



## DÁIL ÉIREANN

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

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

\*1. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the case of the ongoing retention of a person (details supplied); the actions he will take to encourage the British government to increase its diplomatic efforts in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [38124/25]

\*2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of foreign birth register applications that have been made from persons residing in the USA in the past five years, including this year to 30 June 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [38278/25]

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

\*3. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is aware of the concerns of the liquid fuel home heating sector that the obligation rates planned for the forthcoming renewable heat obligation are too low to have a meaningful impact on carbon emissions and its view that a more ambitious target of a 20% blend would be equivalent to deploying 160,000 heat pumps overnight, but at current rates this would take 26 years to achieve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [38273/25]

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

\*4. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 18 of 25 June 2025, if he will provide further details, specifically, to name the range of stakeholders involved in discussions; if he will provide a timeline as to when the “active development” and report review will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [37987/25]

\*5. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of military attachés from foreign armed forces accredited to Ireland; the number that are military officers; the number that are civilian; when Ireland’s first military attaché will be accredited abroad; the length of time the project to plan for this proposal has been in train; if there are barriers to implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [38283/25]

\*6. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to potential overreach and undermining of the sovereignty of EU Member States by the European Commission under Article 41.2 of the Treaty on European Union which requires expenditure

from the Union budget for the purposes of operations with a military or defence implication are prohibited without unanimity at the Council, with the adoption of ASAP and the SAFE regulation; whether he has raised this at EU level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [38325/25]

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

\*7. To ask the Minister for Transport is he has considered the need to include commercial operators in the planned expansion of free travel for children under nine years old later this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [38002/25]

\*8. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department have carried out an assessment on the number of children under nine years old who use commercial operators on a daily basis as a means of school transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [38003/25]

\*9. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has carried out an assessment on the cost of expanding free transport to children under nine years old to commercial operators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [38004/25]

\*10. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has carried out an assessment of how many additional children would travel for free if the under-9 free travel scheme is extended to commercial operators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [38005/25]

\*11. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration has been given to extend the 22.25 train from Galway to Athlone, which currently only operates Monday to Friday to include weekends or to provide any other late night train service (details supplied); if and when the National Transport Authority will address this gap in evening and weekend public transport provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [38045/25]

\*12. To ask the Minister for Transport when he will provide funding for the runway extension at Waterford Airport; if he will report on a recent engagement with the local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38126/25]

\*13. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has sought or received any further information on N24 or N25 upgrade projects; when he will sanction funding to advance these projects to phase 3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38127/25]

\*14. To ask the Minister for Transport if bus services after midnight will be expanded into north Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [38168/25]

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

\*15. To ask the Minister for Finance if he accepts that Article 127 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union requires the Central Bank of Ireland to act with a view to contributing to the achievement of the objectives of the Union as laid down in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union, including specifically the strict observance of international law; if he accepts that the sale of Israeli bonds currently facilitated by the Central Bank of Ireland contributes to the State of Israel's actions which have been found in violation of international law by the International Court of Justice; if he is concerned by the comments of the Governor of

the Central Bank of Ireland at the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation, and Taoiseach on 11 June 2025 that international law does not govern the Bank's actions; and the actions he intends to take to ensure that the Central Bank of Ireland does take account the European Union's objective of strict observance of international law in its decisions as set out in the Treaties. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38007/25]

\*16. To ask the Minister for Finance to support the hospitality sector by reintroducing the 9% VAT rate as a matter of priority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38012/25]

\*17. To ask the Minister for Finance if, in light of the estimate of the €200 million cost of extending the current employer tax relief to the auto-enrolment cohort contained in the 2022 regulatory impact assessment of the Pensions Auto Enrolment Bill, this additional employer tax relief will apply to the auto enrolment scheme ("My Future Fund") when it comes into effect on 1 January 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38081/25]

\*18. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider amending the eligibility criteria for the home carer tax credit to extend entitlement to single individuals and non-jointly assessed carers (such as those who are unmarried, cohabiting, or single) who provide full time care to dependent persons; if a review or public consultation is planned in Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [38105/25]

\*19. To ask the Minister for Finance if a property (details supplied) remains in the control of NAMA; if this is no longer the case, to whom the property has been sold; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [38121/25]

\*20. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide data for the first six months of the year outlining the number of cigarette and tobacco seizures carried out by the Revenue Commissioners; to provide a breakdown on the location of each seizure, by county; to provide the value of each seizure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [38192/25]

\*21. To ask the Minister for Finance whether a recalibration of the capital gains tax regime will be introduced (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [38244/25]

