



# **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.**

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [22233/25]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Aisling Dempsey. [23201/25]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Ryan O’Meara. [23202/25]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — John Connolly. [30268/25]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [32141/25]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [32399/25]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Barry Heneghan. [32402/25]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Darren O’Rourke. [33552/25]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [33564/25]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Cathal Crowe. [33565/25]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [33779/25]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [33926/25]
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Conor D. McGuinness. [35041/25]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [25318/25]

15. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Aindrias Moynihan. [26018/25]

16. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [32570/25]

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Shane Moynihan. [33559/25]

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Cathal Crowe. [33566/25]

19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [33614/25]

20. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — James O’Connor. [33856/25]

21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [33927/25]

22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [34039/25]

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Barry Heneghan. [34303/25]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Seán Fleming. [34612/25]

25. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Erin McGreehan. [34614/25]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [35371/25]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Darren O’Rourke. [37506/25]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [26918/25]

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Shane Moynihan. [33560/25]

30. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [34040/25]

31. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Cormac Devlin. [34613/25]

32. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [35368/25]

33. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [35372/25]

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Malcolm Byrne. [35405/25]

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [35615/25]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Darren O'Rourke. [37507/25]

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [37565/25]

38. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Paul Lawless. [37587/25]

39. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his discussions with the new Canadian prime minister. — Ivana Bacik. [28979/25]

40. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his discussions with the new Canadian prime minister. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30341/25]

41. To ask the Taoiseach if he has had any engagement to date with the new Canadian prime minister, Mark Carney. — Malcolm Byrne. [35275/25]

42. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his discussions with the new Canadian prime minister. — Paul Murphy. [35616/25]

43. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [25317/25]

44. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Cian O'Callaghan. [32569/25]

45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Darren O'Rourke. [33553/25]

46. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [33615/25]

47. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing last met. — Peadar Tóibín. [34037/25]

48. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Séamus McGrath. [34041/25]

49. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [34130/25]

50. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Barry Heneghan. [34302/25]

51. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Conor Sheehan. [35039/25]

52. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul McAuliffe. [35225/25]

53. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Shane Moynihan. [35226/25]

54. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [35373/25]

55. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35556/25]

56. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [35617/25]

57. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the Global Ireland Summit. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [24173/25]

58. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the Global Ireland Summit. — Ivana Bacik. [28978/25]

59. To ask the Taoiseach if he will detail the plans to develop a new foreign policy strategy, Global Ireland 2040. — Ruth Coppinger. [33616/25]

60. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [28976/25]

61. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Cian O'Callaghan. [32568/25]

62. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Cian O'Callaghan. [34301/25]

63. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [35369/25]

64. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Coordination will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [37566/25]

65. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the President of the European Commission in Brussels. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [26978/25]

66. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with the President of the European Commission. — Ivana Bacik. [33571/25]

67. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with the President of the European Commission. — Ruth Coppinger. [35370/25]

68. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with the President of the European Commission. — Peadar Tóibín. [37567/25]

69. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with the president of the European Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [37588/25]

70. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his call with Prime Minister Starmer on 13 May 2025. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [26979/25]

71. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with the British prime minister. — Ivana Bacik. [32272/25]

72. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2024, published by his Department in November 2024. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30340/25]

73. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2024, published by his Department in November 2024. — Cian O'Callaghan. [34300/25]

74. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [28975/25]

75. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [32139/25]

76. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — James O'Connor. [33857/25]

77. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the new Climate Investment Clearing House. — Ivana Bacik. [28977/25]

78. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the new Climate Investment Clearing House. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [32140/25]

79. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the updated national digital and AI strategy. — Ivana Bacik. [32274/25]

80. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the updated national digital and AI strategy. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [33613/25]

81. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the updated national digital and AI strategy. — Darren O'Rourke. [35254/25]

82. To ask the Taoiseach the reason the Government has not committed to a full independent inquiry on Covid 19; and if it will commit to such an inquiry. — Mattie McGrath. [32098/25]

83. To ask the Taoiseach the reason the Government has not committed to a full independent inquiry on Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [34036/25]

84. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the UN Ocean Conference. — Ivana Bacik. [32273/25]

85. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the UN Oceans Conference. — John Connolly. [32954/25]

86. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the World Ocean Summit. — Malcolm Byrne. [34017/25]

87. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the World Ocean Summit. — Malcolm Byrne. [35222/25]

88. To ask the Taoiseach if he will outline the priorities of his Department's housing and infrastructure unit. — James Geoghegan. [32279/25]

89. To ask the Taoiseach if he will outline the priorities of his Department's housing and infrastructure unit. — Ivana Bacik. [33573/25]

90. To ask the Taoiseach if he will outline the work of his Department's housing and infrastructure unit. — Peadar Tóibín. [34035/25]

91. To ask the Taoiseach if he will outline the priorities of his Department's housing and infrastructure unit. — Cian O'Callaghan. [34299/25]

92. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the housing and infrastructure unit within his Department. — James Geoghegan. [35872/25]

93. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance the 43rd summit meeting of the British-Irish Council. — Brendan Smith. [32953/25]

94. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the British Irish Council. — Ivana Bacik. [33572/25]

95. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update of the status of the National Risk Assessment 2025. — James Geoghegan. [37648/25]

#### **CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

96. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on developments from his and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage's refusal to provide a second-year cost of living package for students, despite the cost-of-living crisis continuing, resulting in student fees increasing by €1,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [37827/25]

97. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to continue to reduce the student contribution fee over the lifetime of the Government, as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37316/25]

98. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for information on the decision behind the cut of €1.3 million from SOLAS to the Tipperary Education Training Board, which has resulted in the cancellation of a valuable programme for

Early School Leavers at Cashel Local Training Initiative, which affects 14 students who will be unable to complete their studies and progress to Level 5 (equivalent of Honours Leaving Certificate); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [37828/25]

99. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the protections his Department can give to apprentices to ensure they receive the agreed wage, and that they are doing work relevant to their apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [37829/25]

100. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department will create a centralised third level information hub for students. — Maeve O'Connell. [37814/25]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

101. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the progress made regarding the funding issues at SOLAS and ETB apprenticeship training programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37556/25]

102. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans for a renewed action plan to succeed the Action Plan for Apprenticeship 2021-2025; if the new action plan will have a focus on apprentice wages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37310/25]

103. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will confirm that SOLAS is in receipt of sufficient funding from the State to ensure that it can deliver on its annual service plan and operate accordingly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [36974/25]

104. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the means by which he intends to implement the Programme for Government commitments regarding the cost of third level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [37436/25]

105. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will reverse his decision to increase the student contribution fee for third-level undergraduate students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [37415/25]

106. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to detail the uptake of the supports to help achieve a better gender balance in apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [37513/25]

107. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on his Department's plans for the reduction of the student contribution fee as per the commitments in the Programme for Government. — Maeve O'Connell. [37331/25]

108. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the impact of the increases in the SUSI grant levels introduced in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [37308/25]

109. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the funding cut for apprenticeships in Meath and across the State; his assessment of the practical impact of this cut; the measures he is taking to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [37297/25]

110. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will explain the rationale for the reported decision not to proceed with further reductions in the student contribution fee, in light of the commitment made in the Programme for Government to reduce these fees over the lifetime of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [37631/25]

111. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will expand the number of third level places related to therapies in the disability sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [37651/25]

112. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to clarify his recent comments regarding the student contribution fee, and if he will give clarity on how much students and their families will be paying in September 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [37646/25]

113. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps being taken to reach the target of 750 apprenticeships in the Public and Civil Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [37601/25]

114. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there is a detailed plan on how the national training fund will be expanded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [37309/25]

115. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the work being undertaken by his Department to increase the number of craft apprenticeships nationally, given their importance in meeting national construction and housing retrofit targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [37371/25]

116. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of Leaving Certificate holders who accepted a university place in each of the past ten years; the number of persons who graduated from University in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [37510/25]

117. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for the latest update on the implementation of a 'second chance' provision to ensure that students undertaking a repeat year or changing courses once can still access the free fees initiative, thereby avoiding financial penalties through higher fee rates, as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37595/25]

118. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the development of the Modern Methods of Construction Demonstration Park at Mount Lucas; the number of beneficiaries who will receive near zero energy building and

retrofitting training at the centre in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [37617/25]

119. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the same income eligibility limits for SUSI grants are applicable for students attending approved colleges and courses outside our jurisdiction, such as in Northern Ireland, Britain or the rest of the EU, as are applicable for students attending approved colleges or courses in this State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [37647/25]

120. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the targeted supports he intends to give to families for the upcoming college year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [37437/25]

121. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his rationale regarding the change in the student contribution charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [37620/25]

122. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps his Department is taking to ensure that the construction of the five new higher education buildings aligns with and supports universities' carbon reduction targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [37613/25]

123. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the number of students in receipt of various levels of SUSI grant; his plans to improve access to higher education by expanding the SUSI grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [37373/25]

124. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science about the proposed increase in third level fees, if this proposed increase will be in place for September 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [37634/25]

125. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider providing a career pathway for healthcare assistant profession through a third level course, apprenticeship, social care degrees or community care degrees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [37633/25]

126. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the third level fee supports that are available for graduate medicine students; if he will outline future plans for this if none are currently in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [37571/25]

127. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to address the falling rates of literacy, meaning the increase in the percentage of adults aged 16 to 65 in Ireland who are at or below level 1 on the OECD's five-level literacy scale. — Erin McGreehan. [37447/25]

128. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures he is taking to reduce commuting times for students who must travel over county lines to attend third level education. — Pa Daly. [37635/25]

129. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the actions his Department is taking to increase access to student accommodation in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [37416/25]

130. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the plans there are to reduce third level student fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37555/25]

131. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the progress on implementing the Programme for Government commitment to “Continue to reduce the student contribution fee over the lifetime of the Government to ease the financial burden on students and families at the start of each academic year, in a financially sustainable manner”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [37645/25]

132. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the means by which his Department is working to simplify apprenticeship pathways. — Maeve O’Connell. [37330/25]

133. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will confirm that he has engaged with the president of a school (details supplied) regarding Gaeltacht placement fees for post primary teachers; if he has considered their request for funding parity with their primary education teaching counterparts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [36975/25]

134. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on funding to replace or upgrade basic research equipment in our universities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [37372/25]

135. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will approve funding for the South East Technological University’s health, pharmacy, veterinary and apprenticeship buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [37403/25]

136. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a detailed roadmap for implementing the promise in the Programme for Government to “Continue to reduce the Student Contribution Fee over the lifetime of the Government”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [37581/25]

137. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the up-to-date position on the new student accommodation strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [37622/25]

138. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to extensive waiting lists for mental health supports in third level institutions; the actions he will take to address these delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [36979/25]

139. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to reduce the student

contribution fee over the lifetime of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [37637/25]

140. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has looked at streamlining and simplifying the SUSI application process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [37584/25]

141. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 4 of 22 May 2025, for an update on the developments made to increase the provision of student accommodation in Galway; when the new national student accommodation strategy due Q2 2025 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [37606/25]

142. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has undertaken any study to determine the impact on college uptake levels of the €1,000 reduction in the student contribution fee. — Paul Lawless. [37582/25]

143. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will ensure that measures are put in place to protect students from runaway inflation rates when tenancies change, as could happen under new tenancy legislation. — Brian Stanley. [36869/25]

144. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the increases in SUSI grants have kept pace with the cost of living increases in the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [37405/25]

145. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagement he and his Department have had with stakeholders regarding pay rates for PhD researchers students, as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37314/25]

146. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on his Department's options paper that will identify costs and policy options to reduce the cost of higher education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37596/25]

147. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the development of a borrowing framework for technological universities; the timeline for the delivery of the framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [37607/25]

148. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the major capital projects that will be progressed in 2025 in the further education sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [37628/25]

149. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plan for a renewed action plan to succeed the Action Plan for Apprenticeship 2021-2025; if the new action plan will have a focus on apprenticeships through local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37311/25]

150. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures being taken to address the shortage of third-level student accommodation; the measures being taken to ensure affordability of rents charged to students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [37623/25]

151. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the Department's plan to recruit US researchers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [37585/25]

152. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to confirm that he has engaged with both Trinity College Dublin and University College Cork with a view to increasing the number of Irish students that will be accommodated in dental training courses, in view of the fact that over 44% of training positions at the moment are provided to non-European students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [37374/25]

153. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 43 of 27 March 2025, if the position remains vacant; the number of positions in the university occupied by a person in an 'acting up' capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [37608/25]

154. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the target of 10,000 annual apprenticeship registrations by the end of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [37512/25]

155. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to expedite work on a site (details supplied) in Killarney, County Kerry, by developing a state-of-the-art campus focussing on skills development in hospitality training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [37610/25]

156. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to ensure student accommodation leases align with the academic year, making it easier for students to secure housing only for the months they need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37313/25]

157. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if consideration is being given to expanding employer placement opportunities as a formal component of university programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [37563/25]

158. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount of the student contribution fee will be for the 2025-2026 academic year and the 2026-2027 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [37579/25]

159. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 36 of 22 May 2025, for an update on the development of a new campus for further education and training in Galway city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [37605/25]

160. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to clarify the plans for the student contribution charge for the coming academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [37619/25]

161. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason a disparity in pay exists in how some apprentices are supported during their off-the-job phases of their training, i.e. engineering metal fabrication apprentices are paid according to outdated 2016 training allowance rates, while construction metal fabrication apprentices receive the updated 2025 rates for the very same level of skill and commitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [37600/25]

162. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans in place to increase the number of degree courses for occupational therapy and speech and language therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [37632/25]

163. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress of the expansion of apprenticeships since the publication of the action plan on apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [37404/25]

164. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will make specific capital funding commitments to deliver the South East Technological University strategic plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [37402/25]

165. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will make a strong case to Cabinet to retain the cost of living reduction of €1,000 for student fees in Budget 2026, and to making this welcome initiative a permanent feature; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [37570/25]

166. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to consider Ireland's potential membership of the European Infrastructure for Translational Medicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [37612/25]

167. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline any additional supports being considered to assist students with disabilities in their transition from secondary to third level education, particularly in areas such as academic supports, accessibility, accommodation and mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [37636/25]

168. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline the steps being taken to integrate green skills across further and higher education programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [37562/25]

169. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the action he is taking to ensure that there is an increase in qualified people coming into the workforce, in particular those that are required in essential services, such as dentistry, dental hygienists, radiology, and radiation therapists in order to meet the needs of citizens in view of the fact that the population of the country has increased by 43% since 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [37375/25]

170. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the new building for Dunboyne College of Further Education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [37298/25]

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**CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA**  
**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*171. To ask the Taoiseach the number of the seven external experts appointed or to be appointed to the new disability unit in his Department that have lived experience of disability in Ireland. — Erin McGreehan. [36919/25]

\*172. To ask the Taoiseach the total value in trade in goods and services between Ireland and Russia in each of the years 2020 to 2024, inclusive; the major sectors for that trade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [36982/25]

\*173. To ask the Taoiseach his Department's expenditure on hairstyling, make-up, personal grooming, and general cosmetic expenses, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37003/25]

\*174. To ask the Taoiseach his Department's expenditure on beauticians, make-up artists or hairdressing professionals, stylists or personal shoppers, specifying if such expenditure was on a contract or retainer fee basis, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37022/25]

\*175. To ask the Taoiseach his expenditure on advertising detailing the objective, duration, media platforms, advertising agency or agencies, and cost of each advertising campaign in each of the years 2015 to 2025. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37040/25]

\*176. To ask the Taoiseach his Department's expenditure on media training in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the firms contracted to provide training; and the position or grade of those availing of training for example minister, secretary general, principal officer and so on. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37057/25]

\*177. To ask the Taoiseach his Department's expenditure on media consultancy in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the consultancy firms involved; and the nature of each contract, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37075/25]

\*178. To ask the Taoiseach the number of purchase orders processed by his Department in 2023 that were not included in the published reports of purchase orders over €20,000; the number of purchase orders excluded due to their value falling below the €20,000 threshold, and the total combined value of those purchase orders; and the number of purchase orders excluded because they related to transactions other than goods or services (for example, grants-in-aid, reimbursements), in line with reporting conventions. — Albert Dolan. [37240/25]

\*179. To ask the Taoiseach to outline his engagements during the UN Ocean Climate Summit in Nice. — Barry Heneghan. [37356/25]

\*180. To ask the Taoiseach when the Climate Action Plan progress reports for the remainder of 2024 will be published. — Barry Heneghan. [37358/25]

\*181. To ask the Taoiseach the value of both imports and exports of trade in both goods and services between Ireland and the occupied Palestinian territories in each of the years 2021 to 2024 and to date-in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [37493/25]

