. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) can expect to sit a driving test, which he needs in order to start his apprenticeship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [36903/25]

*165. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the implementation of Active Travel projects in Cork, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [36938/25]

*166. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of drivers currently employed to deliver the Cork city bus service and the number considered a full cohort. — Thomas Gould. [36939/25]

*167. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount paid in fines by Bus Éireann to the NTA in Cork, by reason for fine, to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [36940/25]

*168. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent on the M20 to date and the estimated final cost. — Thomas Gould. [36941/25]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent on the northern distributor road, to date and the overall estimated cost. — Thomas Gould. [36942/25]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent on maintenance and renovation of the Parnell Place bus station, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [36943/25]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he is aware that Bus Eireann are running no additional buses for the hurling semi-final on 5 July 2025; and that only one Bus Eireann bus will leave Cork with sufficient time to attend the match with all public transport options sold out. — Thomas Gould. [36966/25]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of investment in new bus routes versus existing services from 2020-2025 for Dublin, in tabular form. — Emer Currie. [36968/25]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of the funding that has been invested in new bus routes versus existing services from 2020-2025 in Dublin, by year, in tabular form. — Emer Currie. [36969/25]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport the regulations enforcing and protecting disability parking spaces on public roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [36972/25]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport the regulations enforcing and protecting disability parking spaces on privately owned roads or in private car parks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [36973/25]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*176. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider expanding the criteria for help-to-buy in order for more essential workers to have access to the scheme and to settle in the areas they work in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [36882/25]

*177. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing a temporary tax relief or reimbursement scheme for families who incurred out-of-pocket expenses for private dental check-ups for their children, due to the suspension or delay of HSE dental services during and following the Covid-19 pandemic; the options currently available to such families under existing tax or PRSI-based schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [36687/25]

*178. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps being taken, outside of NCT checks, to address the proliferation of illegal vehicle registration plates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [36689/25]

*179. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of fines that have been issued by the Revenue Commissioners for failure to comply with vehicle registration plate regulations in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [36690/25]

*180. To ask the Minister for Finance the length of time that the pension levy for Aer Lingus pensioners has been in place; and the amount that has been collected each year since the pension levy on Aer Lingus pensioners was put in place. — Peadar Tóibín. [36694/25]

*181. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will end the end the pension-annuity levy on Aer Lingus pensioners; if he will compensate the Aer Lingus pensioners for the money that was removed from their pensions-annuities, given the removal of the income cap to senior management at a bank (detail supplied), is it not immoral to withhold the pensions-annuities of former staff. — Peadar Tóibín. [36695/25]

*182. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will engage with the Minister for Housing to ensure that HAP can resume the practice of issuing a tax certificate for a 20% deduction to meet the requirements of the non-resident landlord withholding tax for landlords based in the North of Ireland renting a property in the South to a HAP tenant rather than requiring them to engage a private tax collection agent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36787/25]

*183. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of registered tax collection agents; the number of accounts or advisors preparing tax returns for collection agents that is, the number of tax advisor identification numbers submitted through the collection agent registration form; the number of landlords they are operating on behalf of that is, the number of distinct tax reference numbers broken down by the number of corporate and non-corporate landlords; the number of properties broken down by residential and non-residential; the total amount of rent paid; total revenue raise; and the total revenue raised by the non-resident landlord withholding tax, in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [36788/25]

*184. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 304 on the 24 June, to provide further detail on non-dividend related income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36789/25]

*185. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 45 of 25 June 2025, that as outlined by the NAMA annual accounts there will be no more voluntary redundancy schemes for NAMA staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36791/25]

*186. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 300 of 24 June 2025, the total number of residential unit owned by the 187 landlords with over 100 properties each; the total number of residential unit owned by the 186 landlords with between 50 - 99 properties each; the total number of residential unit owned by the 745 landlords with between 20 - 49 properties each; the total number of residential unit owned by the 2,217 landlords with between 10 -19 properties each; and the total number of residential unit owned by the 10,562 landlords with between 5 - 9 properties each, in tabular form . — Pearse Doherty. [36792/25]

*187. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 300 of 24 June 2025, the total number of individuals for legal entities that own more than 1,000 residential units; the total number of residential units owned by this cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36793/25]

*188. To ask the Minister for Finance the total projected local property tax liability for 2025 excluding local authorities and approved housing bodies or any other public bodies; property tax liability for 2025 excluding rental properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36794/25]