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

\*22. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to investigate the delay in the signing of a lease (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38015/25]

\*23. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if the Garda pension fund has current and previous investments in IPAS centres. — Pat Buckley. [38021/25]

\*24. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he intends to bring forward legislative reform to strengthen the investigatory and enforcement powers of the Standards in Public Office Commission, particularly in cases involving potential interference in the democratic work of councillors; how the integrity of local

government decision-making can be protected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38036/25]

\*25. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if there is a standard flood barrier height being delivered under the Midleton and east Cork individual property protection (IPP) scheme; if there are any exceptions to this height being considered under the scheme, particularly for those areas who historically have experienced the worst flooding; the number of properties in Midleton and east Cork that have been recommended for the installation of higher barriers by an engineering report; the possibility of property owners being considered for a retrospective payment should they wish to install a higher barrier than what is currently provided for under the IPP scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [38099/25]

\*26. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if the Chief State Solicitor's Office or Kildare County Council provided the OPW with confirmation that they could continue to pursue a renewal of the lease at a location (details supplied); if so, on what date was that provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [38169/25]

\*27. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the extent to which the OPW sought to establish what portion of a road was owned by Kildare County Council (details supplied); whether that portion of the road could be secured, and at what cost; if discussions took place re same; the actions taken thereafter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [38170/25]

\*28. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether he would advance the concept of an enclosed off-leash area for dogs in the Phoenix Park, close to the Ashtown Gate or the Hole in the Wall pedestrian gate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [38177/25]

\*29. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to outline the plans to roof the exposed part of Donegal Town Castle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [38317/25]

\*30. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to outline the plans to roof the exposed part of Donegal Town Castle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [38318/25]

\*31. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation 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. [38343/25]

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

\*32. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 448 of 10 June 2025, the position regarding the review of errors made under the increased cost of business grant and Power Up grant; to provide a timeline for when businesses

will receive their payment if they were originally miscategorised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37993/25]

\*33. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding a timeline for the completion of the departmental review of the administration of the power up grant scheme; the basis for the missed deadline in February 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37998/25]

\*34. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 311 of 8 May 2025, when outstanding payments will issue in respect of applications under the 2024 scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38042/25]

\*35. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide a schedule including the total number of notifications of proposed collective redundancies forms (Form CRN1) his Department have received; the total quarterly number of proposed redundancies contained therein on a quarterly basis from Q1 2016 to Q2 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [38084/25]

\*36. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide a schedule of the total number of jobs announcements he and his Department have issued to the press; the job creation numbers to which those relate, on a quarterly basis from Q1 2016 to Q2 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [38085/25]

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

\*37. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to urgently address an important issue (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [37951/25]

\*38. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to correspondence received by a teacher (details supplied), if she will clarify the position relating to the provision of incremental credit; if clear guidance will be provided by her Department in respect of whether incremental credit can be awarded in this case, in advance of the teacher having to go back on the Department's/ETB's payroll; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [37956/25]

\*39. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the SNA allocation for moderate general learning disability classes could be reviewed in order that the allocation is on par with ASD classes, given the complex medical needs in these classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [37977/25]

\*40. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department accepts that the lack of dedicated spaces for young people is contributing to poor mental health outcomes and loneliness, given recent research by the European Union Joint Research Centre which found that Ireland is the loneliest country in Europe; the steps her Department is taking to address this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [37978/25]

\*41. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department accepts the need for a national approach to provide integrated youth hubs in towns-cities across Ireland where young people can access State- and community-based services and have a safe space to congregate with their peers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [37979/25]

\*42. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to respond to reports of children with a diagnosis of autism who, in their autism report, it is stated that they need SNA support, and it is recommended by the SENO, in some cases, and then it is being denied by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [37985/25]

\*43. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department plans to review SNA allocation criteria to include the sensory and emotional regulation needs of children with autism which is crucial to their learning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [37988/25]

\*44. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will consider a pilot programme to fund the development and operation of State run one-stop-shop youth spaces in partnership with the Department of Health and Social Protection, with a focus on wrap-around supports for young people, such as mental and sexual health, employment, training, and so on. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [38001/25]

\*45. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to urgently address concerns (details supplied) and ensure that multi-grade classroom teacher pupil ratio will be given favourable consideration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38013/25]

\*46. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of applications for additional special needs assistants submitted to her Department; and the number of these applications approved and refused, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [38029/25]

\*47. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is concerned that SENOs are making recommendations for additional special needs assistants for schools, and these requests are being denied by the NCSE; and if she will examine this. — Claire Kerrane. [38031/25]