\*182. To ask the Taoiseach the amount of the €550 million allocated from the shared island fund that has been drawn down to date; and the means by which his Department manages and tracks this. — Emer Currie. [37784/25]

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

\*183. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the outcome of the review of the EU-Israel Association Agreement. — Brendan Smith. [36907/25]

\*184. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the outcome of the most recent discussions with Members of the Northern Ireland Executive in relation to North/South issues. — Brendan Smith. [36908/25]

\*185. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his Department's expenditure on hairstyling, make-up, personal grooming, and general cosmetic expenses, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36995/25]

\*186. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his Department's expenditure on beauticians, make-up artists or hairdressing professionals, stylists or personal shoppers, specifying if such expenditure was on a contract or retainer fee basis, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37014/25]

\*187. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his expenditure on advertising detailing the objective, duration, media platforms, advertising agency or agencies, and cost of each advertising campaign in each of the years 2015 to 2025. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37032/25]

\*188. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his Department's expenditure on media training in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the firms contracted to provide training; and the position or grade of those availing of training for example minister, secretary general, principal officer and so on. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37049/25]

\*189. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his Department's expenditure on media consultancy in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the consultancy firms involved; and the nature of each contract, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37067/25]

\*190. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the release of Belarus opposition leader Sergei Tikhanovsky after five years. — Barry Ward. [37105/25]

\*191. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the state of human rights and personal freedoms in Belarus. — Barry Ward. [37106/25]

\*192. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps he will take at European Council level to continue to apply pressure on the Lukashenko regime in Belarus to promote respect for, and compliance with, human rights and international law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37107/25]

\*193. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of Irish citizens currently resident in Belarus; if any are currently incarcerated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37108/25]

\*194. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the direct contact Ireland has had with the Lukashenko government in Belarus in the past year, or five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37109/25]

\*195. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to allegations of election impropriety in Albania by some international observers; the actions he will take to engage with officials in that country in relation to these allegations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37198/25]

\*196. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the actions he will take at an EU Council level to discuss the recent election results in Albania; if allegations of election impropriety from some international observers is on the agenda for the next EU council meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37199/25]

\*197. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether Ireland has been invited to the emergency ministerial meeting on Palestine being hosted by the Hague Group in Bogotá on 15 and 16 of July 2025, if he intends for us to join the Hague Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [37200/25]

\*198. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of purchase orders processed by his Department in 2023 that were not included in the published reports of purchase orders over €20,000; the number of purchase orders excluded due to their value falling below the €20,000 threshold, and the total combined value of those purchase orders; and the number of purchase orders excluded because they related to transactions other than goods or services (for example, grants-in-aid, reimbursements), in line with reporting conventions. — Albert Dolan. [37232/25]

\*199. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total number of people who the Government accepts have been killed in the Israel-Gaza conflict to date; the number of these deaths that are civilians; the number that are Hamas militants; the sources of information which Ministers use when quoting these numbers in public statements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37320/25]

\*200. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been brought to concerns raised about a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [37327/25]

\*201. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he is aware of the case of a person (details supplied); the assistance his Department is giving to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [37357/25]

\*202. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the next of kin which is listed on the back of a passport can be changed if the named next of kin has passed away; the current process to change this is to renew a valid passport; if an alternative option will be considered; where the name of the next of kin could be updated without renewal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [37390/25]

\*203. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the complex passport application that has been raised directly with the Department of Justice; Home Affairs and Migration (details supplied); the actions he will take to ensure that this issue is resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37398/25]

\*204. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of German military aircraft that have been allowed to use Shannon Airport for training, or other purposes, since 7 October 2023; if he has any concerns given Germany's provision of weapons to Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [37599/25]

\*205. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on a foreign birth register application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [37616/25]

\*206. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade is he aware of the tremendous work being carried out by an organisation (details supplied) in New York, which aims to bridge the gap between Irish graduates and job opportunities in the New York tri-state area; if he has received a request from them to assist with the cost of an administrator; his response to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [37691/25]

\*207. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he accepts the findings in the report of the special rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 entitled "From economy of occupation to economy of genocide" published on 1 July 2025; if he will commit to implementing in full the three recommendations made in the report for member states of the United Nations; and if so, the plans he has to do so.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [37696/25]

\*208. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a passport can be issued for a child (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [37762/25]

\*209. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding the legal advice he received in relation to the use of Shannon Airport by United States aircraft carrying deportees to North Africa (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37781/25]

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

\*210. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when Ireland plans to formally leave the Energy Charter Treaty, particularly in light of the EU exit and Inter Se Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [37725/25]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to confirm Ireland's stance on the Right to a Healthy Environment Campaign at the Council of Europe, specifically regarding

whether or not we are in favour; our position on the “floodgate” argument against the protocol; and ideally how access to justice in courts would look. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36983/25]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his Department’s expenditure on hairstyling, make-up, personal grooming, and general cosmetic expenses, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36988/25]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his Department’s expenditure on beauticians, make-up artists or hairdressing professionals, stylists or personal shoppers, specifying if such expenditure was on a contract or retainer fee basis, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37008/25]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his expenditure on advertising detailing the objective, duration, media platforms, advertising agency or agencies, and cost of each advertising campaign in each of the years 2015 to 2025. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37026/25]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his Department’s expenditure on media training in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the firms contracted to provide training; and the position or grade of those availing of training for example minister, secretary general, principal officer and so on. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37043/25]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his Department’s expenditure on media consultancy in each of the years 2015 to 2025; and the consultancy firms involved; and the nature of each contract, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37061/25]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding a timeline for when the terms of reference for the National Energy Affordability Taskforce will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37141/25]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reasons for the failure to meet the deadline for completing the Climate Action Plan 2024, sub action EL/24/22, to implement enhanced emissions reporting framework for electricity emissions for large energy users, by the end of 2024. — Eoin Ó Broin. [37143/25]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if, with respect to the upcoming rollout of the RHO (Renewable Heat Obligation) he will support the following measures for inclusion in the scheme: separation of the liquid fuels and gas sector into different schemes, create a dedicated renewable liquid fuels obligation incorporating obligations for transport and heating, and set an immediate 20% renewable liquid fuel obligation for home heating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37169/25]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of purchase orders processed by his Department in 2023 that were not included in the published reports of purchase orders over €20,000; the number of purchase orders excluded due to their value falling below the €20,000 threshold, and the total combined value of those purchase orders; and the number of purchase orders excluded because they related to transactions other than goods or services (for example, grants-in-aid, reimbursements), in line with reporting conventions. — Albert Dolan. [37226/25]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to the publication of the Electricity Storage Policy Framework for Ireland in July 2024, how his Department intends to address the safety and regulation concerns that are now widespread in communities across the country where new electricity storage installations are proposed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [37539/25]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will report on the current energy policy narrative that Ireland will become a significant exporter of renewable electricity, particularly wind energy, in view of recent Eurostat figures showing that Ireland was a net importer of electricity by over 3,000 GWh in 2023 and over 5,000 GWh in 2024, while electricity exports declined from 446 GWh in 2023 to 210 GWh in 2024; given that Ireland continues to have among the highest electricity prices in Europe.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [37572/25]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has undertaken any cost benefit or an electricity price impact analysis regarding the warning raised by EirGrid that very significant levels of renewable power will need to be spilled under the current Climate Action Plan targets (details supplied); if, under the current Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (RESS) terms, renewable energy generators will continue to be paid even when their output is curtailed or spilled, with those costs passed on to electricity consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [37573/25]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the timeline for the public consultation to inform the development of Ireland’s Social Climate Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37686/25]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to outline, in respect of greenhouse gas emissions from data centres, the sectoral emissions ceiling those emissions are counted towards under the sectoral emissions ceilings set by the Government in July 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [37839/25]

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

\*226. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his Department’s expenditure on hairstyling, make-up, personal grooming, and general cosmetic expenses, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36990/25]

\*227. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his Department’s expenditure on beauticians, make-up artists or hairdressing professionals, stylists or personal shoppers, specifying if such expenditure was on a contract or retainer fee basis, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37010/25]

\*228. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his expenditure on advertising detailing the objective, duration, media platforms, advertising agency or agencies, and cost of each advertising campaign in each of the years 2015 to 2025. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37028/25]

\*229. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his Department’s expenditure on media training in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the firms contracted to provide training; and the position or grade of those availing of training for example minister, secretary general, principal officer and so on. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37045/25]

\*230. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his Department's expenditure on media consultancy in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the consultancy firms involved; and the nature of each contract, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37063/25]

\*231. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department has sanctioned the expenditure of €299,000 excluding VAT to convert artillery towing Land Rovers from diesel to electric power; if such vehicles, if converted may be suitable for use in towing gun carriages at military funerals; if there are any other perceived advantages in such conversions, whether there are any further plans for such conversions of Defence Forces vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [37086/25]

\*232. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 335 of 29 April 2025, the outcome of the consultant's report cited; whether he will make this report public; the steps his Department is taking to retrofit or otherwise bring vacant married quarters previously used by the Defence Forces owned by his Department back into use as accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [37216/25]

\*233. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of purchase orders processed by his Department in 2023 that were not included in the published reports of purchase orders over €20,000; the number of purchase orders excluded due to their value falling below the €20,000 threshold, and the total combined value of those purchase orders; and the number of purchase orders excluded because they related to transactions other than goods or services (for example, grants-in-aid, reimbursements), in line with reporting conventions. — Albert Dolan. [37228/25]

\*234. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the procedures to be followed in order for Ireland to commit to the security action for Europe regulation further to his announcement on 27 June 2025 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [37712/25]

\*235. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence where the military archives for the past 50 years are held; if they are accessible to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [37793/25]

\*236. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his plans to ensure that Nenagh Military Barracks is maintained and a plan is put in place for its future. — Alan Kelly. [37879/25]

*Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.*

\*237. To ask the Minister for Transport if sufficient legislation is in place in order for fixed charge notices to be issued for the offence of displaying illegal number plates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37811/25]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Transport his Department's expenditure on hairstyling, make-up, personal grooming, and general cosmetic expenses, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37005/25]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Transport his Department's expenditure on beauticians, make-up artists or hairdressing professionals, stylists or personal shoppers, specifying if such expenditure was on a contract or retainer fee basis, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37023/25]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Transport his expenditure on advertising detailing the objective, duration, media platforms, advertising agency or agencies, and cost of each advertising campaign in each of the years 2015 to 2025. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37041/25]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Transport his Department's expenditure on media training in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the firms contracted to provide training; and the position or grade of those availing of training for example minister, secretary general, principal officer and so on. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37058/25]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Transport his Department's expenditure on media consultancy in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the consultancy firms involved; and the nature of each contract, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37076/25]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will commit to Government funding to support the runway extension development at Waterford Airport. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37087/25]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Transport when a decision will be made regarding Government funding to support the runway extension development at Waterford Airport. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37088/25]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagements he has had with stakeholders regarding the runway extension development at Waterford Airport since assuming office, in tabular form, including the name of stakeholder, date and type of engagement, location of meeting if applicable, and engagement outcome. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37089/25]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has carried out an analysis of cost increases relating to the proposed runway extension development at Waterford Airport arising out of construction inflation between the years 2019 to 2025, during which time the project could not proceed; and if so, if he will detail the results of that analysis. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37090/25]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has carried out projections of likely cost increases relating to the proposed runway extension development at Waterford Airport arising out of annual construction inflation should the project not proceed this year; and if so, if he will detail those projections. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37091/25]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to extend the list of recognised states in the exchange of a foreign driving licence to include the United States; when he anticipates the change will occur; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [37121/25]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to extend the list of recognised states in the exchange of a foreign driving licence to include more countries; the countries with which Ireland currently has reciprocal licensing agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [37122/25]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Transport if the RSA could provide drivers with SMS reminders, with Eircode-specific directions and on-site signage, to prevent driving test no-shows due to issues with locating test centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37204/25]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Transport the additional measures his Department plans to implement to prevent misuse of e-scooters, including speeding and driving on footpaths. — Tom Brabazon. [37209/25]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on proposed updates to the 318 bus service linking Ennis and Limerick city (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [37218/25]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of purchase orders processed by his Department in 2023 that were not included in the published reports of purchase orders over €20,000; the number of purchase orders excluded due to their value falling below the €20,000 threshold, and the total combined value of those purchase orders; and the number of purchase orders excluded because they related to transactions other than goods or services (for example, grants-in-aid, reimbursements), in line with reporting conventions. — Albert Dolan. [37241/25]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which his Department is using ongoing data analysis and local knowledge to identify accident-prone areas and focus road safety interventions where they are most needed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [37253/25]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Transport when he expects to finalise and publish the national drone policy framework, as committed to in the Programme for Government, to ensure safe, secure and environmentally responsible drone operations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [37262/25]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Transport if the forthcoming drone legislation will include a right for residents to opt out of drone overflights or hovering near their private properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [37263/25]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider introducing temporary drone restriction zones in residential areas such as (details supplied) pending the finalisation of the national drone policy framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [37264/25]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Transport the outcome of the cross-departmental taskforce in into driver recruitment and retention challenges. — Marie Sherlock. [37267/25]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to legislation that would make it mandatory for all vehicle drivers to use dipped headlights during the daytime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37296/25]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Transport if an application by a person (details supplied) can be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37303/25]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Transport if any consideration is being given to changing the ten-year rule for SPSV licence holders (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [37317/25]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Transport to review case (details supplied) and if he can expedite same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [37343/25]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps his Department is taking to promote safer driving, following the publication of the 2025 ETSC Road Safety Report, which highlights increased road deaths among young people in Ireland (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [37377/25]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to develop a bypass of Innishannon, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [37383/25]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department intends to develop specific youth-focused road safety measures or targets under the Road Safety Strategy 2025 to 2027, given the disproportionately high number of road deaths among 16-to-25-year-olds, as reported in the European Transport Safety Council's 2025 report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [37391/25]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has undertaken an analysis of Ireland's declining ranking in EU road safety performance, specifically in relation to the high rate of road fatalities among drivers aged 18-to-24 years of age; if he will outline any policy responses under consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [37392/25]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will commission an updated evaluation of the Essential Driver Training programme to determine its impact on young driver safety outcomes since its introduction in 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [37393/25]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has engaged with the Road Safety Authority in response to the findings of the 2025 European Transport Safety Council Road Safety Performance Index, particularly the reported increase in the proportion of road deaths among people aged 16 to 25; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [37394/25]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding provided for footpaths to each of the 31 local authorities in each of the past five years; the distance of footpaths covered with this funding in each local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [37406/25]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on additional funding to meet the possible cost of the acquisition of a new boat for Cahore Inshore Rescue, and other plans for funding for similar voluntary bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [37414/25]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on regulatory framework governing drones used for commercial deliveries; the options that exist for residents to opt out of flight zones; and for an update on any other related information on committee discussions or ministerial action on this issue. — Paul Donnelly. [37450/25]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has provided a letter of support for CIÉ pension increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [37451/25]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the proposed cycle greenway route through Kinvara, County Galway; the current stage of the project; and the expected timeline for complete and delivery. — Albert Dolan. [37476/25]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of issues with the CIÉ Superannuation Scheme 1951 (details supplied); the steps he will take, or has taken, to address the matter; and if he will instruct the CIÉ Board to pause all trustee-related decisions pending the restoration of a fully functioning scheme committee. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [37481/25]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Transport for estimated cost of extending the Young Adult Leap Card to encompass all those under the age of 30; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [37543/25]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Public Transport Safety Charter; the stakeholders involved in the drafting process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [37545/25]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of valid driving licences issued as of 2 July 2025 that rely on the condition that a certification of fitness was provided with renewal applications; if his attention has been drawn to the financial burden that the required to provide certification every three years for persons over 75 years-of-age and his plans to mitigate this; and the number of licences issues to persons in the 65 to 71 years bracket in the past three years to date, the 72 to 74 years and over 75 years, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [37615/25]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department is aware of the issues and confusion being caused by the naming of two driver test centres in Mulhuddart, one near a hotel in Tyrrelstown (details supplied), and one at Parslickstown, Mulhuddart, and that this naming of two centres as ‘Mulhuddart’ is causing people undertaking tests to go to the wrong centre and miss their test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [37638/25]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Transport the current waiting time for applications for a driving licence after a driving test has been passed; the steps he is taking to reduce this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [37639/25]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department intends on strengthening the rules and regulations around illegal parking in disabled parking spaces during the lifetime of this Government; the measures being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37680/25]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are any limitations to extending subsidies to commuters for the purposes to incentivise the take-up of sustainable travel services provided by commercial operators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37685/25]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Transport when the newly approved Local Link service between Ballinasloe and Athlone is scheduled to commence, given that it was previously announced the service would be operational by June 2025. — Martin Daly. [37730/25]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department is considering measures to alleviate the financial burden on individuals living with epilepsy who are required to undergo annual medical assessments and driving licence renewals; if his Department has assessed the cumulative financial impact of these requirements on such individuals; whether there are plans to introduce