*189. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of residential properties for the purposes of the LPT that are not owned by local authorities or AHB, public bodies or exempted charities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36795/25]

*190. To ask the Minister for Finance the total value of property that was exempt from CAT due to the heritage exemption in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36798/25]

*191. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost to the Exchequer of the relief from income tax or corporation tax in respect of expenditure on approved buildings and or approved gardens under section 482 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 in each year since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36806/25]

*192. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 250 of 20 March 2025, the total value of property that was exempt from capital acquisitions tax due to the heritage exemption each year since 2016; the total value of the underlying property; the total cost of the Exchequer since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36808/25]

*193. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the concerns of business owners in the outdoor recreation sector and other sectors regarding the prohibitive cost of insurance; the actions he is taking to address these concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36893/25]

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

*194. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether the Office of Public Works could liaise with a landowner (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36777/25]

*195. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to intervene and urgently address the huge delays with regard to the signing of a lease for a playground to be developed in conjunction with Kerry County Council on OPW lands at An Cheathrúin, Dún Chaoin, County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [36785/25]

*196. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will reform his Department's capital expenditure programme by giving longer-term financial commitments, for example, ten to 15 years, to all arms of the State responsible for delivering infrastructure, such as Irish Rail, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Uisce Éireann, and so on, as this will allow them to plan for the long term and build longer-term relationships with suppliers. — Edward Timmins. [36872/25]

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

*197. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if a graveyard (details supplied) will be added to Ireland's Ancient East website; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [36684/25]

*198. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if there are any funding streams available for the Carlingford Lough Commission for the maintenance of navigational equipment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [36685/25]

*199. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures he is taking to support food enterprise and innovation in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35261/25]

*200. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if clarity on this matter will be provided. — Paul Murphy. [36899/25]

*201. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 401 of 20 May 2025, if he will instruct the Companies Registration Office to provide the information sought; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [36901/25]

*202. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the action being taken to encourage Irish businesses to grow their export markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [36959/25]

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

*203. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason there was a reduction in special needs assistant support for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [36688/25]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department tracks the number of children living in emergency homeless accommodation who have missed school days or changed schools mid-year; the supports that are in place for educational continuity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [36698/25]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of secondary school students who do not have access to a personal digital device at home. — Sorca Clarke. [36700/25]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of primary schools in DEIS Band 1 areas that currently have waiting lists for junior infants; and the plans in place to increase capacity in areas with growing school age populations. — Sorca Clarke. [36705/25]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of qualified teachers working in non-teaching posts in her Department for example in the inspectorate. — Paul Murphy. [36709/25]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will ensure that a child (details supplied) is allocated an SNA as recommended by separate assessments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [36713/25]

*209. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children who have been in receipt of the July provision for each county for each of the last 5 years; and if she will ensure that the necessary resources are put in place so that children can receive July provision as is necessary. — Peadar Tóibín. [36716/25]

*210. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to review a bus ticket for a child (details supplied) due to exceptional circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36727/25]

*211. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will re-introduce the route for people who undertook an early childhood care Bachelor degree to attend a postgraduate course in St. Nicholas Montessori college (previously offered a route 4 pathway to Teaching Council recognition) and extend this to other colleges. — Darren O'Rourke. [36742/25]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the supports being put in place to help undergraduates to progress from their early childhood education degree to furthering their studies to become a teacher. — Darren O'Rourke. [36743/25]

*213. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the number of Gaelscoileanna operating within the country, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36748/25]

*214. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the number of Gaelcholáistí operating within the country, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36749/25]

*215. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the number of children attending Gaelscoileanna within the country, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36750/25]

*216. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the number of students attending Gaelcholáistí within the country, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36751/25]

*217. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the percentage of children attending Gaelscoileanna as a percentage of overall primary school children, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36752/25]

*218. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the percentage of students attending Gaelcholáistí as a percentage of overall secondary school students, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36753/25]

*219. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if any of the 399 new special education classes that were sanctioned for the coming school year have had their sanctioning withdrawn; and if so, the number. — Paul Murphy. [36754/25]

*220. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the NCSE have any role in the admission of children into a school or is the admission of a child into a school exclusively a matter for the school in accordance with its admissions policy. — Paul Murphy. [36755/25]

*221. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a pathway exists for graduates of a course (details supplied) are to receive a Teaching Council number; whether Route 4 continues to exist for Level 8 graduates; and if there is an alternative to completing a Master's Degree for qualification. — Pat Buckley. [36763/25]