\*48. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 407 of 1 July 2025; the number of primary school places available in the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council area for children with Down syndrome with a general learning disability, not related to ASD; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [38077/25]

\*49. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth; further to Parliamentary Question No. 407 of 1 July 2025, the number of secondary school places available in the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council area for children with Down syndrome with a general learning disability, not related to ASD; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [38078/25]

\*50. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 407 of 1 July 2025, if additional school places at both primary and secondary school level will be provided in the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council area for children with Down syndrome with a general learning disability, not related to ASD; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [38079/25]

\*51. 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 concerns of families in the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council area that have children with Down syndrome regarding the availability of special classes in their local community for children with a general learning disability, not related to ASD; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [38080/25]



\*52. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider targeted investment in State-run youth spaces as part of Budget 2026, given the growing demand for early intervention mental health, education, and wellbeing supports for young people, and the opportunity these hubs present to deliver multiple services under one roof; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [38082/25]

\*53. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if, and the reason why, a large number of trees were removed from their location by contractors, despite not being part of the site for a building project for a new school (details supplied). — Shane Moynihan. [38083/25]

\*54. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has plans to reform how teaching posts are allocated to schools; if she recognises that a system based on the previous year's admissions cannot accurately reflect future demand; if a system could be put in place that uses confirmed admissions for the coming year as a more accurate measure for teaching post requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [38097/25]

\*55. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if, after an unsuccessful appeal, there is any further recourse for a school (details supplied) which has lost a teaching post based on figures for last year's admissions which do not reflect demands on the school's resources in the coming year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [38098/25]

\*56. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a child (details supplied) with a diagnosis of autism and a clear recommendation for one-on-one SNA support in a mainstream class has been refused by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38100/25]

\*57. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if autism classes will commence in schools (details supplied) in September 2026, as previously indicated by the NCSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [38106/25]

\*58. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if consideration will be given to supporting the upskilling of parents and carers to fill the capacity gap for special needs assistants whilst ensuring that their carer's allowance is not affected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [38107/25]

\*59. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if any details will be provided as to the number of children in Dublin 2 and Dublin 4 who are currently seeking autism classes and places in special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [38108/25]

\*60. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [38125/25]

\*61. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will intervene to ensure approval and that resources are allocated to allow the opening of an ASD unit at a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [38166/25]

\*62. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the Teaching Council's work to make it mandatory for all student teachers to undertake one mandatory school placement in a special education setting; to provide a timeline on when this will be implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [38179/25]

\*63. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 242 of 3 July 2025, the number of students enrolled in the school each September from 2015-2024; the number of students enrolled in the school at the end of the school year each June from 2016-2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [38207/25]

\*64. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 372 of 1 July 2025, if she will review the current staffing appeals process to provide a mechanism for escalation or reconsideration where decisions result in disproportionately large class sizes at individual year levels; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38222/25]

\*65. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 372 of 1 July 2025, if she will consider reforming the staffing allocation model to include safeguards that prevent individual classes in primary schools from exceeding a defined pupil threshold, such as a maximum class size of 20; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38223/25]

\*66. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 372 of 1 July 2025, if she will consider supporting legislative proposals to establish a national classroom size cap and to move towards a more transparent, needs-based staffing model for primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38224/25]

\*67. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will overturn the planned freeze on SNA allocations for schools due to the increasing need for such staff and the vital role they play in both the classroom and the school environment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38225/25]

\*68. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a new school building project (details supplied); if tenders have been assessed and awarded; if so, to whom; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [38226/25]

\*69. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth regarding the additional school accommodation scheme in respect of a school (details supplied); if steps will be taken to expedite this application to ensure the school has time make preparations to facilitate a special class for the impending academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [38255/25]

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

\*70. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the engagement he has had with a campaign group (details supplied) with regard to the ongoing independent review of the night-time economy pilots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37958/25]

\*71. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to complete installing high-speed fibre broadband to 1.1 million people, including homes, farms, and businesses nationwide as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37960/25]

\*72. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to explore new mechanisms for the creation of football academies with two groups (details supplied) as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37961/25]

\*73. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to conduct a nationwide audit of sports facilities to address shortages in areas underserved including towns with populations over 1,500 as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37962/25]

\*74. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to work with three organisations (details supplied) and all sporting organisations to drive increased participation in sport as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37963/25]

\*75. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to expand support for para-sports and special needs programmes by providing grants to clubs that demonstrate inclusive policies and facilities as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37964/25]