financial supports, subsidies, or exemptions for those affected; the engagement that has taken place with relevant stakeholders in the disability, health, and transport sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [37737/25]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Transport the waiting time between passing the driver theory test and being able to apply for the driving test; if this time is required for those who need to drive for work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [37744/25]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will expedite the introduction of taxi wheelchair accessible grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [37778/25]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to the introduction of a limousine wheelchair-accessible grant to cater for disabled clients who visit our country and have the resources to tour the Ring of Kerry or, for example, the Dingle peninsula, in comfort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [37779/25]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the status of the promised bus service linking Athenry to Galway city, which was scheduled to commence in Q2 of 2025; the reason for the delay; and if he will outline a revised timeline for its introduction, given the current absence of any public bus service in Athenry and the transport needs of the hundreds of residents who rely on access to Galway for work, education, and essential services. — Albert Dolan. [37787/25]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the display signs on platforms at Connolly Station are frequently not working; when these signs which are vital tools for communication, will be reliably operational; the steps being taken to improve real-time passenger information for rail users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [37800/25]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason bus timetables are not displayed at train stations on the Northern line, including Skerries; the measures that will be introduced to ensure bus and train timetables are clearly visible to help passengers plan their journeys; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [37801/25]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason passengers cannot board Dublin Bus services at Skerries train station; the plans in place to address this lack of connectivity in order that bus and train services can properly integrate to meet commuter needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [37802/25]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the coordination that takes place between the National Transport Authority, Irish Rail, and Dublin Bus to ensure sufficient public transport capacity to and particularly from major concerts and sporting events; if there are plans to improve this coordination for the remaining events this year and for the 2026 season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [37803/25]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request the National Transport Authority to provide a detailed overview of the project plan for the Next Generation Ticketing programme, including key deliverables, milestone dates, and associated costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [37804/25]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 30 of 2 July 2025, the steps his Department has taken to develop a new needs-based, grant-led scheme for

vehicle adaptations, as proposed under the National Disability Inclusion Strategy; when this new scheme is expected to be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [37825/25]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details on the proposed Blanchardstown LUAS line under the LUAS 2050 vision; the steps taken regarding this development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37883/25]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details on the proposed Tyrrelstown LUAS line under the LUAS 2050 vision; the steps taken regarding this development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37884/25]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Transport whether any potential routes have been identified for the proposed Blanchardstown LUAS line under the LUAS 2050 vision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37885/25]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Transport whether any potential routes have been identified for the proposed Tyrrelstown LUAS line under the LUAS 2050 vision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37886/25]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Transport whether any funding has been allocated for the proposed Blanchardstown LUAS line under the LUAS 2050 vision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37887/25]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Transport whether any funding has been allocated for the proposed Tyrrelstown LUAS line under the LUAS 2050 vision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37888/25]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details on the proposed Orbital West LUAS line under the LUAS 2050 vision; the steps taken regarding this development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37889/25]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Transport whether any potential routes have been identified for the proposed Orbital West LUAS line under the LUAS 2050 vision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37890/25]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Transport whether any funding has been allocated for the proposed Orbital West LUAS line under the LUAS 2050 vision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37891/25]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Transport for a timeline for the introduction of free public transport for children under the age of nine that was announced in budget 2025 and expected to be launched in Quarter 3 of 2025 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [37893/25]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Transport when it is envisaged that work will start on the development of the proposed Blanchardstown LUAS line under the LUAS 2050 vision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37894/25]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Transport when it is envisaged that work will start on the development of the proposed Tyrrelstown LUAS line under the LUAS 2050 vision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37895/25]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Transport when it is envisaged that work will start on the development of the proposed Orbital West LUAS line under the LUAS 2050 vision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37896/25]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown of annual funding provided to TII for winter maintenance in each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025; the projected funding for 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [37897/25]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown of funding allocated to TII under the winter maintenance fleet upgrade programme for new spreaders and brine harvesters since 2023; the amount of same that has been spent; the projected spend in this area for 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [37898/25]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider making it a requirement that all taxi drivers operating wheelchair-accessible vehicles are properly certified to use the ramp and equipment, so that passengers with disabilities are not left without transport; if he will clarify the current rules in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [37904/25]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Transport when camera enforcement of bus lanes will begin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [37923/25]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Transport when camera enforcement of red lights will begin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [37924/25]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Transport what the next phase of the BusConnects Network in Dublin is; and whether it will include 24 hour services. — Roderic O’Gorman. [37925/25]

*Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.*

\*313. To ask the Minister for Finance to outline, given the difficulties with getting school bus drivers, the reason those willing to drive the school bus and may have a small pension, face a Revenue bill during the summer months when they have to draw down jobseeker’s allowance for seven weeks (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [37687/25]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Finance his Department’s expenditure on hairstyling, make-up, personal grooming, and general cosmetic expenses, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36994/25]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Finance his Department’s expenditure on beauticians, make-up artists or hairdressing professionals, stylists or personal shoppers, specifying if such expenditure was on a contract or retainer fee basis, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37013/25]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Finance his expenditure on advertising detailing the objective, duration, media platforms, advertising agency or agencies, and cost of each advertising campaign in each of the years 2015 to 2025. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37031/25]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Finance his Department's expenditure on media training in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the firms contracted to provide training; and the position or grade of those availing of training for example minister, secretary general, principal officer and so on. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37048/25]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Finance his Department's expenditure on media consultancy in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the consultancy firms involved; and the nature of each contract, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37066/25]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 289 of 17 June 2025, if the Revenue Commissioners is under inquiry or investigation in relation to its destruction of millions of call recordings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [37085/25]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason married couples can share their tax reliefs and allowances between them but cohabiting couples are taxed as single individuals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [37110/25]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Finance the date his Department plans to publish the summer economic statement; the way in which it plans to account for any proximate announcements regarding EU-US tariffs in its published estimates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [37111/25]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on the National Economic Dialogue. — Ivana Bacik. [35902/25]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount collected in 2023 and 2024 from the vacant homes tax. — Séamus McGrath. [37187/25]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide the cost to the exchequer of the help to buy scheme in each of the years since its creation in 2016 in tabular form, and; an estimation of the cost for each year from the last year for which final numbers are available until 2030. — Aidan Farrelly. [37191/25]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of purchase orders processed by his Department in 2023 that were not included in the published reports of purchase orders over €20,000; the number of purchase orders excluded due to their value falling below the €20,000 threshold, and the total combined value of those purchase orders; and the number of purchase orders excluded because they related to transactions other than goods or services (for example, grants-in-aid, reimbursements), in line with reporting conventions. — Albert Dolan. [37231/25]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount raised from stamp duty on shares in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [37256/25]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is confident in the methodology behind the Revenue Commissioners ready reckoner, which estimates the fiscal impact of changes to tobacco excise; if he accepts that the model appears not to take into account any behavioural responses

such as changes in consumption patterns or the growth of the illicit trade driven by consumers seeking alternative purchasing routes in response to high excise; the steps being taken to improve the accuracy and reliability of such projections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37268/25]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Finance if he would amend the rules governing the residential zoned land tax to exclude the period where an active planning application or appeal is underway on a given site.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [37286/25]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will increase the tax reliefs allowable with the primary medical certificate in line with current vehicle values; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [37295/25]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Finance whether the social welfare payments announced in the cost of living package in the previous year are exempt from tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37304/25]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Finance the value of the overcompensation provided as a result of the inclusion of poultry broiler sector within the VAT flat-rate addition scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [37360/25]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Finance to clarify the level of engagement his Department has with the Bank of International Settlements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37381/25]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of money raised through windfall tax receipts used for current expenditure between the years 2020 to date in 2025, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [37395/25]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address the anomaly that exists in regard to inheritance tax in respect of childless couples (details supplied) and bring an end to this very obvious discrimination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [37564/25]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies (details supplied) in Ireland have failed to file their annual return by two years or more, as of 3 July 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [37818/25]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies (details supplied) in Ireland have failed to file their annual return by three years or more, as of 3 July 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [37819/25]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies (details supplied) in Ireland have failed to file their annual return by four years or more, as of 3 July 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [37820/25]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider raising the price cap of the help-to-buy scheme given the continuing increases house price inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [37824/25]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are any limitations to extending tax relief to commuters for the purposes to incentive the take-up of sustainable travel services provided by commercial operators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [38453/25]

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

\*340. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if the Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund operated by his Department will have its indicative allocations announced as part of the NDP Review; the engagement his Department has had with other Departments regarding this allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [37642/25]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his expenditure on advertising detailing the objective, duration, media platforms, advertising agency or agencies, and cost of each advertising campaign in each of the years 2015 to 2025. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37037/25]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his Department’s expenditure on media consultancy in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the consultancy firms involved; and the nature of each contract, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37072/25]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to the migration from the former eTenders platform (details supplied) to the current national eTenders system, to clarify whether full historical tender and award data from the previous platform has been preserved and made publicly accessible; where and how members of the public, researchers, and suppliers can access historical procurement records; and if access is no longer available centrally, to outline the steps being taken to ensure transparency and continuity of public procurement data, particularly for awards that were never mirrored on TED (tenders electronic daily). — Albert Dolan. [37221/25]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of purchase orders processed by his Department in 2023 that were not included in the published reports of purchase orders over €20,000; the number of purchase orders excluded due to their value falling below the €20,000 threshold, and the total combined value of those purchase orders; and the number of purchase orders excluded because they related to transactions other than goods or services (for example, grants-in-aid, reimbursements), in line with reporting conventions. — Albert Dolan. [37237/25]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the estimated cost of increasing the Garda training allowance to €579.15 per week for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [37368/25]

\*346. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí, Bonneagair, Athchóiriúcháin Seirbhíse Poiblí agus Digitiúcháin an bhféadfadh sé trácht a dhéanamh ar an athbhreithniú ar an bPlean Forbartha Náisiúnta atá ar bun faoi láthair; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Mairéad Farrell. [37621/25]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether the indicative allocation of the Governments Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund will be made and announced as part of the NDP Review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [37640/25]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether an indicative allocation of the final tranche of money raised from AIB share sales will be made and announced as part of the NDP Review; the amount this will be; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [37641/25]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the OPW’s view on whether the Phoenix Park was returned to an ‘as found’ condition following recent concerts, as was promised to residents, following recent concerts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [37643/25]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if the OPW will review the traffic arrangements put in place to facilitate the Bloom event in the Phoenix Park in June, with a particular view on their impact on surrounding estates in Dublin 7 and Dublin 15; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [37644/25]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he has considered a casual trading licence for selling ice cream in the Phoenix Park during the summer months in areas of high footfall; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37747/25]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether he has been approached by the Minister for Transport to give Ministerial consent to the sale of the retail units in the General Post Office Arcade to the rear of the General Post Office in Dublin City Centre; if so, when and if he will ensure that they are made available for letting; that the fine period features of the Arcade are carefully renovated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [37919/25]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the parts of the whole GPO site that are currently under the ownership of the OPW; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [37921/25]

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

\*354. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide an update on the timeline for the implementation of the Employment (Contractual Retirement Ages) Bill 2025; if the Minister will confirm when this piece of legislation will be enacted; and if he will confirm that the necessary measures are being taken to ensure that there are no delays to the bill’s enactment. — Tom Brabazon. [37853/25]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the status of legislation for a referendum on Ireland’s membership of the European Unified Patent Court system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [36981/25]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his Department's expenditure on hairstyling, make-up, personal grooming, and general cosmetic expenses, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36992/25]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his Department's expenditure on beauticians, make-up artists or hairdressing professionals, stylists or personal shoppers, specifying if such expenditure was on a contract or retainer fee basis, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37012/25]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his expenditure on advertising detailing the objective, duration, media platforms, advertising agency or agencies, and cost of each advertising campaign in each of the years 2015 to 2025. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37030/25]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his Department's expenditure on media training in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the firms contracted to provide training; and the position or grade of those availing of training for example minister, secretary general, principal officer and so on. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37047/25]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his Department's expenditure on media consultancy in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the consultancy firms involved; and the nature of each contract, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37065/25]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the initiatives currently undertaken or planned by his Department and agencies under his remit to encourage more businesses to adapt faster, more reliable fibre to the premise broadband over slower, outdated copper broadband; if he is concerned by Comreg data which indicates that only 10% of all business broadband connections currently are fibre to the premises connections; if his Department has undertaken any research on the impact of continuing to use outdated copper broadband on business productivity and efficiency and on the adaptation of digital technologies such as AI; the way in which his Department intends to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [37078/25]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will make a specific targeted provision for a scheme to support small businesses in providing baby changing facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37129/25]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of purchase orders processed by his Department in 2023 that were not included in the published reports of purchase orders over €20,000; the number of purchase orders excluded due to their value falling below the €20,000 threshold, and the total combined value of those purchase orders; and the number of purchase orders excluded because they related to transactions other than goods or services (for example, grants-in-aid, reimbursements), in line with reporting conventions. — Albert Dolan. [37230/25]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding the full enactment of the Companies (Corporate Governance, Enforcement and Regulatory Provisions) Act 2024, specifically in relation to audit exemptions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37340/25]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to improve AI literacy on a national level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [37376/25]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the protections that will be in place for family home bed and breakfasts as part of the short-term letting legislation currently being considered (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [37430/25]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he is aware of the success of a business (details supplied), of the number of employees working in the facility and the number of visitors the facility attracts on an annual basis; the supports his Department is providing to the business to ensure its continued success; if he is aware of the limitations of the current retail planning guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [37453/25]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the reason section 22 of the Companies (Corporate Governance, Enforcement and Regulatory Provisions) Act 2024 has not been commenced. — Ivana Bacik. [37578/25]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when he expects the Employment (Contractual Retirement Ages) Bill 2025 to be enacted; if he will respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [37661/25]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if, given the eight competent authorities for the EU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act announced in March, he will set out the specific regulatory bodies and market surveillance authorities that are responsible for each of the prohibitions (Article 5) and high-risk uses (Annex III) in the Act (details supplied), in tabular form; if he will clarify the lead regulator for the EU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act in Ireland; if the lead regulator will be an independent authority or established within an existing Government Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [37903/25]