*222. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if additional funding can be allocated to small rural DEIS schools, such as (details supplied) to cover health and safety essential works, given the significant financial strain these schools face in maintaining their facilities, and if she will consider their application for emergency works to be carried out. — Michael Lowry. [36796/25]

*223. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Department's position on secondary schools requiring parents to purchase iPads or specific digital devices, particularly in light of the roll-out of the free schoolbooks scheme; the guidance or oversight her Department provides to ensure that families are not subjected to undue financial pressure due to school-imposed digital learning policies; if she will consider conducting a review of digital learning policies in secondary schools where families are required to purchase iPads or similar devices; if her Department will explore providing funding or subsidies to support families in these cases, especially where such devices are used in lieu of traditional textbooks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [36824/25]

*224. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to simplify the tendering protocol for the free schoolbooks scheme to allow wider access to the scheme for independent bookstores; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [36825/25]

*225. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review a school's (details supplied) SNA allocation given that it is inadequate to meet the needs of children attending the

school; if she will allow an appeal to be progressed as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [36842/25]

*226. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware that some secondary schools are encouraging parents to incur financial debt by requiring the purchase of specific iPads, which cost on average €600; if she is further aware that these schools stipulate the exact make and model, limiting open market choice, and in many cases are directing parents to local credit unions to take out loans for this purpose; and if she will outline the steps she is taking to monitor and regulate such practices, to protect families from unnecessary financial strain. — Ken O'Flynn. [36852/25]

*227. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware that despite the Department's circulars advising schools to reduce the cost of school uniforms by avoiding the use of branded or crested items, many primary and secondary schools continue to require expensive branded uniforms that can only be purchased from a single designated supplier, thereby limiting affordability and competition; and if she will confirm what enforcement mechanisms or follow-up actions are in place to ensure schools comply with the Department's cost-reduction guidelines. — Ken O'Flynn. [36853/25]

*228. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when physical work will start on the new permanent building for a school (details supplied); the timeline for completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36864/25]

*229. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when LMETB will start the physical work to develop the new LMETH head office building in Drogheda, as per a decision taken by Government twelve years ago; if approval of a report referred to in the reply to Parliamentary Question No. 622 of 23 July 2024, has been sanctioned; the date on when this occurred; if the project has been approved to go to tender stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36865/25]

*230. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total amount spent since 2013 on work connected to the planned new LMETB head office building in Drogheda for each accounting year from 2013 to date in 2025 inclusive, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36866/25]

*231. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will make it mandatory for those training to become a primary or secondary school teacher to complete one work placement in a special school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [36879/25]

*232. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider providing a new Teaching Council registration pathway to allow Montessori-trained teachers and those who hold recognised qualifications and have strong experience in child-centred education to gain registration, in order to address the shortage of teachers in special education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [36881/25]

*233. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider changing the criteria of the capitation grant for special schools to consider all school staff or the square meter area of the school premises, in order to provide special school to receive a greater amount under the grant to meet their day-to-day costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [36883/25]

*234. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider extending the €74 per-pupil allocation under the minor works grant in special schools to also take account of teacher and SNA numbers, in order to better reflect the resource needs of special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [36884/25]

*235. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will provide funding to a school (details supplied) to provide for a sunken trampoline that was recommended by the occupational therapist and physiotherapist; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [36885/25]

*236. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider providing an assistant principal 1 to all special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [36886/25]

*237. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider renaming the leave of absence following assault scheme to more appropriately reflect the complex and unintentional nature of incidents in special education settings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [36887/25]

*238. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will allow for special school staff such as caretakers, cleaners and bus escorts to be paid under the online claims system, in order to reduce the administrative burden on schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [36888/25]

*239. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will allow for special schools to receive a substitute teacher when a teacher takes self-certified sick leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [36889/25]

*240. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will conduct a review into the school transport requirements from Ballon, County Carlow to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Natasha Newsome Drennan. [36902/25]

*241. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the national anthem, Amhrán na bhFiann, is included in the primary or post primary curriculum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36909/25]

*242. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider reopening a school (details supplied) under new patronage, considering that there is a sufficient demand of children in the area, and the closure of the school is a great loss to the community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [36957/25]

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

*243. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the amount of State funding allocated to the IRFU; whether he is aware the IRFU is accumulating significant real estate near the Aviva Stadium; and if state funding has been used for this purpose. — Pat Buckley. [36758/25]

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

*244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will support Waterways Ireland in setting up and operating a CRM system for logging and dealing with queries raised with the organisation, similar to many local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [36923/25]