\*76. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to implement the New National Swimming Strategy by investing in pools and swimming facilities allowing everyone an opportunity to swim as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37965/25]

\*77. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to work with all sporting organisations to promote a ‘one club’ ethos, encompassing male and female participants and promoting equality of access to sporting facilities as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37966/25]

\*78. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to include a property (details supplied) in the intervention (amber) area for fibre broadband; when this property will receive fibre broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [37984/25]

\*79. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide an update on the provision of fibre broadband to a property (details supplied); the reasons for the ongoing delays in the rollout of the National Broadband Plan at this location which was originally scheduled for October 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [37989/25]

\*80. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update from the Chief State Solicitor’s Office on a matter (details supplied). — Ged Nash. [37991/25]

\*81. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if, in light of his contribution to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Arts, Media, Culture, Communications and Sport on 2 July 2025 that the Arts Council should not exclude comedy, he is prepared use his powers under section 5(3) of the Arts Act 2003 to give a direction in writing to the Council requiring it to comply with the policy of not excluding comedy; and if he supports this Deputy’s Arts (Recognition of Comedy) (Amendment) Bill 2024. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38009/25]

\*82. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department has been in contact with the Department of Finance and the Department of Social Protection around the application of the Karshan ruling, in light of recent issues around bogus self-employment in bodies under the aegis of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [38119/25]

\*83. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department has issued any guidance or provided any support to bodies under its aegis regarding bogus self-employment and how to correctly apply the Karshan ruling in their work, given the widespread issues regarding bogus self-employment in the arts, media and communications sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [38120/25]

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

\*84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is concerned about the scarcity of hares in the area of Roseberry, County Kildare, as highlighted in the attached December 2024 return (details supplied), which stated that “only two courses run—hare stock low this year”. — Paul Murphy. [37301/25]

\*85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of apprenticeships commenced through local authorities for the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [37312/25]

\*86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, given that his Department previously advised that it was unable to locate the policy files for S.I. No. 254/1986 - European Communities (Wildlife Act 1976) (Amendment) Regulations, 1986, and was/is therefore legally non-compliant with the National Archives Act 1986 (the ‘30-year rule’) in these regards, his Department has complied with the terms of the National Archives Act 1986, by providing all files—including policy files—pertaining to the Wildlife Act 1976—viz. primary legislation—to the National Archives Office under the ‘30-year rule’; and if it transpires that his Department, in addition to its non-compliance vis-à-vis the 1986 Regulations, is also non-compliant with regard to the files on the Wildlife Act 1976; the reason for his Department’s non-compliance; the directions he will give to his Department/NPWS to achieve and sustain legal compliance in respect of both sets of files; if he will make immediate and convenient arrangements in his Department/NPWS for public scrutiny of all of the pertinent files on the 1976 Act, as is legally required of his Department/NPWS under the terms of the National Archives Act 1986; if he will provide a complete copy of the Memorandum of Understanding(MOU)—including all relevant background notes and files pertinent to the MOU—that was provided by the Department of the day to the Oireachtas Committee(s) to inform the Committee(s)’ members during the passage of the Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [37968/25]

\*87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amount of rent arrears (rent owed by housing tenants) in each local authority across the country, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [37986/25]

\*88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are any grant or funding opportunities through his Department towards the purchase of a mobile home where a family cannot provide accommodation through other means. — Robert Troy. [37994/25]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will urgently provide additional funding to Westmeath County Council in relation to housing aid for the elderly and housing adaptations for those with a disability. — Robert Troy. [37999/25]

\*90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason he proposed to delete the specific words recognising “the sacrifice of the men and women of 1916, who fought and died in the General Post Office (GPO), Moore Street, across Dublin and elsewhere in Ireland, so Ireland may be free” from the private members’ motion on GPO and Moore Street Regeneration as a 1916 Cultural Quarter; and the reason these words were not included in his amendment. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38008/25]

\*91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the eligible areas under the domestic wastewater treatment systems grant scheme; if he has any plans to extend those areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [38019/25]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the number of domestic wastewater treatment systems grants approved by county for the years 2020 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [38020/25]

\*93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the multi-annual water programme 2024–2026 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [38046/25]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he will legislate to ensure that there is an obligation on landlords and letting agents to inform tenants of any overpayments they may have made. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38047/25]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of households currently on social housing waiting lists by local authority; and the average waiting time, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [38087/25]

\*96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applicants who have been on a social housing waiting list for more than five, ten and 15 years; and the breakdown of these figures by local authority, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [38088/25]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of people with a disability currently on the social housing list; and the average waiting time, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [38089/25]