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

\*371. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of proposed changes to the school bus service for a school (details supplied); if she is aware that parents have been informed by Bus Éireann that the drop-off is being changed; the rationale for this change which will mean pupils will have to walk 1.1 kilometres to access transport; if a safety assessment has been completed in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [36976/25]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth his Department's expenditure on hairstyling, make-up, personal grooming, and general cosmetic expenses, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36991/25]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Department's expenditure on beauticians, make-up artists or hairdressing professionals, stylists or personal shoppers, specifying if such expenditure was on a contract or retainer fee basis, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37011/25]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her expenditure on advertising detailing the objective, duration, media platforms, advertising agency or agencies, and cost of each advertising campaign in each of the years 2015 to 2025. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37029/25]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Department's expenditure on media training in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the firms contracted to provide training; and the position or grade of those availing of training for example minister, secretary general, principal officer and so on. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37046/25]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Department's expenditure on media consultancy in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the consultancy firms involved; and the nature of each contract, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37064/25]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the details of each capital project funded by her Department in each year since 2020, by county, including name of school, nature of the project, square metre, final costs excluding land acquisition, final cost including land acquisition and cost per square metre, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37079/25]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures in place to ensure value for money on capital projects funded by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37080/25]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will re-introduce the route for people who undertook an early childhood care bachelor's degree to attend a postgraduate course in a college (details supplied); and the supports he has put in place to help undergraduates progress from their early childhood care degree to furthering their studies to become a special education teacher. — Paul Donnelly. [37082/25]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if funding will be allocated under the application for the new summer works scheme for a school (details supplied). — Michael Lowry. [37083/25]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the permanent extension of a school (details supplied); the reasons modular accommodation was not provided in September 2024; if it will be ready for September 2025 or alternative accommodation would be provided for two special classes that were sanctioned in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37123/25]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on an announced sanctioned special class for a school (details supplied); to provide details on when the admissions process will commence; when the class will be ready; whether this class has actually been sanctioned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37124/25]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in Dublin 15 awaiting a place in a special school or special class for September 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37125/25]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline the shortfall of places for children in Dublin 15 for a special school or special class for September 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37126/25]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on her Department's engagement with Fingal County Council regarding the temporary access of land for outdoor recreational and sensory regulation use for a school (details supplied), considering Fingal County Council's willingness to facilitate this request; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37149/25]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on her Department's correspondence between a sporting organisation and a school (details supplied) regarding the possible leasing of recreational lands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37150/25]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding any engagement her Department has had with an organisation (details supplied); if her attention has been drawn to its pre-Budget 2026 submission; if she will be engaging with this group as part of Budget negotiations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37153/25]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on her Department's efforts to provide summer provision for two families (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37155/25]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of a school building project (details supplied); the reason for any delays; the projected timeframe for the issuance of the letter of acceptance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [37159/25]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current average processing time for schools' applications to the NCSE for additional SNA supports following a formal diagnosis; the difference in response time between mainstream schools and special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [37175/25]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average waiting time for a child with a diagnosis of moderate to severe or profound intellectual disability to be offered an appropriate school placement, by county, and by category of need, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [37176/25]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the extension to a School (details supplied) which was approved in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [37184/25]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current average waiting time for a psychological assessment through NEPS in DEIS versus non-DEIS school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [37188/25]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average processing time for the home tuition grant scheme applications for children without school placements; the number of applications delayed beyond 30 working days in the past year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [37189/25]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reasons for a reduction in teacher allocation at a school (details supplied), how this will impact junior and senior infants at the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37201/25]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of purchase orders processed by her Department in 2023 that were not included in the published reports of purchase orders over €20,000; the number of purchase orders excluded due to their value falling below the €20,000 threshold, and the total combined value of those purchase orders; and the number of purchase orders excluded because they related to transactions other than goods or services (for example, grants-in-aid, reimbursements), in line with reporting conventions. — Albert Dolan. [37229/25]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children with special educational needs in rural parts of the country that have to travel outside their area to receive appropriate education in cities or large towns due to lack of services in their own area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [37250/25]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the parameters of the independent assessment into the feasibility of the over-70s' exclusion from the school transport scheme will be agreed; and the deadline for completion of the report. — Marie Sherlock. [37258/25]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider extending the teaching hours extension scheme, which currently applies to post-primary schools, to include primary schools also; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [37261/25]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of families in Kilkenny and Carlow that currently avail of the free schoolbooks scheme; the annual cost of this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [37278/25]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has considered the introduction of a post-graduate qualification in primary school teaching at University College Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [37285/25]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the new Owenabue Educate Together primary school for Carrigaline, County Cork; the stage this project is currently at; and the remaining stages and estimated timeline for construction. — Séamus McGrath. [37290/25]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the cost of updating the safety in school science guidelines. — Darren O'Rourke. [37292/25]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated cost of bringing secondary school science labs up to date and modernised for the new senior cycle reforms. — Darren O'Rourke. [37293/25]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to examine the case of a child (details supplied) in need of SNA support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37305/25]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason SNA hours have been refused for a very vulnerable child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37323/25]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number and location of additional schools and funding secured in the Department's capital plan for the Donabate area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37324/25]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children who travelled to school outside the Donabate area and the schools attended for the 2024-2025 academic school year, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37325/25]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to clarify when the review of the template documents for new schools joining the hot school meals scheme in advance of procurement will be complete; to confirm that these documents will be available to allow schools apply for this scheme in advance of the school year commencing in September 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37328/25]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the acquisition of land and the plans to move a school (details supplied); if she will provide a map of the land in question; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37366/25]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the application for a new building for a school (details supplied; for an update on when a new school building will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37367/25]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she is aware that an ASD class sanctioned in a school (details supplied) is still not open. — Thomas Gould. [37369/25]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of plans to add school caretakers to her Department's payroll; the timeline for the implementation of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [37401/25]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department can address a case where a child with a disability (details supplied) is experiencing difficulty accessing school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [37409/25]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37422/25]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update regarding repairs to a school (details supplied) under the summer works scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37432/25]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on plans for a new school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [37439/25]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been brought to the lack of availability of co-educational primary schools in Cork (details supplied); the actions her Department is taking to increase the availability of co-education learning opportunities for children and parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [37538/25]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to urgently review the DEIS categorisation thresholds and ensure that DEIS rural schools are no longer punished for geography rather than need (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [37550/25]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if an application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37575/25]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if an application for emergency works relative to health and safety in the name of a school (details supplied) will be expedited and approved. — John McGuinness. [37598/25]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 407 of 1 July 2025, if her attention has been drawn to the particular shortage of special classes for children with a general learning disability, not related to ASD, within mainstream schools in the wider Stillorgan and Blackrock areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37602/25]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a response will issue to correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [37627/25]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); if it will be ready to accept students in September 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [37664/25]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 74 of 25 June 2025, if the application for emergency works will be granted as a matter of urgency given that the necessary documentation has been supplied by the school (details supplied) to her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [37690/25]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated cost of providing an allowance covering the cost of a device (details supplied) for each child in a school that teaches using such a device rather than traditional textbooks. — Darren O'Rourke. [37697/25]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated cost of a pilot programme to cover the cost of a device (details supplied) per student in all DEIS schools who teach using such devices rather than traditional textbooks. — Darren O'Rourke. [37698/25]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated cost of a pilot programme to cover the cost of a device (details supplied) per student in 20 school's irrespective of DEIS status who teach using such devices rather than textbooks. — Darren O'Rourke. [37699/25]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when approval will be given for additional school accommodation to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [37700/25]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth his views on correspondence with regard to school transport (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [37707/25]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a school (details supplied) has been denied an additional special needs assistant (SNA) by the NCSE following a recommendation made for the additional SNA by the local SENO following a formal review of the school's staffing allocation; why this recommendation was ignored; if she will seek a review

by the NCSE of this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [37727/25]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will urgently review a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [37736/25]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the cost of reintroducing the allowance for teachers teaching Irish in Irish-medium schools since after 2012. — Darren O'Rourke. [37751/25]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the cost of increasing extra support for those learning Irish as an additional language. — Darren O'Rourke. [37752/25]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the cost of carrying out a review of all science labs in the country to ensure they are up to date and capable of performing well in exams. — Darren O'Rourke. [37753/25]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of NEPS psychologists employed and working in the system to date. — Darren O'Rourke. [37754/25]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of sensory rooms there in schools across the State; and the further number required to address demand. — Darren O'Rourke. [37756/25]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the cost of implementing the DEIS plus programme from September 2025. — Darren O'Rourke. [37757/25]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 329 of 1 July 2025, the way in which she can justify 22 early intervention classes in Cork and only two in Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [37759/25]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of a request for financial support from a newly amalgamated school (details supplied) where only one grant funding will be provided to subsidise the pay of secretaries upon amalgamation, reducing the amount the school receives from €46,550 to €23,275 despite no reduction in staffing levels; if she will support the request for funding to ensure the school does not face a financial blow for amalgamating; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [37831/25]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average cost of opening a new Gaelcholáiste in Dublin. — Darren O'Rourke. [37847/25]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether a funding model will be provided to introduce talks from former gambling industry employees to secondary school students; as schools are currently asked to provide funding to invite guests themselves which is often not feasible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37852/25]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether TUSLA staff have been provided with a practice directive policy or internal guidance concerning the use of physical restraint in Irish schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [37863/25]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for a list of all capital works on schools in Tipperary that exceeded €500,000, from 2020 to 1 July 2025, by year and school, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [37880/25]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to support people learning Braille, Irish Sign Language and other ways of communication in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [37899/25]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to recruit teachers qualified in Braille, Irish Sign Language and other ways of communication in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [37900/25]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to recruit more teachers with disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [37901/25]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to give an explanation that of the 399 new special classes due to open in September, only two are designated for students with mild general learning disabilities at post-primary level; the reason both are being established in the same school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [37905/25]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will prioritise the establishment of additional special classes in mainstream post-primary schools for students with mild general learning disabilities, including those with Down syndrome; if she will address the current shortfall in such provision, given that the majority of existing classes are focused on students with autism; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [37906/25]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will develop a specific plan to support parents of children with Down syndrome who are seeking a place in a special class in a mainstream post-primary school (details supplied); if she will respond to concerns that some students are currently not being accommodated in the existing system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [37907/25]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the provision of a new modular special educational needs unit at a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [37930/25]

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

\*452. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his Department's expenditure on hairstyling, make-up, personal grooming, and general cosmetic expenses, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36989/25]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline if the conditions for copper switch off have now been met for this process to begin; if not, when he expects this to happen; if he supports the switching off of his outdated broadband technology in favour of faster, more reliable fibre to the home broadband which Comreg data indicated is now available to almost 90% of all premises; the plans that exist within his Department to support the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [37004/25]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his Department's expenditure on beauticians, make-up artists or hairdressing professionals, stylists or personal shoppers, specifying if such expenditure was on a contract or retainer fee basis, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37009/25]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his expenditure on advertising detailing the objective, duration, media platforms, advertising agency or agencies, and cost of each advertising campaign in each of the years 2015 to 2025. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37027/25]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his Department's expenditure on media training in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the firms contracted to provide training; and the position or grade of those availing of training for example minister, secretary general, principal officer and so on. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37044/25]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his Department's expenditure on media consultancy in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the consultancy firms involved; and the nature of each contract, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37062/25]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he recognises that investing €15 million per annum for five years in the Post Office Network is vital in maintaining critical public access points in communities across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [37136/25]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will consider committing to a sustained annual investment of €15 million in the Post Office Network to safeguard postal services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [37137/25]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if the potential cost to the State and communities has been assessed if the Post Office Network continues to decline, due to lack of structured, multi-annual funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [37138/25]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department will invest the proposed funding of €15 million to the Post Office Network, considering this will unlock more government services through the post office network, while also boosting local economies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [37139/25]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department will consider using the post office network as a delivery partner for more public services, such as form generation, tourist office, managing the register of electors, also that all postmasters become peace commissioners, allowing the proposed €15 million investment to the Post Office Network to deliver a greater community and economic impact; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [37140/25]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total cost to the Exchequer related to the basic income for the arts scheme, broken down by year since it was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37160/25]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total number of people currently in receipt of payment under the basic income for arts scheme, broken down by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37161/25]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding any research carried out by his Department into the potential cost of expanding the basic income for artists scheme to additional artists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37162/25]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding any engagement he has had with representative groups in relation to the extension of the basic income for artists scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37163/25]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding the review of the basic income for artists scheme; a timeline for its completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37166/25]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his attention has been drawn to concerns from those in receipt of the basic income for artists payment regarding the lack of certainty beyond February 2026; if a multiannual fund can be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37167/25]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of purchase orders processed by his Department in 2023 that were not included in the published reports of purchase orders over €20,000; the number of purchase orders excluded due to their value falling below the €20,000 threshold, and the total combined value of those purchase orders; and the number of purchase orders excluded because they related to transactions other than goods or services (for example, grants-in-aid, reimbursements), in line with reporting conventions. — Albert Dolan. [37227/25]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is aware of the situation regarding an artificial playing surface development for a club (details supplied); when formal written approval will be given; if the costs regarding this development have changed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [37266/25]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the amount of funding that was allocated to the Camogie Association, LGFA and the GAA in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the number of players currently registered in all codes, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [37281/25]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether funding will be granted for those involved in sport not funded by national bodies (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37329/25]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding funding for the independent film & television sector in Ireland; the measures he will be putting in place in light of the decision to not proceed with a levy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37332/25]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the amount expended in respect of the activities and mission of the local democracy reporting scheme since its inception to date. — Aidan Farrelly. [37396/25]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total (in square metres) of film and television studio space in Ireland; the measures being taken to increase that space; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [37417/25]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline any plans he has to introduce a regional uplift for film and television production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [37418/25]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the levels of support made available by his Department, the Arts Council or other agencies of the State for the development and support of musical theatre in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [37419/25]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for a status update on the roll-out of the high-speed broadband network under the national broadband plan; for a breakdown of expenditure from the €400 million allocated in Budget 2025, to date and for the remainder of the year; to detail possible budget shortfalls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [37467/25]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the funding earmarked for the development of grassroots football academies and player development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [37470/25]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the funding allocated for local sports partnerships, for the years 2020 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [37471/25]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the funding allocated to Culture Ireland for 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [37472/25]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the funding allocated to the Euro 2028 advance legacy fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [37473/25]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for details and costings on a possible annual commemorations programme to replacement the decade of centenaries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [37475/25]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he recognises that investing €15 million per annum in the Post Office Network is not only good value for money but essential to maintain critical public access points in communities across the country as suggested by a union (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [37534/25]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the reason the Government not yet committed to a sustained annual investment of €15 million to safeguard vital services nationwide (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [37535/25]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department has assessed the cost to the State and to the communities if the Post Office Network continues to decline due to the lack of structured multi-annual funding. — Paul Murphy. [37536/25]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will commit to using the Post Office Network as a delivery partner for more public services such as form generation, tourist information, register of electors and enabling all postmasters to become peace commissioners, to ensure that the €15 million investment delivers even greater community and economic impact. — Paul Murphy. [37537/25]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if a response will issue to correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [37711/25]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the reasons preventing organisations combining Leader and Sports Capital Programme on a single project, notwithstanding there can be different phases and stages in projects and separate funding might be required for each of these stages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [37726/25]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the date and location for the international day of famine commemoration in 2025 will be announced; and whether he agrees that from 2026 onwards, it should take place on the same date as the national famine commemoration. — Paul Murphy. [37783/25]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the Counter Disinformation Oversight Group, as committed to in the National Counter Disinformation Strategy, will be established; its future terms of reference; when the associated implementation plan will be developed and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [37849/25]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport how his Department is working with other Government Departments and public bodies to coordinate a national response to disinformation and misinformation; and if no formal coordination mechanisms are currently in place, when they will be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [37850/25]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport how his Department is supporting national media literacy initiatives and promoting public trust in reliable information sources in line with the National Counter Disinformation Strategy; and if no new initiatives or funding have been introduced in 2025, whether and when they are planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [37851/25]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is aware of proposals to use lands, previously identified for a centre of excellence for soccer, as a multi-purpose athletics facility in Glanmire, County Cork; if he will support such a proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [37922/25]

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

\*495. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the implementation of the Dublin City Task Force recommendations will oversee regeneration of flat complexes in the south inner city; the actions that are envisaged; the funding allocated; and how these actions will be implemented. — Pat Buckley. [36761/25]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the new agency established to implement the recommendations of the Dublin City Task Force will cover the entire Dublin City Council; and how funding is being allocated. — Pat Buckley. [36762/25]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his Department's expenditure on hairstyling, make-up, personal grooming, and general cosmetic expenses, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36998/25]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his Department's expenditure on beauticians, make-up artists or hairdressing professionals, stylists or personal shoppers, specifying if such expenditure was on a contract or retainer fee basis, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37017/25]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on a review of planning regulations in relation to a new and separate exempted development threshold for standalone nutrient storage, in view that the thresholds and conditions associated with the exemption are practical and enable farmers to make the necessary investment to deliver the required nutrient storage capacity to mitigate agriculture pressure on water quality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36359/25]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his expenditure on media training in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the firms contracted to provide training; and the position or grade of those availing of training for example minister, secretary general, principal officer and so on. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37052/25]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his Department's expenditure on media consultancy in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the consultancy firms involved; and the nature of each contract, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37070/25]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Croi Conaithe Cities scheme, by a list of the schemes that have or are coming to market under this scheme; the cash value of the CCC subsidy being applied to the purchase of the homes in each of these schemes; and the way in which the grant and attached clawback is being applied. — Eoin Ó Broin. [37084/25]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the considerable expense that homeowners have to incur to be admitted to the pyrite remediation scheme; if he will provide details of any supports available for homeowners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [37120/25]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the specific environmental and infrastructural factors that led to the River Tolka's consideration as a heavily modified water body; whether alternative restoration options will be considered prior to its designation; the reason the river's ecological potential was assessed as 'poor' with 'medium