*245. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the development levy waiver scheme will be extended for the coming year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [36691/25]

*246. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there will be a redraw of local electoral area boundaries in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [36693/25]

*247. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his Department’s analysis of the forecast effect on current spending on the HAP and RAS schemes as a result of the Government’s proposed reforms to rent pressure zones; the extent to which an expansion of those schemes is likely due to increased rents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [36721/25]

*248. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding any initiatives proposed by his Department that seeks to protect the architectural heritage of Georgian Dublin, and the so-called Georgian core; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36732/25]

*249. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the asks of the Irish Georgian Society in relation to the preservation and upkeep of Georgian Dublin; if he would consider meeting with this group to further these proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36733/25]

*250. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the conservation measures included in the recently published interdepartmental report on the recommendations of the Dublin City Taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36734/25]

*251. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 111 of 25 June 2025 and Parliamentary Question No. 505 of 17 June 2025, the reason the reply issued did not provide the requested statistical breakdown of applications and approvals for each home ownership support scheme since their commencement, disaggregated by the variables (details supplied). — Albert Dolan. [36774/25]

*252. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update in respect of Bray harbour; the amount of funding released to the project to date on an annual basis (details supplied). — Aidan Farrelly. [36780/25]

*253. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration will be given to compensation to individuals who are subject of ‘cowboy’ builders under the Regulation of Providers of Building Works Bill 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [36810/25]

*254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated number of completed housing units nationally which cannot be occupied due to a lack of capacity in water infrastructure, both wastewater and water. — Séamus McGrath. [36812/25]

*255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update in respect of a site (details supplied) the funds he has granted to develop same. — Aidan Farrelly. [36833/25]

*256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a schedule of all blue way projects currently being funded; and the funds released to date and status of each project to include completion date. — Aidan Farrelly. [36834/25]

*257. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 551 of 24 June 2025, if it is his Department's intention to allow further funding applications under measure A8 of the existing the Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2024-2026; if not, if his Department will next progress such funding applications under a further iteration of the plan; if any update can be provided on the development of an updated Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [36871/25]

*258. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of appeals lodged that directly relate to a business's valuation certificate, since the establishment of Tailte Eireann on 1 March 2023, on a quarterly basis; the average waiting times for these appeals; and if any appeals are outstanding since before the establishment of Tailte Eireann in March 2023, and since 2023 and 2024, in tabular form (details supplied). — Michael Murphy. [36877/25]

*259. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to examine the case of persons (details supplied); to advise on a land de-zoning process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [36900/25]

*260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of children who have entered emergency accommodation in each region, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [36910/25]

*261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of families who have entered emergency accommodation in the South west region, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [36911/25]

*262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of CPO applications made in each county to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [36912/25]

*263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff currently employed in the vacant homes unit in his Department, by grade level. — Thomas Gould. [36914/25]

*264. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount spent on private planning consultancies in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [36915/25]

*265. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the tenant-in-situ scheme in Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [36916/25]

*266. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding provided under the CAS programme to AHBs in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [36917/25]

*267. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if pension deductions are allowed for in the calculation of local authority rent; if, when mandatory pensions are introduced, these pension deductions will be accounted for in rent calculations by local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [36920/25]

*268. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the revised national planning framework will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [36944/25]

*269. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of positions that remain vacant in the housing section of Cork City Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [36947/25]

*270. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of positions remain vacant in the housing section of Cork County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [36948/25]

*271. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, through his Department or local authorities, there is a policy to not allow purchase of four-bed houses through the tenant (incremental) purchase scheme 2016; if not, the number of four-bed houses have been purchased through this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [36950/25]

*272. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses have been purchased through the tenant (incremental) purchase scheme 2016 since 2016 through Cork City Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [36951/25]

*273. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses have been purchased through the Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme 2016 since 2016 through Cork County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [36952/25]

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

*274. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to intervene in an urgent matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [36719/25]

*275. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a full-time carer in receipt of carer's allowance is only entitled to a maximum of three weeks leave over a 12-month period; if he will consider increasing the maximum leave entitlement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [36725/25]

*276. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total budget for the treatment benefit (PRSI used dental) scheme in 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [36786/25]

*277. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on the review of a decision on a carer's allowance application by a person in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [36838/25]

*278. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons in receipt of carer's allowance have to be reassessed when the new changes are introduced, including persons who were recently reassessed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [36839/25]

*279. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the amount of savings allowed for persons in receipt of carer's allowance will be increased when the new changes are introduced (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [36840/25]