\*98. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social housing tenants currently on transfer lists due to overcrowding or unsuitable accommodation; and the average time such transfer applicants are waiting. — Sorca Clarke. [38090/25]

\*99. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of those on the social housing list aged between 18 and 30; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [38091/25]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the drafting of the Statutory Instrument required to establish the architectural technologist register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [38216/25]

\*101. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage 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. [38342/25]

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

\*102. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to expedite an application by a person (details supplied) for domiciliary care allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [37953/25]

\*103. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline his plans to increase further the income disregards for the carer's allowance and ultimately abolish the means test for the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [38014/25]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the current eligibility rules whereby domiciliary care allowance (DCA) automatically ceases when a child turns 16, regardless of the child's continuing care needs; if he will consider extending DCA until a young person's transition to disability allowance has been fully approved and implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38221/25]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the family of an Irish citizen who passes away in the UK is entitled to the death grant for the funeral. — Alan Kelly. [38227/25]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person who was in receipt of a blind pension prior their 66th birthday is no longer able to receive this pension or if they are no longer considered blind upon turning 66; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [38266/25]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the Roadmap for Social Inclusion 2020–2025. — Colm Burke. [38451/25]

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

\*108. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí that have attested from the Garda College from 2020 to 1 July 2025, and the station they were initially assigned to, by year, number of Gardaí attested and location of initial Garda station, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [37976/25]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the educational or awareness initiatives currently in place to inform young people of the consequences of knife crime for both victims and perpetrators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38037/25]



\*110. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will report on the victim support at court, or V-SAC service, which is funded and supported by his Department; the plans to extend the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [38101/25]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to delays in the probate process (details supplied); the actions he will take to expedite this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [38152/25]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if an individual coming to this country from Israel will be stopped from entering if they have previously served in the Israeli Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [38167/25]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will commit to ensure Garda presence at future Joint Policing Committee meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38217/25]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a person (details supplied) can remain in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [38229/25]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason his Department publishes details of purchase orders over €20,000 in value on an annual basis, when the standard practice across other Government Departments is to publish such data on a quarterly basis, in line with transparency commitments and relevant public service reform measures; and if his Department intends to align its reporting frequency with other Government Departments to ensure consistency and comparability in transparency practices. — Albert Dolan. [38234/25]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there are plans provide international protection accommodation at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [38327/25]

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

\*117. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of the salaries of all dog wardens, per county, to include starting salary, increments and top rate of salary, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38284/25]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of the number of dog wardens, per local authority, including any arrangements for employees from an organisation (details supplied), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38285/25]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of the number of penalties issued for noncompliance with micro chipping of dogs, per local authority, in each of the years 2022 to 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38286/25]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update in relation to the €2 million allocated in 2024 for the resourcing of dog warden services; if the money has been drawn down by local authorities; the number of new warden posts that were filled with this fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38287/25]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details with regard to the number of dog licences and registrations registered in each county's local authorities, in each of the years 2022 to 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38288/25]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of XL Bullies that have been surrendered to local authorities or animal charities since the XL Bully ban came into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38289/25]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 922 of 13 May 2025, if he will request a formal update from Teagasc and report on three issues (details supplied). — Albert Dolan. [37952/25]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider appointing a national animal welfare director; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [38000/25]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the commission on generational renewal in farming will be introducing an early retirement scheme; if this will be included in their report on policy that is due to be published in the coming weeks. — Ryan O'Meara. [38157/25]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the grant funding available to upgrade and repair old farm sheds (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38215/25]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the arrangements currently in place for the procurement and delivery of veterinary services at dog shelters; if he will detail any recent changes to these arrangements; the guidance issued by his Department to ensure consistency and high standards across such facilities; if veterinarians assigned have experience in shelter medicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [38258/25]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has plans to review the effectiveness of the new regulations introduced in respect of XL Bully dogs; if he is satisfied that the veterinary assessments and opinions underpinning these regulations are robust, consistent and appropriately informed by evidence; if he will outline the parameters currently guiding such assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [38259/25]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of animal welfare offences committed, per county, in each of the various categories of offences, for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38319/25]



\*130. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a list of all dog breeding establishments, per county and per category of establishment, for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [38320/25]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of dogs exported from Ireland in each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [38321/25]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of dog attacks, per county, and the number and nature of the offences, for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [38322/25]