confidence'; whether further public consultation will take place prior to any final designations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37152/25]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for an 'above the shop' living refurbishment grant by topping up the vacant and derelict refurbishment grant so as to help make spaces above retail premises liveable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [37171/25]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide the cost to the exchequer of the first home scheme (aka shared equity scheme) in each of the years since its creation in 2022, in tabular form; and an estimation of the cost for each year from the last year for which final numbers are available until 2030. — Aidan Farrelly. [37192/25]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide the cost to the exchequer of the croí cónaithe scheme in each of the years since its creation, in tabular form; and an estimation of the cost for each year from the last year for which final numbers are available until 2030. — Aidan Farrelly. [37193/25]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide the cost to the exchequer of the housing assistance payment in each of the years since its creation in 2014, in tabular form; and an estimation of the cost for each year from the last year for which final numbers are available until 2030. — Aidan Farrelly. [37194/25]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to address long waiting times for allocation of social housing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [37195/25]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures his Department is taking to address record homelessness figures across Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [37196/25]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of purchase orders processed by his Department in 2023 that were not included in the published reports of purchase orders over €20,000; the number of purchase orders excluded due to their value falling below the €20,000 threshold, and the total combined value of those purchase orders; and the number of purchase orders excluded because they related to transactions other than goods or services (for example, grants-in-aid, reimbursements), in line with reporting conventions. — Albert Dolan. [37235/25]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has ever conducted an analysis, audit, or review of local authority compliance with Circular Fin 07/2012 regarding the publication of purchase orders over €20,000; the last time such an analysis or audit took place; if all local authorities were found to be compliant at that time, and if not, to provide a list of local authorities that were not compliant; and the action that was taken in response to non-compliance. — Albert Dolan. [37242/25]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he plans to take in relation to the transfer of lands from commercial State bodies to expedite the development of suitable sites in Carlow and Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [37270/25]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when new rural planning guidelines will be published for Carlow and Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [37271/25]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average waiting time to get a decision from An Bord Pleanála in each of the years 2021 to 2024 and to date in 2025; the single longest time an application had to wait for approval in each of the years; his views on whether these delays are acceptable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [37272/25]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will significantly increase the mortgage allowance scheme for those vacating a social house with a view to purchasing a property, as creating a strong incentive should free up additional social housing units. — Séamus McGrath. [37291/25]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the taxpayer is funding An Bord Pleanála to assess the planning application for the now discontinued Sceirde Rocks Wind Farm Scheme (case reference 321697) in light of the correspondence the department received on 25 April 2025 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [37302/25]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that rough sleepers, who are homeless people by definition, are not included in the “Monthly Homeless Report” produced by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37319/25]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities have received clarity on the process for drafting of development plans given the potential changes to be introduced on implementation of the Planning and Development Act 2024. — Thomas Gould. [37370/25]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline, in light of concerns for individuals and businesses who use and operate on inland waterways, the progress made in relation to Waterways Ireland byelaws for the inland waterways; and if he will provide an update on these byelaws. — Martin Kenny. [37424/25]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if any financial support is available for housing extensions where household income is over the financial threshold to qualify for a sufficient local authority housing adaptation grant for disabled people to carry out necessary adaptations for disabled persons to continue to live at home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [37427/25]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to revise the income eligibility limit for affordable cost rental in County Cork to match the household income limit that applies in Dublin, given the comparable cost of living and price of houses in both areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [37428/25]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the new proposed River Shannon, Grand and Royal Canal and Barrow Navigation byelaws; if Waterways Ireland has provided any update in relation to fees and charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [37445/25]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what his department doing to ensure that The Apartment and Duplex Remediation Bill 2004 comes before the Committee on Housing, Local Government and Heritage for pre-legislative scrutiny in the Daíl autumn term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [37449/25]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views regarding the retail planning guidelines; if there is a timeline in place for the review of the guidelines; if he is conscious of the fact that the current guidelines are proving to be an impediment to the maintenance and expansion of a business (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [37452/25]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for details on possible costs for each local authority to employ an archaeologist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [37474/25]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to the publication of the Electricity Storage Policy Framework for Ireland in July 2024, the engagement that has taken place with his Department and the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management, local planning authorities and An Bord Pleanála in relation to addressing the safety and regulation concerns that are now widespread in communities across the country where new electricity storage installations are proposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [37541/25]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with regard to cessation of turf cutting scheme applicants whose scheme is due to end this year, if the scheme will be extended; if not, if other compensation be provided to these turbarry right holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [37611/25]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans reduce homelessness each year from 2026 to 2030, to meet the Lisbon Declaration timeframe of working towards ending homelessness by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [37693/25]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to report on the timeframe for the development of a homeless prevention framework; whether it will have a budget line and resources dedicated to it in Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [37694/25]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to report on the collaborative work he plans to undertake with his colleague, the Minister for Health, on issues around health and homelessness and what shared resources will be brought forward in Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [37695/25]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if capital assistance scheme funding will be provided to an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [37738/25]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage given the ongoing housing crisis and the need to support families in mortgage-to-rent schemes in meeting their financial and social needs, if his Department has considered reviewing or amending current legislation and tenancy agreements to allow such tenants to sublet one or two rooms in their

homes, provided that any such subtenancies are formally registered with the Residential Tenancies Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [37761/25]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown on age, nationality, employment status of those in emergency homeless accommodation in Ireland; if his Department stores data on the number of whom suffer from substance abuse or drug addiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [37782/25]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of retained female firefighters within the State, and the fire station they are stationed to, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [37790/25]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of full-time female firefighters within the State, and the fire station they are stationed to, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [37791/25]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount spent by each local authority on female specific facilities to support their female firefighters over the past three years; the amount per year, per station, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [37792/25]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify the position regarding local authorities that have fully committed their 2025 funding allocation for the acquisition of second-hand homes under the tenant-in-situ scheme, in particular where a local authority has indicated it will not proceed with further acquisitions without clarity on the funding value and criteria for targeted acquisitions in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [37805/25]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to amend the Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011; if legislation to underpin the defects remediation schemes will be laid before the Oireachtas Housing Committee for Pre-Legislative Scrutiny before the end of 2025; and when the Apartment and Duplex Defects Remediation Bill will be passed and commenced. — Ivana Bacik. [37810/25]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff employed at each of the 31 local authorities at the end of 2024, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [37835/25]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the reasoning behind the decision, during the bi-annual review, to not increase the price ceiling in Cork for houses for which support can be sought from the first home scheme; if consideration will be given to increasing the property price ceiling for houses in Galway city for which support can be sought from the first home scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [37837/25]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify the position in regard to the vacant and derelict property grant (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [37840/25]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 495 of 1 April 2025, the number of graduate planner posts and staff officer posts in the first tranche of supports. — Darren O'Rourke. [37842/25]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 495 of 1 April 2025, the job titles that the graduate planners from the first tranche of supports took in Meath County Council planning department. — Darren O'Rourke. [37843/25]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 495 of 1 April 2025, if the supports from him increased capacity in the planning department. — Darren O'Rourke. [37844/25]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the number of local authorities that have fully drawn down their funding allocation under the tenant-in-situ scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37856/25]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the number properties purchased under the tenant-in-situ scheme at a national level in 2025, by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37857/25]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the number of properties purchased under the tenant-in-situ scheme at a national level since this scheme was launched, by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37858/25]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the total amount of money spent at a national level under the tenant-in-situ scheme since this scheme was launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37859/25]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the total amount of money spent at a national level under the tenant-in-situ scheme since this scheme was launched, by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37860/25]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the average purchase price of a property purchased under the tenant-in-situ scheme since this scheme was launched, by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37861/25]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the average purchase price of a property purchased under the tenant-in-situ scheme since this scheme was launched, by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37862/25]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will identify the additional level of funding required by Galway City and County Council as a result of Storm Éowyn, and whether the required additional funding will be provided via the Local Government Fund, must be sourced from their respective budgets or will come from given State funding

streams or programmes; and if this source of funding will be identified. — Mairéad Farrell. [37926/25]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has had any engagement with Galway City and County Council in relation to cost of the damage of storm Éowyn; the level of expenditure used for humanitarian assistance; whether these costs will be provided. — Mairéad Farrell. [37927/25]

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

\*555. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his Department's expenditure on hairstyling, make-up, personal grooming, and general cosmetic expenses, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37002/25]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his Department's expenditure on beauticians, make-up artists or hairdressing professionals, stylists or personal shoppers, specifying if such expenditure was on a contract or retainer fee basis, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37021/25]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his expenditure on advertising detailing the objective, duration, media platforms, advertising agency or agencies, and cost of each advertising campaign in each of the years 2015 to 2025. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37039/25]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his Department's expenditure on media training in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the firms contracted to provide training; and the position or grade of those availing of training for example minister, secretary general, principal officer and so on. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37056/25]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his Department's expenditure on media consultancy in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the consultancy firms involved; and the nature of each contract, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37074/25]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is any plan to increase the rate of €289 maternity benefit, considering the rising cost of living, parenthood, and childcare, especially for families with multiple children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [37202/25]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the status of a review for carer's allowance for a person (details provided); and when it is expected that a decision will be reached on the application. — John Brady. [37217/25]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of purchase orders processed by his Department in 2023 that were not included in the published reports of purchase orders over €20,000; the number of purchase orders excluded due to their value falling below the €20,000 threshold, and the total combined value of those purchase orders; and the number of purchase orders excluded because they related to transactions other than goods or services (for example, grants-in-aid, reimbursements), in line with reporting conventions. — Albert Dolan. [37239/25]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of families in Kilkenny and Carlow currently availing of the free school meals scheme; the annual cost of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [37279/25]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37300/25]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has instructed the successful bidders for NAERSA's investment management services, in the context of contract negotiations, not to invest in companies and funds supporting companies included in the Database of Business Enterprises Pursuant to UN Human Rights Council Resolutions 31/36 and 53/25; if any additional advice has been provided by the Department to the successful bidders in relation to the Government's view on Israel-related investments; what the nature of that advice involves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [37342/25]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when it is expected a decision will issue on a carer's allowance appeal (details supplied). — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [37359/25]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when it is expected a decision will issue on a carer's allowance appeal (details supplied). — Pearse Doherty. [37361/25]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications received under the humanitarian assistance scheme for stage 1, 2 and 3 following storm Éowyn; the total number of applications received by his Department; the number of applications processed to date; the number of applications approved and rejected, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [37408/25]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 601 of 24 June 2025, if he will provide a timeline for the completion of the report on benchmarking and indexing working-age social protection payments; the timeline needed to consider the matter, in light of the substantial time which has passed since the undertaking was given to carry out this process; when he intends to publish the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [37413/25]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing all core weekly social welfare payments by €1, in tabular form. — Mark Wall. [37454/25]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing the child support payment for those over 12 and those under 12, by €1, in tabular form. — Mark Wall. [37455/25]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing child benefit by €1. — Mark Wall. [37456/25]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing the fuel allowance by €1. — Mark Wall. [37457/25]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing the living alone allowance by €1. — Mark Wall. [37458/25]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing the income disregards by €1 for the one-parent family payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [37459/25]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of expanding the free travel scheme to recipients of the domiciliary care payment. — Mark Wall. [37460/25]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing the domiciliary care allowance by €1. — Mark Wall. [37461/25]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are any plans to include schoolteachers who are without a permanent contract or a contract of indefinite duration in the eligibility criteria for the jobseekers pay-related benefit scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [37466/25]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will conduct a review of the social protection supports available to widowed persons (details supplied); and if he will outline any planned reforms to address these issues with a view to delivering more equitable and compassionate supports for widowed individuals and families. — Pat Buckley. [37486/25]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the State pension being paid to a person (details supplied) ceased without notification; if the payment will be reinstated; and if arrears will be paid. — John McGuinness. [37494/25]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of extending access to the State pension to foster carers so that they can receive contributions for time spent caring for vulnerable children; if the Minister has commenced work on this Programme for Government commitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [37522/25]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of self-employed people who have availed of carer's benefit since it was extended to the self-employed; if he can provide a breakdown by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [37523/25]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of extending the fuel allowance to working family payment recipients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [37524/25]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of applications received by his Department under the humanitarian assistance scheme in respect of Storm Éowyn; if he will confirm the total value of applications received and the total value of applications approved; if he will provide a breakdown of the number of applications which have been approved, by county, and the number refused, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [37525/25]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will outline the average processing time for applications under each payment scheme in his Department; and how this compares with the Department's own targets for processing times for each payment, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [37526/25]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of live social welfare appeals which have been waiting for a decision for one year or longer; if he can provide a breakdown by payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [37527/25]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will outline the number of oral hearings held by the Social Welfare Appeals Office in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [37528/25]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on the ESRI's proposal for a second tier of child benefit; his views on whether the ESRI's proposal could give rise to work disincentives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [37529/25]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if some families currently in receipt of the working family payment would receive a lower payment under the ESRI proposal for a second tier of child benefit; if his Department has any estimates on the number of families who could see their payment reduced under this proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [37530/25]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on whether changes to expand the working family payment and the child support payment could be more effective at reducing child poverty than introducing a second tier of child benefit; if his Department has carried out any analysis in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [37531/25]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will outline the child poverty rate according to the survey on income and living conditions for each year 2005 to 2025, in tabular form; if he will further outline progress on reaching the current child poverty target of 2.8%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [37532/25]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department or any body under its aegis has any estimate of the value of unclaimed private pension assets in Ireland; if he outline what happens to such funds; if he will outline the current tracing system in place to ensure that deferred scheme members receive the pension they are entitled to; if he has any plans to improve the pension tracing system including, for example, through the introduction of a form of digital portal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [37544/25]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the €20,000 cap for scholarship income for the purpose of claiming disability allowance (DA) will be revised in line with IRC stipends; and if the cap of "scholarships of up to €20,000" should be read as indicating that funding in excess of €20,000 is counted as means, or if scholarships in excess of €20,000 are counted as means in their entirety, for the purposes of claiming DA. — Ivana Bacik. [37577/25]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an accommodation recognition payment overpayment to a person in County Kerry (details supplied) will be reviewed given the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [37580/25]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for sickness benefits in the name of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [37609/25]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of additional humanitarian assistance payments still awaiting review, decision, and payment; the number of applications that are under review; the number of applications from each County, decided, paid out, under review and rejected, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [37672/25]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on an appeal by an individual (details supplied) against a refusal of invalidity pension for a named person

which was submitted several months ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [37688/25]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is an early entry process for the back-to-work enterprise allowance scheme for those people who have completed the required proposal process but fall short of the 234-day jobseeker threshold; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [37746/25]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of fish assist applications received by his Department; and the number of these applications that were approved in each year from 2014 to date, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37845/25]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of fish assist applications approved in each county in each year from 2014 to date, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37846/25]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the up-to-date position on a review on application request under the carer’s support grant for an individual (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [37848/25]