*280. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36844/25]

*281. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will increase carers hours by one hour in line with part time contracts (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [36850/25]

*282. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to examine the case of a person (details supplied) and advise on entitlements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [36851/25]

*283. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the quality assurance mechanisms his Department has in place to monitor the implementation of the Hot School Meals Programme; if he will confirm whether any inspections or audits were carried out during the 2024–2025 academic year; if his Department intends to publish the findings of these inspections; and if he will outline the enforcement procedures that exist in instances of non-compliance by providers. — Ken O'Flynn. [36854/25]

*284. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether he is satisfied that the meals served under the Hot School Meals Programme align with national and international nutritional guidelines for children; if his Department has conducted any independent assessments of the meals provided; and if he will outline the specific steps taken to address the prevalence of ultra-processed foods, such as chips, pizza, processed meats, and carbonara in participating schools. — Ken O'Flynn. [36855/25]

*285. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will outline the steps his Department has taken to ensure that children with coeliac disease and other medical dietary requirements are fully and equally included in the Hot School Meals Programme; if he has engaged with relevant advocacy groups (details supplied); and whether his Department is preparing reforms to provide medically safe, inclusive meal options for all pupils, regardless of dietary need. — Ken O'Flynn. [36856/25]

*286. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has conducted any assessment of the levels of food waste generated under the Hot School Meals Programme; whether any formal cost-benefit or value-for-money analysis has been carried out; and if he will indicate whether infrastructural investment or centralised food preparation models are being considered to improve sustainability and efficiency ahead of the programme's national expansion. — Ken O'Flynn. [36857/25]

*287. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline the scope, methodology, and reporting timeline of the current review of the Hot School Meals Programme; to confirm whether nutritionists, school management bodies, and parent organisations will be consulted as part of the process; and to indicate whether his Department is satisfied that sufficient quality control and supplier capacity exist to meet the standards expected in the forthcoming expansion of the programme to all primary schools. — Ken O’Flynn. [36858/25]

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

*288. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the specific health measures in place for international protection applicants residing in emergency accommodation (details supplied) where a co-resident has tested positive for Covid-19; if there are protocols to ensure isolation and medical care for those sharing rooms and communal spaces with infected individuals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [36890/25]

*289. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications for asylum or a protection order that were determined to be fraudulent, and the number of prosecutions initiated in this regard, in each of the years from 2020 to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [36679/25]

*290. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 415 of 12 June 2025, if he will provide a detailed summary of costs solely associated with the delivery of the modular units in Clonmel. — Michael Murphy. [35244/25]

*291. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to increase the number of civilian staff in An Garda Síochána in the Dublin Metropolitan Region. — Tom Brabazon. [36736/25]

*292. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when Ireland will finally ratify and implement the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention Against Torture, given Ireland’s long-standing commitment and repeated calls from civil society and international monitoring bodies; if he will provide a clear timeline for establishing the national preventive mechanism; and to outline the barriers that remain to enabling independent, unannounced inspections across all places of detention, including Garda stations, direct provision centres, and Oberstown. — Gary Gannon. [36739/25]

*293. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps being taken to ensure that Ireland’s prison system complies fully with the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Mandela Rules), particularly regarding the use of solitary confinement, access to healthcare, contact with the outside world, and access to rehabilitation supports; and if he will commit to publishing an audit of current compliance levels and a timeline for achieving full alignment with these international standards. — Gary Gannon. [36740/25]

*294. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a special visa programme has been considered for Palestinians undergoing war and genocide in Gaza and the West Bank. — Pat Buckley. [36759/25]

*295. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide an estimate of the cost to place Garda trainees on the first point of the Garda pay scale, from day one of training in phase one. — Aidan Farrelly. [36765/25]

*296. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to provide for Garda trainees to commence training on point one and or a high percentage of point one, from day one of phase one of training. — Aidan Farrelly. [36766/25]

*297. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he and or his officials have engaged with An Garda Síochána leadership team and or the Minister and or his officials at the Department of Public Expenditure; National Development Plan Delivery and Reform regarding further enhancement of the Garda trainee allowance system and or pay scales. — Aidan Farrelly. [36767/25]

*298. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the length of time it is taking from Irish citizenship ceremonies to when new citizens receive their certification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [36782/25]

*299. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on a visa stamp 4 application by a person (details supplied); and if the case will be expedited. — Malcolm Byrne. [36783/25]