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

\*133. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if a decision-making representation order is required for a relative of a person in residential services to request a second opinion from a medical professional where there are concerns that the service user is receiving improper medical care, or whether the service provider should facilitate this upon request. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [37995/25]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality in light of the ongoing delays in the provision of assessments of need and therapeutic supports, and the well-documented crisis in the disability sector, if he will consider establishing a dedicated purchase or reimbursement fund to support families who have been forced to pay privately for assessments and interventions due to prolonged wait times; the measures being taken to ensure that children are not disadvantaged or left without essential services while waiting for publicly funded assessments or therapies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [38017/25]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if he will outline the measures being taken to address the inconsistency and disruption in therapy services experienced by young people with disabilities when they turn 18 (details supplied); the plans in place to ensure continuity of care and a seamless transition between child and adult therapy services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [38018/25]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 208 of 2 July 2025, if she is aware of concerns from childcare providers about how complex and difficult the Core Funding Scheme can be to use; if she will review the scheme to make it more workable and accessible for providers of all sizes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38038/25]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 208 of 2 July 2025, if the upcoming review of the National Childcare Subsidy will look at how the scheme works for families using part-time or flexible childcare; if she will address concerns that the current setup may penalise parents who want to spend more time with their children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38039/25]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 208 of 2 July 2025, if she will consider short-term supports for working parents of

children under one year old, given the current shortage of childcare places for infants; if she will look at options such as extended paid maternity leave or extended parental leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38040/25]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the provisions being put in place for a child (details supplied) and other children with special needs who have lost access to after-school care due to the closure of a nearby facility and who are now being refused access to the privately-run after-school service at another location; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [38043/25]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to outline the expected timeline for the transposition for the EU Pay Transparency Directive, indicating in any assistance that will be given to employers to ensure they can properly prepare for the implementation of the directive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [38093/25]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the UNCRC Second Optional Protocol will be ratified before the summer recess (details supplied); and if he will provide an assurance that Ireland will finally ratify this world-renowned child protection convention before the end of 2025. — Claire Kerrane. [38102/25]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of assessments of need conducted in each local health area or community healthcare network in 2023 and 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; the number conducted in the first six months of each year; and the number and percentage of assessments in each year provided publicly, privately, and the number insourced. — David Cullinane. [38129/25]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of people overdue for assessment of need at the end of June in each of the years 2020 to 2025, in tabular form; and the number for each local health area or community healthcare network or children's disability network team. — David Cullinane. [38130/25]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children on waiting lists for initial contact for each children's disability network team at the end of June in each of the years 2022 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38131/25]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number and percentage of children in receipt of partial services from each of the children's disability network teams, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38132/25]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total spend on insourcing and outsourcing of assessments of need in 2023, 2024, and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38133/25]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total spend on insourcing and outsourcing of disability services, by service type, in 2023, 2024, and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38134/25]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number and percentage of assessments of need completed within timelines as provided for in regulations in each quarter for each year 2022-2025 for each service provider, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38203/25]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number and percentage of people with a disability who are in receipt of less than their full allocation of home support at the end of quarter 2 for each year 2022-2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38204/25]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number and percentage of people with a disability who are in receipt of less than their full allocation of personal assistance hours at the end of quarter 2 for each year 2022-2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38205/25]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number and percentage of people with a disability who are in receipt of less than their full allocation of respite services at the end of quarter 2 for each year 2022-2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38206/25]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will address concerns raised about childcare provision in Kilcullen (details supplied); the plans her Department has for investment in the Kilcullen area; the supports her Department has provided to childcare operators in this area to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [38245/25]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality 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. [38344/25]

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

\*154. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date and timeline for implementing the recommendations of the review of radiation therapy, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [37942/25]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Health the unit cost per fraction of treatment utilising a linear accelerator in the public system. — David Cullinane. [37943/25]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Health the number of units of treatment delivered utilising each linear accelerator which were delivered through core activity in each statutory and section 38 hospitals in 2024, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [37944/25]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Health the number of units of treatment delivered utilising a linear accelerator which were delivered through insourcing in 2024, for each statutory and section 38 hospital, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [37945/25]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Health the number of units of treatment delivered utilising a linear accelerator which were delivered through outsourcing in 2024, for each provider, in tabular form; and the details of total payments made to each provider for that period for such services. — David Cullinane. [37946/25]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Health the number of radiation therapists which are on panels awaiting a job offer, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [37947/25]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will fund a PET scanner for Letterkenny; and whether there is any service agreement with Altnagelvin Hospital for such