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

\*602. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his Department’s expenditure on hairstyling, make-up, personal grooming, and general cosmetic expenses, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36999/25]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his Department’s expenditure on beauticians, make-up artists or hairdressing professionals, stylists or personal shoppers, specifying if such expenditure was on a contract or retainer fee basis, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37018/25]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his Department’s expenditure on media training in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the firms contracted to provide training; and the position or grade of those availing of training for example minister, secretary general, principal officer and so on. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37053/25]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his Department’s expenditure on media consultancy in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the consultancy firms involved; and the nature of each contract, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37071/25]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current immigration status of a person (details supplied); when their application for the spouse of Irish national visa will be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [37077/25]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Belarussian citizens currently resident in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37114/25]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there are any Belarussian citizens currently seeking international protection in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37115/25]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Belarussian citizens granted international protection in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37116/25]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the requirements for a Belarussian citizen travelling to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37117/25]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of visas issued to Belarussian citizens in each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37118/25]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on the calls from some of the families who lost loved ones in the Omagh bombing on 15 August 1998 for an independent public inquiry into bombing in the State; to include in his views the Government's plan to cooperate with the existing Omagh Bombing Inquiry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [37119/25]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current situation around infrastructure to combat domestic violence in the State, including by providing the current number of emergency refuge spaces for victims of domestic violence; the shortfall between this level and the level that would allow Ireland to meet its obligations under the Istanbul Convention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [37156/25]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to estimate the capital cost of meeting Ireland's obligations on refuge space as agreed under the Istanbul Convention (i.e., through building refuges) and the additional annual current spending necessary to operationalise the additional spaces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [37157/25]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way in which a victim access the victims support unit through probation services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [37147/25]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way in which a victim engages with restorative justice, and who are the State providers of an easy accessed and supportive service to traumatised victims; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [37148/25]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average waiting time for approval of long-stay (D) student visa applications from India, Nigeria, Brazil and China, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [37205/25]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average processing time for employment-based visa applications; if he will provide a breakdown by visa office and region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [37206/25]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average length of time taken to process visa appeals, broken down by visa type and region, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [37207/25]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average processing time for short-stay (C) visa applications, broken down by application centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [37208/25]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the practical application envisioned by his Department for the recently adopted IHRA working definition of antisemitism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [37215/25]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount the State has paid to an organisation (details supplied) in each of the past five years; the nature of the contract the State has with the organisation; if the State is leasing buildings from the organisation; if these are homes subject to a section-5 referral; if the organisation is purchasing homes to provide to the Government in these contracts; and who these homes are accommodating. — Peadar Tóibín. [37220/25]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of purchase orders processed by his Department in 2023 that were not included in the published reports of purchase orders over €20,000; the number of purchase orders excluded due to their value falling below the €20,000 threshold, and the total combined value of those purchase orders; and the number of purchase orders excluded because they related to transactions other than goods or services (for example, grants-in-aid, reimbursements), in line with reporting conventions. — Albert Dolan. [37236/25]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of e-scooters tests that have been completed in the Dublin metropolitan region, the number of seizures in this region, and the number of testing units available, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [37252/25]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda cameras installed across the Dublin metropolitan area; the share of whom are currently operational; and the average waiting time from when a camera becomes non-operational and the time when a lamp is fixed. — Marie Sherlock. [37257/25]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of new Gardaí added to the force in County Carlow in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the number of Gardaí who have left the force in each of the years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [37273/25]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of new Gardaí added to the force in County Kilkenny in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the number of Gardaí that have left the force in each of the specified years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [37274/25]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí eligible to retire in 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [37275/25]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to previous Parliamentary Questions, to provide an update into the introduction of a national Garda vetting card to streamline the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [37276/25]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures being taken to encourage greater female participation in An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [37277/25]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to confirm whether a property (details supplied) has been purchased by his Department, or by any agent, body or contractor acting on behalf of the State; if so, to specify the date of purchase, the purchase price and identity of the vendor; to detail how the property was originally sourced and made available to the Department; the total amount paid in rent, lease, or other occupancy-related payments in respect of this property since it was first used by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [37283/25]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the procurement process or property acquisition protocol that was followed in relation to a property (details supplied); whether a public tender, market valuation, or independent due diligence process was undertaken prior to any agreement for rental or purchase; whether any change in the designated use of the property, including a shift from housing persons under the Temporary Protection Directive to use as an International Protection Accommodation Service facility, has been formally approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [37284/25]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of people in prison who were on waiting lists to access psychology services, as of June 2025, by days waiting list, by prison; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [37306/25]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline mental health waiting lists within prisons, for a breakdown of these across prisons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [37307/25]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his knowledge of the circumstances of the appointment of a person (details supplied); the recruitment process which was undertaken; the number of other candidates who applied for the position; the steps taken to certify this persons qualifications and experience; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37322/25]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the actions his Department is taking to remedy delays in the processing of citizenship applications as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37346/25]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide data on the processing times for citizenship applications as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37348/25]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide data on the processing times for Stamp 4 visa applications as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37349/25]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline his plans to improve capacity issues in the Irish prison service given The Irish Penal Reform Trust has identified that the prison population is exceeding capacity and it is leading to cramped and undignified conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37350/25]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to recruit at least 5,000 new Garda recruits and additional Garda staff over the next five years as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37351/25]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to review allowing Garda trainees to undergo part of their training course in regionally based universities or technological universities as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37352/25]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to publish a new Rural Safety Strategy, as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37353/25]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason his Department wants to increase the personal injury guidelines by 16.7%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [37365/25]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of any changes that have been made to the process for renewing registration permission; if he can provide any explanation for these changes; if any additional assistance shall be provided in making applicants aware of these changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [37410/25]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the estimated annual cost of recruiting 500, 1,000 and 1,500 Gardaí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [37438/25]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of the anomaly in the Private Security Authority guidelines (details supplied); if consideration has been given to amending such guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [37462/25]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for details on the running costs of the cyber security centre, including staff, and details of future funding required to ensure the centre is fit for purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [37468/25]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has undertaken any assessment on how the proposed increase in personal injury awards may affect litigation volumes; if such a policy contradicts the intent of the 2021 Personal Injuries Guidelines and wider insurance reform programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [37485/25]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a detailed list of the supports available to a group in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [37557/25]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of the application for reunification of persons (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [37597/25]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of candidates from the 2022/2023 recruitment campaign that are still waiting to be called for training in Templemore; if the candidates from the 2024 campaign have commenced training; if so, the number involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [37603/25]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on the status of visa applications for a sporting group (details supplied); the steps being taken by his Department to assist the group given the error made by the relevant embassy; when a decision will be made on the applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [37663/25]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of individuals issued fines for illegally parking in a disabled parking space from 2023 to date; the number of individuals that paid the fine within 28 days; the number of individuals that paid the fine following the 28-day period, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37677/25]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of individuals issued fines for misusing a disabled parking badge from 2023 to date; the number of individuals that paid the fine within 28 days; the number of individuals that paid the fine following the 28-day period, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37678/25]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a specific timeframe for when the backlog will be cleared and finished for the remaining old paper citizenship applications; and when exactly these remaining paper applicants will be notified of a citizenship decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [37689/25]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if part of a hotel complex (details supplied) is now a holding and detention centre for those awaiting deportation; if a coherent policy in terms of whether those awaiting deportation at IPAS centres are allowed to roam free or are they locked into a hotel room 24-hours-a-day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [37701/25]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if IPAS detainees being held pre-deportation or pending prison transfer can legally be held in hotels (details supplied) given that this is not purely accommodation, rather quasi-detention and likely falls outside the “hotel emergency reception” exemption and would be considered unauthorised development unless retrospective planning permission is granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [37702/25]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the public consultation on safety and security protocols, or impact assessments that has been completed for deportation

order recipients to be accommodated at hotel IPAS centres; what is planned in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [37703/25]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of simple possession searches for drugs undertaken in each Garda division for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024; the number of drugs sale and supply searches undertaken in each Garda Division for 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [37706/25]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 582 of 1 July 2025, if he will clarify that checks into an applicant's background include checks against a criminal database; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37716/25]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to examine the case of a person (details supplied). Can he confirm if the department contacted the applicant because to date the applicant has received no contact, referring to question: 573 and question ref: 35712/25. — Martin Kenny. [37717/25]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a detailed breakdown of the revised budgetary allocations now falling under the remit of his Department following the recent transfer of functions relating to immigration and integration from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [37739/25]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether any portion of the €2 billion Contingency Reserve Fund—of which 48% was previously allocated to the Department of Children, Disability and Equality—has now been reallocated to his Department following the recent functional transfer; if so, to outline the purposes for which those funds are intended to be used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [37741/25]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he intends to ring-fence any specific funding for integration support measures within the justice sector or its affiliated agencies following the assumption of responsibility for immigration and integration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [37742/25]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the oversight and accountability mechanisms his Department is putting in place to ensure transparent expenditure and effective governance in relation to the immigration and integration functions transferred from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [37743/25]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department will communicate with a person (details supplied) in order that their passport be issued as soon as possible, as the family has submitted all documents needed over the past few months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [37745/25]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total spent by his Department on accommodation for international protection applicants in each of the past five years; the average cost per night of accommodating an international protection applicant in private accommodation and State-owned accommodation in each of the past five years; the highest rate and lowest rate paid per night for accommodating an international protection

applicant in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [37748/25]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of staff in the International Protection Office and International Protection Appeals Tribunal; if his Department has any plans to increase the number of staff in each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [37749/25]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the cost of increasing the number of staff in the International Protection Office and International Protection Appeals Tribunal by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [37750/25]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the quantity, by weight and the economic street value, of cocaine seized by Gardaí in each of the past ten years, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [37760/25]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons who have claimed asylum in Ireland having arrived from Sweden in each of the past 10 years; if a breakdown on country of origin is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [37780/25]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider counting time spent residing in Northern Ireland as equivalent to time spent living in the Republic of Ireland when it comes to applications for citizenship-naturalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37785/25]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if fixed charge notices are currently being issued for the office of displaying illegal number plates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37812/25]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has any plans to amend the Status of Children Act 1987 to allow for court-ordered DNA testing of individuals other than alleged parents in appropriate cases, subject to suitable legal safeguards (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [37826/25]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current status of the immigrant investor programme; if it is open or closed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37833/25]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there are currently any applications being assessed under the immigrant investor programme or any applications under appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37834/25]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of households with status, including the number of children who are due to be transferred to alternative IPAS accommodation, on 4 July 2025; if his Department or the International Protection Accommodation Service has engaged with local authorities on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [37841/25]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the annual resource allocation to the Garda National Immigration Bureau; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37870/25]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of staff allocated to the Garda National Immigration Bureau; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37871/25]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of passport checks conducted at Dublin Airport in 2022, 2023, 2024 and the first half of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37872/25]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason there is not a dedicated channel in Irish airports for travellers arriving into Ireland from within the Ireland-UK free travel area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37873/25]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the basis for requiring travellers arriving into Ireland from within the Ireland-UK free travel area, to present a passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37874/25]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the documents, other than a passport, that are acceptable for establishing nationality or residence, for travellers arriving into Ireland from within the Ireland-UK free travel area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37875/25]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will intervene to reverse the deportation of a man who is facing grave danger since his deportation to Nigeria (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [37914/25]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to examine the case of an urgent stamp 4 renewal (details supplied) given the time sensitive nature of their application. — Holly Cairns. [37928/25]

\*686. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to intervene to reverse the eviction of an individual resident (details supplied) at an IPAS centre. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [37929/25]

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

\*687. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine who a person should contact regarding horses being held in poor conditions. — Thomas Gould. [37709/25]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his Department's expenditure on hairstyling, make-up, personal grooming, and general cosmetic expenses, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36986/25]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his Department's expenditure on beauticians, make-up artists or hairdressing professionals, stylists or personal shoppers, specifying if such expenditure was on a contract or retainer fee basis, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37006/25]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his expenditure on advertising detailing the objective, duration, media platforms, advertising agency or agencies, and cost of each advertising campaign in each of the years 2015 to 2025. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37024/25]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his Department's expenditure on media training in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the firms contracted to provide training; and the position or grade of those availing of training for example minister, secretary general, principal officer and so on. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37042/25]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his Department's expenditure on media consultancy in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the consultancy firms involved; and the nature of each contract, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37059/25]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the action his Department will take with the large spread of ragwort, especially on the roadsides of Kerry, as this causes the spread from farm to farm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [37101/25]

\*694. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Horse Sport Ireland will accept a late horse registration application from a farmer in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [37127/25]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide comparative data between the number of cattle that fail the bovine TB skin test and the number of cattle subsequently confirmed to have TB lesions at slaughter; if he will review current testing methodologies for accuracy in light of these figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [37145/25]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of animals slaughtered with TB actually have TB; if he will review current testing methodologies for accuracy in light of these figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [37146/25]

\*697. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on TAMS grant payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [37154/25]

\*698. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of purchase orders processed by his Department in 2023 that were not included in the published reports of purchase orders over €20,000; the number of purchase orders excluded due to their value falling below the €20,000 threshold, and the total combined value of those purchase orders; and the number of purchase orders excluded because they related to transactions other than goods or services (for example, grants-in-aid, reimbursements), in line with reporting conventions. — Albert Dolan. [37224/25]

\*699. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to confirm receipt of a complaint from an person (details supplied) in Dublin mid-west regarding the neglect of an animal; to confirm that an investigation will take place or if an investigation is underway; when an investigation will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [37341/25]

\*700. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he is implementing to enhance financial supports for small farmers with annual incomes below €20,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37384/25]

\*701. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine following the 2023 review of ash dieback, the progress that has been made in implementing the recommendations to support affected forestry owners; the specific timelines in place to address this ongoing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37385/25]

\*702. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline, with respect to the Nature Restoration Law, the assurances he can provide that Irish farmers will not face mandatory rewetting obligations; the way in which his Department is ensuring farmer consultation in shaping related policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37386/25]

\*703. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress that has been made in establishing a verifiable framework for farmers to trade carbon credits; the way in which his Department is addressing the integration of carbon sequestration into existing agri-environmental schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37387/25]

\*704. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current backlog of targeted agricultural modernisation scheme applications; the number of unprocessed applications; the average processing time, broken down by region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37388/25]

\*705. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specific supports or emergency flood relief schemes available to farmers affected by flooding events not caused by their actions; the way in which his Department is coordinating with local authorities on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37389/25]

\*706. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the payment supports available to small suckler farmers who are not in receipt of any agricultural payments or supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [37498/25]

\*707. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the payment supports that are recommended as introductory farm payments for farmers not receiving any supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [37499/25]

\*708. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to examine a mechanism to engage with stakeholders on the design of national agriculture schemes as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37652/25]

\*709. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to review the eligibility criteria for the succession planning advice grant to ensure better take-up as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37653/25]

\*710. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the Programme for Government commitments to ensure sufficient employment permits to support the

agri-food sector, including the equine, dairy, horticulture, fish and food processing industries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37654/25]

\*711. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for Government commitments to ensure sufficient employment permits to support the agri-food sector, including the equine, dairy, horticulture, fish and food processing industries, what engagement he or his Department has had with officials in the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of the efficient processing of general employment permits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37655/25]

\*712. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update as of July 2025 on his ongoing engagement with other EU ministers in the same portfolio regarding to Ireland's opposition to the Mercosur Deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37656/25]

\*713. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update as of July 2025 in respect to the Programme for Government commitment to place a specific focus on farmer mental health and well-being, recognising the unique challenges faced by the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37657/25]

\*714. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update as of July 2025 on the Programme for Government commitment to update and introduce a new food strategy to succeed Food Vision 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37658/25]

\*715. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the plans for an action plan to succeed the Animal Welfare Strategy 2021-2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37659/25]

\*716. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine who a person should contact regarding horses being held in poor conditions. — Thomas Gould. [37708/25]

\*717. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 762 of 8 April 2025, if the Statutory Instrument mentioned in his response, to allow sharing of data between third party agri-loan providers and his Department has been finalised; and if so, when it was finalised. — Albert Dolan. [37788/25]

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

\*718. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality how the transfer of integration and immigration functions to her Department has impacted the residual budget allocations and responsibilities of the Department, particularly in the context of early learning and childcare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [37740/25]

\*719. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is giving consideration to extending the length and scope of parental leave; if she will respond to matters raised in a correspondence (details supplied) and set out current rules; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [37765/25]

\*720. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will respond to matters raised in a correspondence (details supplied) from the family of a child in Dublin 17 awaiting an assessment of need; if she will advise as to when this assessment of need may be carried out and the other supports being made available to the child and their family; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [36977/25]

\*721. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her Department's expenditure on hairstyling, make-up, personal grooming, and general cosmetic expenses, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36987/25]

\*722. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her Department's expenditure on beauticians, make-up artists or hairdressing professionals, stylists or personal shoppers, specifying if such expenditure was on a contract or retainer fee basis, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37007/25]

\*723. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her expenditure on advertising detailing the objective, duration, media platforms, advertising agency or agencies, and cost of each advertising campaign in each of the years 2015 to 2025. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37025/25]

\*724. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her Department's expenditure on media consultancy in each of the years 2015 to 2025; and the consultancy firms involved; and the nature of each contract, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37060/25]

\*725. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the case of a person will be examined (details supplied); if they can remain with the same service provider; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37135/25]

\*726. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average waiting time in each health region for the completion of the preliminary team assessment under the standard opening procedure for AON, specifically for children suspected of having autism or an intellectual disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [37174/25]

\*727. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of purchase orders processed by her Department in 2023 that were not included in the published reports of purchase orders over €20,000; the number of purchase orders excluded due to their value falling below the €20,000 threshold, and the total combined value of those purchase orders; and the number of purchase orders excluded because they related to transactions other than goods or services (for example, grants-in-aid, reimbursements), in line with reporting conventions. — Albert Dolan. [37225/25]

\*728. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review the qualifying thresholds for the NCS scheme, given that families earning just over €60,000 are entitled to the same discount as the highest earners on €100,000 and above; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37294/25]

\*729. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of respite services in County Meath available for adults aged 18, with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities; and if there are plans to increase respite services in County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [37355/25]

\*730. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 362 of 28 May 2025, the number of people currently in prison that have previously been in State care as children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [37362/25]

\*731. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware that some people using disability day services are being charged daily transport fees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [37442/25]

\*732. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a list of day services for people with disabilities that charge people for their transport to and from their service. — Aisling Dempsey. [37443/25]

\*733. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on a matter (details supplied). — Aisling Dempsey. [37444/25]

\*734. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if there are plans to expand the access and inclusion model to include children attending afterschool provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [37463/25]

\*735. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update in terms of the actions that have already been taken or commenced to improve the critical accessibility issue as set out in the Programme for Government (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [37546/25]

\*736. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to urgently provide respite services at schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [37553/25]

\*737. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to urgently provide additional respite services across County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [37554/25]

\*738. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the additional supports available for an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [37560/25]

\*739. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the way in which a person can recoup from the State the charge levied on families to release a family member from country homes and or mother and baby home institutions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [37660/25]

\*740. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding creches not participating in the core funding scheme; if her attention has been drawn to the concerns of parents who will by extension not benefit from the fee cap coming in September; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37662/25]

\*741. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide information on access to full-time residential care for a person (details supplied); if she will provide details of the estimated time to secure this full-time residential accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [37673/25]

\*742. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to examine the childcare provider case (details supplied); if access and inclusion model funding can be backdated and clarity given for providers around timelines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [37674/25]

\*743. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department intends on strengthening the rules and regulations around illegal parking in disabled parking spaces during the lifetime of this Government; the measures being considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37681/25]

\*744. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department made any proposals on strengthening the rules and regulations around illegal parking in disabled parking spaces in the draft national disability strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37684/25]