*300. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will intervene in a case regarding an application for leave to remain (details supplied). — Conor D. McGuinness. [36799/25]

*301. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide a detailed report on the current average processing times for visa applications submitted by Irish citizens for their non-EEA spouses; the number of such applications presently awaiting a decision; the total number of spousal visa applications submitted by Irish citizens over the past 24 months; the number of personnel currently assigned to process these applications; and if he will outline the reasons for the significant delays being experienced—delays which in many cases exceed 15 months—causing considerable emotional and logistical hardship for Irish citizens and their families seeking to reunite with their lawful spouses. — Ken O’Flynn. [36870/25]

*302. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to the concerns of outdoor recreation businesses and others in relation to the consistent issue of signed personal liability waivers not being regarded in court proceedings; if he will consider amending existing legislation to strengthen laws regarding personal responsibility in liability cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36892/25]

*303. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to deny any future IPAS application for a hotel (details supplied) and to support the reinstatement of the hotel for tourist accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [36894/25]

*304. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to commit to a balanced approach to national refugee support that considers the unique economic needs of towns such as Youghal, County Cork. — Pat Buckley. [36895/25]

*305. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí at each level in An Garda Síochána from trainee Garda to Commissioner who, prior to joining An

Garda Síochána, had served in police services of other states, including specifying which police service, for the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36953/25]

*306. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the details of all refurbishment or expansion planned for Garda training college in the next five years including projected costs, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36955/25]

*307. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí who retired in each of the past five years, and in to date in 2025, upon reaching 30 years of service, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36961/25]

*308. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí currently working in the protective services units in An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36962/25]

*309. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the annual cost of increasing the strength of the roads policing unit of An Garda Síochána by 100; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36965/25]

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

*310. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department have engaged with the Marine Institute regarding a formal stock assessment of sprat and the introduction of a total allowable catch; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36042/25]

*311. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers awaiting ACRES payments, by county, date of application, and date of approval. — Conor D. McGuinness. [35863/25]

*312. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the provision in place to help farmers gain access to a vet if they are having trouble doing so; and the plans he has to increase the number of large animal vets working within the agriculture sector. — Peadar Tóibín. [36696/25]

*313. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if any Departmental research has been undertaken into the mental health impacts of climate related crop failure or weather events on farmers; if psychological supports are integrated into CAP advisory services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [36699/25]

*314. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the current round of TAMS applications will be processed; when approvals will issue; and if the Department will commit to faster turnaround times going forward. — Sorca Clarke. [36701/25]

*315. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average waiting time for payments under the young farmer capital investment scheme in the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [36702/25]

*316. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers currently awaiting approval and payment under the organic farming scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [36703/25]

*317. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether he has met with the Chairman of the Agri-Food Regulator following his request for a meeting in February; if so, the outcome of that meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [36710/25]

*318. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will grant the Agri-Food Regulator the additional powers which they have requested to carry out their role effectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [36711/25]

*319. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an ACRES payment for the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 will issue for persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [36741/25]

*320. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has actively examined the growing of hemp, which is beneficial to many by-products that would help in industry and agriculture. — Brian Stanley. [36770/25]

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

*321. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason the bus service for adults with special needs, who are in day services, has been cancelled for all new applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [36714/25]

*322. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to enact the Health Assisted Human Reproduction Act 2024 immediately and to extend leave entitlement to include surrogacy as no such leave is provided for within the public sector (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [36849/25]

*323. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to intervene in a case where there are major safeguarding concerns in a disability services centre (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36680/25]

*324. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average waiting time for access to the ECCE scheme places per county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [36704/25]

*325. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the length of the waiting list for adult disability respite in each county in Ireland for each of the past five years; and if she will ensure that there exists necessary resources to allow families receive respite in a speedy fashion. — Peadar Tóibín. [36715/25]

*326. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the decision to not excavate Sean Ross Abbey will be revised; the person who decided that the report findings were not enough to warrant an excavation; the basis for that decision; the alternative action, if any, being taken to account for the over 1,000 missing children from Sean Ross Abbey; if the Government will commit to a full excavation to determine what happened to these children and provide

closure to their families; if not, the alternative justice measures proposed by Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [36722/25]

*327. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to revise the mother and baby home redress scheme to include those who spent less than six months in a mother and baby home institution; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [36723/25]

*328. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated cost of providing an additional 1,000 personal assistance service hours in 2026. — Aidan Farrelly. [36729/25]

*329. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated revised cost of meeting service provision and supports identified under the disability capacity review, published in July 2021, given rising costs in the last four years. — Aidan Farrelly. [36730/25]