services to avoid patients travelling long distances to Dublin or Galway. — David Cullinane. [37948/25]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she is taking to future proof nicotine product legislation and regulation in forthcoming legislation on such products to ensure that amendment bills are not required each time industry creates a novel product; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [37949/25]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of all reports, reviews, and other publications containing policy measures or recommendations which were published by the Minister for Health or her Department since 2015, in tabular form; if she will provide a link for each publication. — David Cullinane. [37950/25]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Health the level of Saturday activity occurring due to insourcing arrangements across each specialty for each statutory and section 38 hospital, by health region, in 2024 and to date in 2025. — David Cullinane. [37954/25]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Health the level of Saturday activity occurring due to the public-only consultant contract across each specialty for each statutory and section 38 hospital, by health region, in 2024 and to date in 2025. — David Cullinane. [37955/25]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will conduct a retrospective audit to discern the level of harm which has occurred due to vaginal mesh implants before considering the lifting of any pause on the use of such products; and whether she will follow up with individuals who have previously received mesh implants to check on their clinical wellness as part of such an audit to inform any decision on the future use of such implants. — David Cullinane. [37969/25]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that all alternative options to vaginal mesh implants are available, such as tissue slings, before considering the recommencement of mesh implant services; and if she will ensure that processes to achieve full informed consent, including awareness of the level of harm which has occurred, will be in place ahead of any recommencement of mesh implant services. — David Cullinane. [37970/25]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Health the rate of persons who have received mesh implants who have reported suffering harm as a result of such implants as a proportion of all those who have received mesh implants for the period 2010 to 2018; and whether she has sought such information to inform decision-making on the future use of mesh implants. — David Cullinane. [37971/25]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Health the data sought and collected to inform decision making on the future use of mesh implants. — David Cullinane. [37972/25]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Health the number of alternative surgeries or other interventions conducted as an alternative to mesh implants during the period 2010 to 2018 until the pause, and during the period 2018 since the pause to date, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [37973/25]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Health the range of services available to mesh-injured persons; the reason full removal services are not available in the State; and whether her Department will fund access to treatment abroad for mesh-injured persons. — David Cullinane. [37974/25]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the report of the national vaginal mesh implant oversight group; the reason no mesh-injured persons have been included in the process of compiling the report; and the engagement the group has had with mesh-injured persons since inception, by year, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [37975/25]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the current situation with the ophthalmology services at Longford Clinic; if there is a doctor attending this clinic each week; the number of days the service is being provided; if this service is currently operating on a weekly basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [37980/25]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the ophthalmology test results and review appointment for a person (details supplied) in Longford, noting that this person previously underwent tests but, due to the delay in seeing the ophthalmologist, had to have these tests repeated; if steps will be taken to ensure this does not occur again; when this person can expect to receive an appointment to see the ophthalmologist at Longford Clinic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [37981/25]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional GPs, per county, in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [37982/25]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider increasing the dosage threshold for the treatment of type ii diabetes mellitus (details supplied) to 2 mg, bringing Ireland in line with neighbouring jurisdictions, as currently reimbursement support in Ireland is available for the licensed indication and dosage including and up to 0.25 mg/0.5 mg/1 mg strength providing a four-week supply; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [37990/25]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Health when a start date for the new 40-bed community nursing unit project for Clifden will be announced; the reason for the delay in announcing this project given the fact that funding and planning for this unit have been in place since 2023. — John Connolly. [37996/25]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the development of the primary care centre on Cleveragh Road, Sligo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [37997/25]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Health the number of drug-related intimidation and violence engagement leads per local drug and alcohol taskforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [38006/25]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Health the number of excess deaths in Ireland for each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [38010/25]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Health to request advice from the HSE on a matter (details supplied); if alternative pain management injection administration approaches and related issues will be considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [38016/25]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Health if the shingles vaccination will be included in the national immunisation programme, similar to Northern Ireland and throughout the UK (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38022/25]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Health the number and details of international clinical quality registries, quality improvement registries, or quality assessment registries, or any other similar registries which provide for comparisons of standard and quality of care and outcomes, in which the HSE requires hospital participation, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38026/25]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Health the number and details of international clinical quality registries, quality improvement registries, or quality assessment registries, or any other similar registries which provide for comparisons of standard and quality of care and outcomes, in which each statutory and section-38 hospitals are participating, by hospital, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38027/25]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Health if she considers that hospitals should have to participate in and report to her on their standing within international clinical quality registries, quality improvement registries, or quality assessment registries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38028/25]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Health the energy consumption of each statutory and section 38 acute hospital for each year in the period 2019 to 2024, in tabular form; the display energy certificate (DEC) number for each hospital; the total thermal energy consumption kWh/year; the electrical energy consumption kWh/year; the DEC rating for building and consumption in terms of kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/yr and DEC point scale; and the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions emitted by the building in terms of kgCO<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup>/yr and DEC point scale. — David Cullinane. [38048/25]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Health the supports available to ensure people with cerebral palsy can adapt their cars to continue living independent lives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38103/25]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Health the consideration given to introducing an amendment to the primary medical certificate eligibility criteria to ensure people of various disabilities currently excluded from applying for the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme can do so into the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38104/25]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency department presentations and admissions in the first six months of each year from 2019 to 2025, by hospital, in tabular form; and of those admitted, the percentage and number admitted within six hours, nine hours, and 24 hours. — David Cullinane. [38109/25]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency department presentations who left before they were admitted or discharged in the first six months of each year from 2019 to 2025, by hospital, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38110/25]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of clinical status 1 ECHO incidents responded to within 19 minutes in the first six months of each year from 2019 to 2025, by region, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38111/25]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of clinical status 1 DELTA incidents responded to within 19 minutes in the first six months of each year from 2019 to 2025, by region, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38112/25]