\*745. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when a new healthcare facility will be established to replace outdated and unsuitable accommodation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [37692/25]

\*746. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 900 of 5 November 2024, if she will set out work carried out by her Department to transpose EU Directives 2024/1499 and 2024/1500 on standards for equality bodies into Irish law; the timeline she is working towards in order to ensure the transposition is completed by the deadline of 19 June 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [37729/25]

\*747. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to outline the amount of money allocated for pay for early years educators as part of core funding annually since its inception, and the corresponding amount used per pay agreement, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [37731/25]

\*748. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to confirm receipt of correspondence from an inclusive preschool provider in relation to AIM level 7 non-term funding (details supplied); if she will take the matters outlined under consideration with a view to improving the process; if a review of the specific case is underway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [37735/25]

\*749. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the timeline for processing applications for AIM Level 7; if this has been reviewed recently; if not, whether timelines will be reviewed with input from providers on their experience of the system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [37763/25]

\*750. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if any measures are in place for reimbursement of childcare providers that cover the cost of AIM support staff from private funding before applications are approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [37764/25]

\*751. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is concerned that a naíonra (details supplied) in County Waterford is currently accommodated in an old and deteriorating prefab; and if her Department has a plan in place to fund new and appropriate accommodation for this naíonra. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37821/25]

\*752. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if there are any plans to expand funding streams for activities for adults in nursing homes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [37939/25]

*Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.*

\*753. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of administrative staff and senior managerial staff in the HSE in 2005, 2015 and 2025, by grade, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [36985/25]

\*754. To ask the Minister for Health her Department's expenditure on hairstyling, make-up, personal grooming, and general cosmetic expenses, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36997/25]

\*755. To ask the Minister for Health her Department's expenditure on beauticians, make-up artists or hairdressing professionals, stylists or personal shoppers, specifying if such expenditure was on a contract or retainer fee basis, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37016/25]

\*756. To ask the Minister for Health her Department's expenditure on media training in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the firms contracted to provide training; and the position or grade of those availing of training for example minister, secretary general, principal officer and so on. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37051/25]

\*757. To ask the Minister for Health her Department's expenditure on media consultancy in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the consultancy firms involved; and the nature of each contract, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37069/25]

\*758. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the latest HSA audit of CUH. — Thomas Gould. [37092/25]

\*759. To ask the Minister for Health if adults currently excluded from reimbursement of spinal muscular atrophy treatments can be considered for access under the HSE's individual patient approval system and managed access protocols; the eligibility criteria and application process for such cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [37112/25]

\*760. To ask the Minister for Health when the approval to backfill recruit two WTE senior speech and language therapists will be given to a school (details supplied) in Dublin 14 in order that the recruitment process can begin to ensure the roles are filled for September 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [37113/25]

\*761. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the development of specific care and treatment areas for patients who arrive emergency department in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, County Louth. — Erin McGreehan. [37132/25]

\*762. To ask the Minister for Health the specific triage measures and protocols in place at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, County Louth Emergency Department for people attending due to a mental health crisis. — Erin McGreehan. [37133/25]

\*763. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the new rare disease strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [37134/25]

\*764. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the application of a CGM sensor for a person (details provided); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37142/25]

\*765. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that have had cardiovascular disease screening carried out on them as part of the opportunistic case finding and chronic disease prevention programme in each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to the 30 June 2025, in tabular form; if any general statistics from this data will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [37158/25]

\*766. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the findings of the Mental Health Commission in regard to CUH; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [37144/25]

\*767. To ask the Minister for Health if the treatment abroad scheme can be used in the case of a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [37165/25]

\*768. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that all LGBTQ+ families are provided with legal recognition where the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Act 2024 is currently failing (details supplied); the actions being taken to include more families in the legislation; if she has engaged with key groups on this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [37168/25]

\*769. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a decision in relation to an application for blind welfare allowance, awaited since November 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [37170/25]

\*770. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 663 of 14 May 2024, has the position of CHO DNCC changed regarding plans to develop phlebotomy, x-ray or diagnostic services in Balbriggan CHN; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [37177/25]

\*771. To ask the Minister for Health if she will take action to ensure that relatives of deceased residents of private nursing homes have access to the medical records of their loved ones; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [37190/25]

\*772. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [37197/25]

\*773. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the case of a child (details supplied) seeking support from the treatment abroad scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [37210/25]

\*774. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to make the shingles vaccine free for older people; if she will consider this as a measure to help older people with the cost; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [37211/25]

\*775. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date situation regarding clarifying a site for a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [37213/25]

\*776. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm the location for a proposed project (details supplied); when the design team will be appointed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [37214/25]

\*777. To ask the Minister for Health the actions her Department is undertaking to deliver a positron emission tomography and new CT scanners to Galway University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [37219/25]

\*778. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE only began publishing purchase order data for payments over €100,000 on its website from Q4 2021 onwards (details supplied). — Albert Dolan. [37223/25]

\*779. To ask the Minister for Health the number of purchase orders processed by her Department in 2023 that were not included in the published reports of purchase orders over €20,000; the number of purchase orders excluded due to their value falling below the €20,000 threshold, and the total combined value of those purchase orders; and the number of purchase orders excluded because they related to transactions other than goods or services (for example, grants-in-aid, reimbursements), in line with reporting conventions. — Albert Dolan. [37234/25]

\*780. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to adequately resource the National Strategy for Accelerating Genetic and Genomic Medicine to position Ireland as an international leader in genomics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [37254/25]

\*781. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider providing sustainable funding for national physiotherapy services for people with multiple sclerosis and other neurological conditions (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [37255/25]

\*782. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time it takes to recruit nonclinical staff off panel in the HSE; and the length of time the recruitment of technical service officers takes. — Marie Sherlock. [37260/25]

\*783. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date progress report on the new primary care centre in Graiguenamanagh, County Kilkenny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [37269/25]

\*784. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown, per county, of number of GPs (or WTE) there are for the years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [37282/25]

\*785. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has completed the assessments of tenders for the development of a primary care centre at An Spidéal, County Galway; if it has selected a successful tender; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [37287/25]

\*786. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has completed the assessments of tenders for the development of a primary care centre at Claregalway, County Galway; if it has selected a successful tender; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [37288/25]

\*787. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has completed the assessments of tenders for the development of a primary care centre at Oranmore, County Galway; if they have selected a successful tender; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [37289/25]

\*788. To ask the Minister for Health to explain the issue with regard to the lack of funding between the HSE and a charity (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37315/25]

\*789. To ask the Minister for Health if permanent contracts of employment will be offered to all radiography and radiation therapy graduates this year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [37318/25]

\*790. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the recent legislation in the UK which has effectively legalised abortion for the full nine months of pregnancy; whether her Department has monitored the passage of this legislation; her views on the proposals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37321/25]

\*791. To ask the Minister for Health when section 232 of the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Act 2024 will be commenced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [37326/25]

\*792. To ask the Minister for Health if she will confirm that the co-location of standalone maternity hospitals with adult acute hospitals will remain Government policy into the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [37333/25]

\*793. To ask the Minister for Health the progress regarding the co-location of the UHL maternity hospital to the Dooradoyle campus; if she will provide an estimated timeline for such a move to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [37334/25]

\*794. To ask the Minister for Health if she will confirm previous statements by Ministers for Health that any decisions about reconfiguration of health services in the mid-west will be underpinned by clinical advice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [37335/25]

\*795. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a detailed breakdown of ambulance handover times for each emergency department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [37336/25]

\*796. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of total WTEs for all grade codes from 2020 – 2025; and to provide the activity analysis for the same period by HSE Region, in tabular form. — Joe Cooney. [37337/25]

\*797. To ask the Minister for Health if safe staffing levels exist in each emergency department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [37338/25]

\*798. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided to deliver the required acute hospital capacity as determined by the ERSI acute demand projections for each hospital in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [37339/25]

\*799. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to move to a health-led approach to drug addiction and divert those found in possession of drugs for personal use to health services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37354/25]

\*800. To ask the Minister for Health to review the case of a person (details supplied) and expedite an appointment for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [37363/25]

\*801. To ask the Minister for Health to consider expanding the free HRT scheme to include those treatments that are not covered under the drug payment scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [37378/25]

\*802. To ask the Minister for Health if alternative public treatment options are available for a child (details supplied). — Mairéad Farrell. [37379/25]

\*803. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on when the HSE will make omnipod insulin pumps available to patients in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37380/25]

\*804. To ask the Minister for Health to reply to correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [37382/25]

\*805. To ask the Minister for Health if a subsidy is available for children directed to the care of a psychotherapist after six weeks (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37397/25]

\*806. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be offered to a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [37399/25]

\*807. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of outsourcing routine blood samples from Letterkenny University Hospital to private laboratories for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [37411/25]

\*808. To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure on private taxis by Letterkenny University Hospital for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [37412/25]

\*809. To ask the Minister for Health if she will host a rare disease conference; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [37420/25]

\*810. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE plans to complete a full health technology assessment in relation to EYLEA (aflibercept) given this was recommended by an NCPE Rapid Review assessment report in December 2012; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [37421/25]

\*811. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently expedite a case (details supplied) and allow for a long-term nursing home bed in St. Columbanus Home, Killarney, County Kerry, as this is a most urgent case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [37423/25]

\*812. To ask the Minister for Health if a procedure will be expedited (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [37425/25]

\*813. To ask the Minister for Health if she will give detailed consideration to correspondence received from an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [37429/25]

\*814. To ask the Minister for Health if a case will be reviewed and hip surgery expedited for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [37431/25]

\*815. To ask the Minister for Health further to a response by the HSE to Parliamentary Question REPDR 25/01974, if a wider issue (details supplied) will also be rectified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [37434/25]

\*816. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on a new site for a primary care centre Ballaghaderreen, County Roscommon; to outline the next steps for the process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [37440/25]

\*817. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the drug “ryeqo” to treat endometriosis; if she will be willing to consider adding it to the list of reimbursable items for medical card holders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [37441/25]

\*818. To ask the Minister for Health if she will update the assisted human reproduction legislation to reflect the concerns raised by an individual (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [37446/25]

\*819. To ask the Minister for Health for a status update on the planned primary care centre for Portumna; the steps being taken to expedite this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [37464/25]

\*820. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place for the St. Brigid’s Psychiatric Hospital site in Ballinasloe, County Galway. — Albert Dolan. [37465/25]

\*821. To ask the Minister for Health to detail all requests for additional staffing for the National Ambulance Service since January 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [37478/25]

\*822. To ask the Minister for Health whether the commitment in the new National Sexual Health Strategy 2025-2035 to expand access to existing vaccination programmes in “private settings” includes pharmacy-based vaccination; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [37479/25]

\*823. To ask the Minister for Health whether the commitment in the new National Sexual Health Strategy 2025-2035 to prioritise increased free access to current and future vaccines protecting sexual health will include implementing the NIAC recommendation to provide the HPV vaccine to unvaccinated women under 45 years old who have been treated for CIN lesions, ideally within 48 months of treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [37480/25]

\*824. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that must be taken, and documentary evidence that must be provided, by a couple giving notification to marry to the Civil Registration Services, where that notification is of a timeframe shorter than the standard three months due to the medically affirmed likelihood of a greatly shortened lifespan of one of the couple; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [37482/25]

\*825. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the recent meeting with HSE regional health areas/regional executive officers and teams within mental health services for

Louth, Meath and the midlands with a focus on improvements to all aspects of youth mental health care; the areas that were identified for improvement from these meetings; the areas of positive delivery of services that were identified at these meetings; the initiatives to reduce CAMHS waiting lists identified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [37488/25]

\*826. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of all posts across all specialities within the CAMHS team in the County Louth area. — Joanna Byrne. [37489/25]

\*827. To ask the Minister for Health the actions being taken to fill all approved posts for CAMHS team in the County Louth area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [37490/25]

\*828. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in the County Louth area are currently awaiting their first appointment with the CAMHS team; the number of these children have been waiting over 12 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [37491/25]

\*829. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm the current average waiting time for first appointments from referral to provision of appointment in the County Louth area. — Joanna Byrne. [37492/25]

\*830. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which commitments within Sharing the Vision: A Mental Health Policy for Everyone Implementation Plan 2025 - to enhance supports provided in ED are being rolled out within the County Louth area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [37495/25]

\*831. To ask the Minister for Health if she plans or if proposals are being actively considered for the provision of a crisis resolution teams in the County Louth area, similar to the pilot crisis resolution teams currently operational in Sligo, Leitrim and Cork city (two teams), Waterford city and County, south Dublin, Wicklow and Limerick. — Joanna Byrne. [37496/25]

\*832. To ask the Minister for Health if she plans or if proposals are being actively considered for the development of a community access support team in the County Louth area, similar to that which has been developed in Limerick; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [37497/25]

\*833. To ask the Minister for Health the schemes that exist for recognising the progress made by communities in relation to recovery from addiction, mental health difficulties and related issues; and whether there are there any public initiatives to recognise recovery at the level of villages, towns and other settlements (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [37500/25]

\*834. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that are being made to make Selumetinib available for children. — Shane Moynihan. [37501/25]

\*835. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to expand funding streams for activities for adults in nursing homes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [37502/25]

\*836. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the purpose and current status of a systematic review on the outcomes of interventions for gender dysphoria in adults, which National Gender Service staff are involved in (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [37511/25]

\*837. To ask the Minister for Health if the vacant post for area lead for mental health engagement at Drogheda Department Of Psychiatry identified by the MHC inspection report published on 16 06 2025 has been filled. — Joanna Byrne. [37516/25]

\*838. To ask the Minister for Health if she is satisfied that the necessary measures have been undertaken by Drogheda Department Of Psychiatry to address the areas of non-compliance identified in the MHC inspection report published on 16 June 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [37517/25]

\*839. To ask the Minister for Health the steps taken by Drogheda Department Of Psychiatry to ensure that residents receive appropriate general health care interventions in line with individual care plans to address the areas of non-compliance identified in regulation 19 of the MHC inspection report published on 16 June 2025. — Joanna Byrne. [37518/25]

\*840. To ask the Minister for Health the steps taken by Drogheda Department of Psychiatry to ensure that all staff have received appropriate seclusion training; and the measures put in place by Drogheda Department of Psychiatry to address the areas of non-compliance identified in regulation 69 of the MHC inspection report published on 16 June 2025. — Joanna Byrne. [37519/25]

\*841. To ask the Minister for Health the steps taken by Drogheda Department of Psychiatry to address the areas of non-compliance regarding admission, transfer and discharge codes of practice as identified within the MHC inspection report published on 16 June 2025. — Joanna Byrne. [37520/25]

\*842. To ask the Minister for Health the steps taken by Drogheda Department of Psychiatry to address the areas of non-compliance regarding the use of seclusion codes of practice as identified within the MHC inspection report published on 16 June 2025. — Joanna Byrne. [37521/25]

\*843. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm that she has received a copy of the HSE's nationwide review of insourcing and outsourcing arrangements; if she has considered its contents; if she will publish the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [37540/25]

\*844. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE cardiology registrars based at Saint James's Hospital, Beaumont Hospital and the Mater Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [37542/25]

\*845. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide the following details with respect to the HSE and four planning appeals submitted to An Bord Pleanála (details supplied) if the HSE received a notification of the planning appeal; if so, the date of notification and the body that issued the notification; whether the HSE made a submission to the appeal; and; if so, the date of any such submission; in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [37574/25]

\*846. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will instruct their Department to make oral immunotherapy as well

as medicines such as omalizumab more widely available, to ensure situations like this do not happen again.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [37593/25]

\*847. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the medical evacuation programme from Gaza; how she envisions the programme continuing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [37594/25]

\*848. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the case of a person (details supplied); if the Government plans to expand access to medicinal cannabis for a larger scope of illnesses beyond what is currently offered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [37665/25]

\*849. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a detailed breakdown of the €93 million being spent annually on outsourcing mental health care, including the types of services and providers involved. — Sorca Clarke. [37666/25]

\*850. To ask the Minister for Health has the €93 million spent on outsourcing mental health care led to any measurable reductions in waiting times for CAMHS, primary care psychology, AONs and so on- and can you provide that data. — Sorca Clarke. [37667/25]

\*851. To ask the Minister for Health the cost per patient for outsourced mental health care compared to the same service delivered by the HSE. — Sorca Clarke. [37668/25]

\*852. To ask the Minister for Health given the annual €93 million outsourcing spend, if the HSE has considered that this money could be reallocated to expand internal staffing, training and retention, particularly for CAMHS, primary care psychology and multidisciplinary teams. — Sorca Clarke. [37669/25]

\*853. To ask the Minister for Health if the linear accelerator and CT scanner in CUH which had been closed in recent times, remain closed as of 2 July 2025; when it is anticipated it will be in use; and the staff that are required to achieve this. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [37670/25]