*330. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the actions his Department is taking to ensure that individuals who are not computer literate are able to make an application for enduring powers of attorney. — Tom Brabazon. [36735/25]

*331. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the actions being taken in response to the serious incident at Oberstown in which nine staff were injured—four requiring hospital treatment, including one with life-changing injuries—marking the third such assault in under two weeks; how he justifies operating the facility with dangerously low staffing levels, given that only 20% of the 2025 intake remains on shift; and the immediate steps that will be taken to implement independent safety reviews, proper restraint protocols, and PPE provision for residential social care workers. — Gary Gannon. [36737/25]

*332. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the urgent measures being taken to address the over-capacity crisis at Oberstown, which has recently resulted in the centre turning away remand children due to lack of space, including two facing serious charges; and the steps he will take to ensure that any increase in capacity is matched by investment in rehabilitative programming, trauma-informed care, and the training and protection of staff to prevent future cycles of reoffending. — Gary Gannon. [36738/25]

*333. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to examine the case of a person in Cork (details supplied) who requires urgent long term residential care; to advise if they are on a priority waiting list; to advise what are the long term plans for increasing and extending long term residential places in Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [36756/25]

*334. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if childcare providers can require parents to take up and pay for a full 45 hours of childcare per week as a condition of enrolment; and if she will clarify whether parents remain eligible to receive the national childcare scheme subsidy if they do not avail of the full 45 hours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [36775/25]

*335. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality what the purpose and value was of the contingent charge recorded by the Minister for Health in 1974 (Instrument T.235/74); whether this charge was ever enforced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [36800/25]

*336. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the State funded, subsidised or insured any aspect of the operations at a location (details supplied), including buildings, care services or facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [36801/25]

*337. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps being taken by her Department to increase capacity for childcare services in north Kildare; the number of families currently on a waiting list for childcare services in north Kildare; the average waiting times on those lists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [36809/25]

*338. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the enforcement of disability parking spaces on both publicly owned streets and in private locations such as shopping centre car parks is being addressed in the draft National Disability Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [36971/25]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*339. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on agency and recruitment agency by the HSE for the provision of home care services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [36874/25]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting on HSE panel for recruitment for home care support in Kilkenny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [36875/25]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting on HSE panel for recruitment for home care support in Carlow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [36876/25]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken and the progress made in relation to filling the vacant occupational therapist posts in primary care in County Laois, as there has been no occupational therapists in the service for several years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [36678/25]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health if she is considering and investigating the use of AI-powered sensors to keep older adults safer and healthier in their own homes (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [36697/25]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for children aged 2-6 to access speech and language therapy services in each health region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [36706/25]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health the total cost to name the new children’s hospital in Dublin the “National Children’s Hospital Ireland”; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [36708/25]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health if she allow for mounjaro to be accessed on the medical card (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [36712/25]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the continued suspension of the transvaginal tape sling procedure for the treatment of stress urinary incontinence in women, which is clinically

supported procedure, is still unavailable in Ireland more than six years after the pause was implemented; and the options women have now, who have not yet had a family and who have already tried and failed all conservative therapies. — Mairéad Farrell. [36724/25]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1495 of 10 June 2025, the breakdown of weekly and weekend activity, by ordinary rostered hours compared to extra-contractual hours funded via NTPF or other insourcing funding streams, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [36726/25]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of all acute hospital-related NTPF spending for the period 2020-2025, inclusive, by spending type by hospital, and by year, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [36731/25]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the pre-Budget 2026 submission of an organisation (details supplied); if she will engage with this organisation in advance of budgetary negotiations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36744/25]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether existing support networks for families of people with Alzheimer's are sufficient; the actions she will take to improve these facilities as much as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36745/25]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to shortfalls in the services available both to people with Alzheimer's but also to their support networks as outlined in the pre-Budget 2026 submission of an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36746/25]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the specific concerns related to the poor mental health reported by a significant proportion of family carers; if she will examine existing mental health supports for this cohort; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36747/25]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health to examine an urgent matter in respect of a Kerry patient, (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [36776/25]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for cataract surgery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [36778/25]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health when HSE staff (details supplied) can expect to be contacted by the HSE regarding their future in the organisation as a result of recent changes; if they will be offered new positions within the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [36779/25]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health if she will urgently intervene in the case of a person (details supplied) who is suffering from severe arthritis and is in urgent need of a hip operation; if she will ensure that this case is prioritised as a matter of urgency and that the necessary surgical intervention is expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [36807/25]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken by her Department to address wait times in a hospital (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [36811/25]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of extending free GP care to all children under 12 years in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [36827/25]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of reducing all prescription charges to €0.50, with a cap of €5 per month; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [36828/25]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of reducing the drugs payment scheme maximum payment to €60 per month; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [36829/25]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 226 of 25 June 2025, the reason a technical amendment is required to the Patient Safety (Notifiable Incidents and Open Disclosure) Act 2023 to provide HIQA with the power to carry out an independent review of a defined type of serious patient safety incident in a nursing home; the means by which she intends to bring forward this amendment; the timeline for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [36830/25]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for a 20-bed inpatient neuro-rehabilitation unit for the HSE south west region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [36831/25]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 319 of 26 February 2025, if she will commit to investigating the delays in accessing home care in Cork (details supplied); if she will develop an action plan to reduce waiting lists and waiting times in Cork and the south west; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [36832/25]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health if the new national drugs strategy will include a comprehensive policy on tackling alcohol consumption; if this will be prioritised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [36837/25]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently investigate delay in a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied) who is awaiting a neurosurgery appointment in CUH; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [36848/25]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to expand access to the orthodontic scheme for children and strengthen the School Dental Programme. — Malcolm Byrne. [36859/25]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to hire more public dentists and to indicate the number of public dentists currently employed by the State. — Malcolm Byrne. [36860/25]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the implementation of the Men's Health Action Plan 2024-2028; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [36861/25]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the new National Sexual Health Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [36862/25]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the planned Skin Cancer Awareness Programme. — Malcolm Byrne. [36863/25]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in recruiting therapists (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36898/25]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health if a child (details supplied) can be provided with orthodontic treatment by the HSE as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36904/25]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to change the existing electronic care note system in Donegal community hospitals; the type, and timeframe to implement a new system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36906/25]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the elective hospital. — Thomas Gould. [36925/25]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the primary care centre in Blarney. — Thomas Gould. [36926/25]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the primary care centre in Mayfield. — Thomas Gould. [36927/25]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the primary care centre in Glanmire. — Thomas Gould. [36928/25]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary care centres delivered in Cork in each of the past five years; and the number of these that have been delivered under a long-term lease agreement. — Thomas Gould. [36929/25]

*380. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people currently awaiting an appointment at the regional eye centre in the south Infirmary and the average waiting time. — Thomas Gould. [36930/25]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health whether the number of operating theatres, and the number currently operational, in each of the Cork hospitals, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [36931/25]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children seen under the public dentistry service for routine checks in Cork, in each of the past five years. — Thomas Gould. [36932/25]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid in compensation, or litigation, in Cork, in each of the past five years. — Thomas Gould. [36933/25]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who requested to be seen in Southdoc Blackpool in 2025; and the number seen to date in 2025. — Thomas Gould. [36934/25]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients with an address in Cork city seen in Southdoc facilities in Cork county area. — Thomas Gould. [36935/25]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently awaiting an appointment with CAMHS in Cork by urgency level, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [36936/25]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GMS doctors in Cork and the number of GMS patients. — Thomas Gould. [36937/25]

*388. To ask the Minister for Health if she will agree to allow a GP in County Meath (details supplied) access to the GMS scheme while he is waiting for a lift to be installed in his practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36967/25]

Chun an Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta: To the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research; Innovation and Science.

*389. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to adequately support those undertaking apprenticeships (details supplied) in line with the Programme for Government's commitments regarding apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [36784/25]

*390. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the lower rate of student contribution fees as applied over the last few years will be applicable for the forthcoming academic year taking into account the serious costs associated with higher education and financial pressures on students and families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36896/25]

*391. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures that will be introduced to reduce the costs of further and higher education for students and their families taking into account increased costs of living over recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36897/25]

*392. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason those in a certain program at a higher-level institute (details supplied) were previously funded for two years, but those starting in September 2025 will only have one year. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36918/25]

Chun an Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta: To the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht.

*393. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the position regarding the total annual expenditure on promoting the Irish language, by year, since 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36768/25]

*394. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of town centre first plans passed by local authority in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [36913/25]

*395. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the current status of the dormant accounts funding; the amount spent on this in the past five years,

for a breakdown of expenditure for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [36771/25]

*396. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the current breakdown of expenditure for the dormant accounts funding; for an estimate of expenditure under this vehicle over the lifetime of this existing Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [36772/25]