\*854. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements that exist to ensure that healthcare professionals who do not wish to participate in abortions can exercise freedom of conscience in this regard during their training as doctors, nurses and midwives and or pharmacists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [37675/25]

\*855. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will undertake further independent research into abortion provision through remote consultations, in light of a report in a newspaper (details supplied) on 1 July 2025 on the lack of regulation of telemedicine, and the HSE's more recent position since the 2021 review that telemedicine abortion can make it more difficult to identify coercion or abuse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [37676/25]

\*856. To ask the Minister for Health if the opening hours at the medical assessment unit in Ennis Hospital are to be revised (details supplied); if so, the rationale for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [37714/25]

\*857. To ask the Minister for Health if she will address the lack of access to manual lymphatic drainage (MLD) therapy for lymphedema patients across County Roscommon, where no physiotherapists within the HSE service are currently trained to provide this essential treatment;

if funding constraints are the cause of this service gap; and if she will ensure that cancer patients in Roscommon have equitable access to MLD, including the possibility of accessing services in nearby centres such as Athlone, regardless of county boundaries. — Martin Daly. [37719/25]

\*858. To ask the Minister for Health if she will address the lack of access to manual lymphatic drainage (MLD) therapy for lymphedema patients across County Roscommon, where no physiotherapists within the HSE service are currently trained to provide this essential treatment; if funding constraints are the cause of this service gap; and if she will ensure that all patients in Roscommon have equitable access to MLD, including the possibility of accessing services in nearby centres such as Sligo, Leitrim, Offaly, Westmeath & Galway regardless of county boundaries. — Martin Daly. [37720/25]

\*859. To ask the Minister for Health if the semi-synthetic cannabinoid hexahydrocannabinol (HHC), commonly found in vape products, will be included under schedule 1 of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations, and if so, when the amendment is expected to take effect. — Martin Daly. [37721/25]

\*860. To ask the Minister for Health if she is concerned by the absence of public guidance from the FSAI regarding the impact of UK folic acid flour fortification from October 2025, despite this change being just three months away; and whether she will instruct the authority to immediately engage with industry to mitigate packaging and labelling compliance risks considering Northern Irish food producers have such mitigation measures provided for identical packaging and labelling regulation?. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [37722/25]

\*861. To ask the Minister for Health if she will urgently engage with food manufacturers, bakeries, and retailers to assess the impact of folic acid-fortified UK flour entering the Irish market from October 2025; and whether she will consider emergency support measures, given the extremely limited time now available for labelling compliance and packaging changes under EU Regulation 1169/2011 given that food manufacturers, bakeries, and retailers in Northern Ireland have some provisions from the competent authority for food labelling in Northern Ireland ?. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [37723/25]

\*862. To ask the Minister for Health if she has raised, or will raise urgently, the issue of mandatory folic acid fortification of UK flour with the European Commission or relevant EU working groups, with a view to coordinated guidance or flexibilities for member states reliant on UK flour imports. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [37724/25]

\*863. To ask the Minister for Health to reply to attached correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [37728/25]

\*864. To ask the Minister for Health if, following a query (details supplied), a wider issue will also be rectified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [37732/25]

\*865. To ask the Minister for Health the mental health supports available to children and adults in IPAS accommodation; if specialist services for trauma and, more generally, services that can address the unique experience of undergoing the international protection process are provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [37734/25]

\*866. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the mini-TT 380 copper coil is not included in the free contraceptive scheme; if this coil has not been included as a reimbursable items due to a

clinical concern or due to the lack of an application from the supplier or for another reason; if so the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [37758/25]

\*867. To ask the Minister for Health the levels of expenditure that the HSE sanctions without sign-off from the HSE senior leadership team, with sign-off from the HSE senior leadership team, and following consultation with the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation; if these levels of expenditure are consistent across all areas of healthcare expenditure, or if there is specific governance for particular areas of expenditure (e.g. new medicines); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [37768/25]

\*868. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the implementation of the interim recommendations she received from the National Clinical Trials Oversight Group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [37769/25]

\*869. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the proportion of clinical trials initiated in Ireland since 2023 that have met the 42-days key performance indicator for regulatory approval, ethics approval and contracting, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [37770/25]

\*870. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dedicated WTE clinical research staff employed by the Health Service Executive; the plans for additional recruitment in 2025 and 2026 of dedicated clinical research staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [37771/25]

\*871. To ask the Minister for Health to report, on a hospital-by-hospital basis, on utilisation by public hospitals of clinical research organisation services, and on associated charging overheads, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [37772/25]

\*872. To ask the Minister for Health with reference to governance of clinical trials in which public hospitals participate, if national guidance has been issued for data impact assessments; if she will report, on a hospital-by-hospital basis, if hospitals are following national guidance, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [37773/25]

\*873. To ask the Minister for Health the number of individuals currently living with migraine; if she is aware of the WIFOR European study on the socioeconomic burden of migraine, which shows a socioeconomic impact of migraine of up to 2% of GDP; her Department's plans to recognise migraine as a neurological disorder and ensure appropriate support to patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [37774/25]

\*874. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the patient survey report launched by the Neurological Alliance of Ireland in June 2025, which shows significant regional differences in access to neurological care services across the country, lengthy waiting times for services, with significant variation across the country, and high percentages of respondents reporting they had never had access to specific services (neurorehabilitation and specialist neurology nurses); if neurology resources will be increased in line with the commitment in the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [37775/25]

\*875. To ask the Minister for Health the specific measures in place to reduce waiting times for dermatology out-patients; the steps being taken to achieve the KPIs of the national waiting list action plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [37776/25]

\*876. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts currently being made to improve the prevention, early diagnosis, treatment and quality of life for those affected by advanced ovarian cancer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [37777/25]

\*877. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there are currently no seizure detection devices (details supplied) eligible for funding under the local community healthcare organisation's community funded schemes; the processes which suppliers/manufacturers of these devices must follow in order to have these devices considered for funding; if the expansion of the scheme to include these devices can be considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37789/25]

\*878. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of agency staff employed by the HSE for each of the past three years, by CHO area, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [37794/25]

\*879. To ask the Minister for Health the actions her Department is undertaking to offer timely appointments to the 10,542 children awaiting dental screenings in CHO9; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [37799/25]

\*880. To ask the Minister for Health if the Dexcom One continuous glucose monitor is available on the drugs payment card scheme for individuals who do not qualify to access the continuous glucose monitor under any other HSE scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [37813/25]

\*881. To ask the Minister for Health the lessons that have been learned to date from the Laura Brennan HPV vaccination catch-up programme to inform its future development; whether there are any specific areas of improvement that have been identified to increase uptake rates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [37822/25]

\*882. To ask the Minister for Health if, given that the HPV vaccine is currently available, free of charge, to gbMSM and people living with HIV attending public STI clinics, PrEP and HIV services, there is an intention under the new National Sexual Health Strategy 2025-2035 to make the HPV vaccine available to gbMSM through primary care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [37823/25]

\*883. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will recognise obsessive compulsive disorder as a disability rather than as a mental health condition. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [37830/25]

\*884. To ask the Minister for Health if a healthcare professional (details supplied) could be trained in a hospital for breast cancer patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [37832/25]

\*885. To ask the Minister for Health the expected waiting time for a hip replacement and for further information to be supplied to a patient (details supplied) and this Deputy. — Edward Timmins. [37836/25]

\*886. To ask the Minister for Health if she will accept the HSE's recommendation to end insourcing arrangements in the health service by 30 June 2026; if she will commit to this deadline based on the steps to phase out insourcing provided for in the HSE's review of insourcing and outsourcing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [37838/25]

\*887. To ask the Minister for Health the reason some GP surgeries are implementing charges on medical card holders for various tests such as blood tests, urine sample testing and changing of dressings as an example; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [37876/25]

\*888. To ask the Minister for Health in which month the new 96 bed block in UHL will be open to patients. — Alan Kelly. [37878/25]

\*889. To ask the Minister for Health if Veoza, aimed at women who are not suitable for HRT, will be covered under the free HRT scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [37881/25]

\*890. To ask the Minister for Health if an organisation (details supplied) will be funded by the HSE to eliminate the cost barrier of exercise for older people; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [37882/25]

\*891. To ask the Minister for Health if she will meet a group representing parents (details supplied) affected by the hip dysplasia scandal at Children's Health Ireland; if she will issue a detailed response to their correspondence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [37902/25]

\*892. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people covered by medical cards in each year 2011 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [37931/25]

\*893. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people covered by GP visit cards in each year 2011 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [37932/25]

\*894. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure the use of the Crumlin Hospital site for key worker housing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [37934/25]

\*895. To ask the Minister for Health the details of equipment and machinery, such as CT and MRI scanners and linear accelerator machines, which have reached their end of life, across each statutory and section 38 hospital, in tabular form; to be requested from each hospital as required; the date at which they reached end of life; the breakdown rate of these machines; the productive hours lost as a result of breakdowns; the number of days where each machine was non-operational due to breakdown; the cost of maintenance to date per machine as a result of breakdowns and as a result of vendors not covering maintenance due to machinery being no longer under warranty; the number and details of machines which are idle or underutilised due to staffing and the WTE requirement to ensure they are operational at full capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [37935/25]

\*896. To ask the Minister for Health if the main CT scanner for radiation oncology at St. Luke's is within or beyond its end of life; if there is a concern whether this machine will not be operational if it is turned off, and as such if it is left turned on 24 hours a day; her plans for replacing all equipment at St. Luke's which is beyond or nearing end of life; the budgetary requirements for same and the sanctioned budget for replacements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [37936/25]

\*897. To ask the Minister for Health the extent and cost of radiation therapy outsourcing to private providers, by hospital, in tabular form; and the details of total payments to private providers per instance of service provided. — David Cullinane. [37937/25]

\*898. To ask the Minister for Health the measures the Government is taking to address the unacceptable delays in accessing public psychological and speech and language therapy services for children; if a scheme will be introduced to reimburse families who are forced to pay for the provision of assessments and therapies due to the public system's inability to meet demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [37938/25]

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

\*899. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the average length of time for the approval of new apprenticeship programmes from inception to commencement. — Maeve O'Connell. [37815/25]

\*900. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider retaining the €1,000 college-fee reduction introduced as part of the cost-of-living measures, in light of the ongoing financial pressures facing families due to the high cost of food, utilities and housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [36984/25]

\*901. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his Department's expenditure on hairstyling, make-up, personal grooming, and general cosmetic expenses, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [36996/25]

\*902. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his Department's expenditure on beauticians, make-up artists or hairdressing professionals, stylists or personal shoppers, specifying if such expenditure was on a contract or retainer fee basis, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37015/25]

\*903. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his Department's expenditure on media training in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the firms contracted to provide training; and the position or grade of those availing of training for example minister, secretary general, principal officer and so on. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37050/25]

\*904. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his Department's expenditure on media consultancy in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the consultancy firms involved; and the nature of each contract, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37068/25]

\*905. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 1654 of 10 June 2025, when a reply will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [37081/25]

\*906. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount spent to date by University College Cork on the UCC Group brand refresh project; the estimated total cost of the project; whether external consultants have been engaged in relation

to the project; the amount they have been paid to date; the estimated total cost of external consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [37100/25]

\*907. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the capital funding allocated to each technological university since creation, by year, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [37178/25]

\*908. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of approval for the SETU one health building; when the preliminary business case was received; when a decision will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [37179/25]

\*909. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of approval for the SETU Wexford Campus; when the preliminary business case was received; when a decision will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [37180/25]

\*910. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of approval for the SETU veterinary and pharmacy buildings; when the preliminary business case was received; when a decision will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [37181/25]

\*911. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of approval for the SETU student accommodation developments in Waterford and Carlow; when the preliminary business case was received; when a decision will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [37182/25]

\*912. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of approval for the SETU apprenticeship building; when the preliminary business case was received; when a decision will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [37183/25]

\*913. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to examine the case, and explain the reasons, a person had their higher education access route application rejected under the grounds of criteria 4 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [37203/25]

\*914. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if funding will be provided to the ETB as they are currently not in the position to continue local training initiatives for the remainder of 2025 in Littleton, Cahir, Cashel and Tipperary town, as funding for the shortfall would ensure that these classes are not lost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [37212/25]

\*915. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of purchase orders processed by his Department in 2023 that were not included in the published reports of purchase orders over €20,000; the number of purchase orders excluded due to their value falling below the €20,000 threshold, and the total combined value of those purchase orders; and the number of purchase orders excluded because they related to transactions other than goods or services (for example, grants-in-aid, reimbursements), in line with reporting conventions. — Albert Dolan. [37233/25]

\*916. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to intervene with a particular college (details supplied) to ensure that students are able to finish the final year of their course that has been cancelled due to budget issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [37251/25]

\*917. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on progress in relation to the Kilkenny College of Further Education and Training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [37280/25]

\*918. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will immediately review the cuts to the local training Initiative programmes in south Tipperary as a result of funding cuts by Tipperary ETB; if he will work with Tipperary ETB to ensure it has sufficient funding for these vital programmes catering to early school leavers; if he will comment on the importance of the local training initiatives and their importance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [37426/25]

\*919. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to retain the cost of living reduction of €1,000 for student fees in Budget 2026 and make this initiative a permanent feature going forward (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [37547/25]

\*920. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to expedite work on a site (details supplied) in Killarney, County Kerry by developing a state-of-the-art campus focussing on skills development in hospitality training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [37548/25]

\*921. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will ensure that student fees are not increased (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [37558/25]

\*922. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if urgent assistance can be provided to struggling families in the form of student fees and SUSI grants (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [37559/25]

\*923. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will reconsider the recent announcement regarding the €1,000 cost-of-living support towards third level college fees not being continued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [37576/25]

\*924. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports in place to help apprentices and employers make the most of apprenticeship programmes as a route into skilled trades; if he has plans to improve apprenticeship pay to boost retention; how his Department is working to ensure apprenticeships are valued on a par with academic qualifications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [33158/25]

\*925. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware the leaving certificate class of 2025 will compete for college places against applicants from previous years who benefitted from inflated grades, putting this year’s class at a

disadvantage; if he will increase university capacity to offset this anomaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [30787/25]

\*926. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science following the move to reduce grade inflation, the measures he will introduce to mitigate against the class of 2025 being disadvantaged when competing for college places against applicants with inflated results from previous years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [30788/25]

\*927. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to give detailed consideration to a document produced by a national organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [37796/25]

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\*928. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the amount spent by his Department each year from 2020 to 2025 inclusive on the provision of personal alarms under the senior alert scheme; if these alarms continue to operate on copper broadband technology; if so, the measures his Department intend to take to ensure that these devices and the terms of this scheme are revised to ensure that they are compatible with modern broadband technology, including fibre to the home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [36993/25]

\*929. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his Department’s expenditure on hairstyling, make-up, personal grooming, and general cosmetic expenses, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37001/25]

\*930. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his Department’s expenditure on beauticians, make-up artists or hairdressing professionals, stylists or personal shoppers, specifying if such expenditure was on a contract or retainer fee basis, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37020/25]

\*931. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his expenditure on advertising detailing the objective, duration, media platforms, advertising agency or agencies, and cost of each advertising campaign in each of the years 2015 to 2025. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37038/25]

\*932. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his Department’s expenditure on media training in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the firms contracted to provide training; and the position or grade of those availing of training for example minister, secretary general, principal officer and so on. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37055/25]

\*933. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his Department’s expenditure on media consultancy in each of the years 2015 to 2025; the consultancy firms involved; and the nature of each contract, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [37073/25]

\*934. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of purchase orders processed by his Department in 2023 that were not included in the

published reports of purchase orders over €20,000; the number of purchase orders excluded due to their value falling below the €20,000 threshold, and the total combined value of those purchase orders; and the number of purchase orders excluded because they related to transactions other than goods or services (for example, grants-in-aid, reimbursements), in line with reporting conventions. — Albert Dolan. [37238/25]

\*935. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if there are any financial supports for communities where they provide services and activities for older people in community centres; if any organisations for older people support this financially; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [37435/25]

\*936. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the supports available to an organisation in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [37561/25]

\*937. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for a progress report in regard to an urgent matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [37713/25]

\*938. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the reasons which prevent organisations combining Leader and Sports Capital Programme on a single project notwithstanding there can be different phases and stages in projects and separate funding might be required for each of these stages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [37718/25]

\*939. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his plans to financially support community cafes across the country. — Alan Kelly. [37877/25]

\*940. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta an mbeidh costas Ionad Pobail Mhaigh Chuilinn i gContae na Gaillimhe cuimsithe sa Phlean Forbartha Náisiúnta nua; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Mairéad Farrell. [38452/25]