\*192. To ask the Minister for Health the average ambulance response time to all incidents in the first six months of each year from 2019 to 2025, by region, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38113/25]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of symptomatic breast cancer attendances in 2024 and to date in 2025 whose referrals were triaged as urgent and which did not adhere to the national standard of two weeks for urgent referrals. — David Cullinane. [38114/25]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of lung cancer rapid-access clinic attendances in 2024 and to date in 2025 who were offered an appointment within ten working days. — David Cullinane. [38115/25]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of prostate cancer rapid access clinic attendances in 2024 and to date in 2025 who were offered an appointment within 20 working days. — David Cullinane. [38116/25]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of patients undergoing radical radiotherapy treatment who commenced treatment within 15 working days of being deemed ready to treat, by location, for the period 2024 to date in 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38117/25]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of new patients attending rapid access breast, lung, and prostate clinics within recommended timeframes for 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38118/25]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Health whether and how the health service is measuring and comparing productivity of consultants during core activity hours in comparison to insourcing clinics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38135/25]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Health whether it is her view as a matter of standard policy and governance that where a concern arises regarding a potential misuse of funds, that such a matter should be referred to An Garda Síochána or whether it is appropriate for a hospital to decide for itself that such a matter does not warrant a Garda investigation. — David Cullinane. [38136/25]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a medication (details supplied) is administered in Letterkenny Hospital rather than in a community setting where its efficacy has been demonstrated through continued use for a patient, despite guidance from the manufacturer which states it is suitable for administration in the home; if she will consider a pilot scheme for community-based administration of medicines to provide access to care closer to home using such a medication; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38137/25]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Health the spend on agency staffing by each statutory and section 38 hospital in each of the years 2021 to 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; the total figure in each year and the figure for the first half of each year. — David Cullinane. [38138/25]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Health the spend on insourcing by each statutory and section 38 hospital in each of the years 2021 to 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; the total figure in each year; and the figure for the first half of each year. — David Cullinane. [38139/25]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Health the total spend on agency staffing in each of the years 2021 to 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and the amount paid to each provider for each year of the relevant period. — David Cullinane. [38140/25]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Health the total spend on insourcing in each of the years 2021 to 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and the amount paid to each provider for each year of the relevant period. — David Cullinane. [38141/25]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Health the total spend on management consultancy and external professional services in each of the years 2021 to 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and the amount paid to each provider for each year of the relevant period. — David Cullinane. [38142/25]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Health the total cost of medical negligence litigation against the HSE and her Department in each of the years 2014 to 2024 and to date in 2025, including awards made in the courts, settlements made out of court to resolve disputes, and legal costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38143/25]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of accepted referrals and re-referrals offered an appointment and seen within 12 weeks by general adult community mental health teams in 2023, 2024, and to date in 2025 by team and the total, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38144/25]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of accepted referrals and re-referrals offered an appointment and seen within 12 weeks by child and adolescent mental health teams in 2023, 2024, and to date in 2025 by team and the total, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38145/25]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children admitted to adult mental health acute inpatient units in 2023, 2024, and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38146/25]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Health the median wait time for screening or assessment by counselling in primary care services in 2023, 2024, and to date in 2025. — David Cullinane. [38147/25]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of children aged 24 months who received the MMR vaccine at year end 2023, 2024, and at the end of June 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38148/25]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Health if she will respond to correspondence from a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [38161/25]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on CAMHS waiting lists by community healthcare network and length of wait at the end of quarter 2 of each year from 2023 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38171/25]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on diagnostic waiting lists at the end of quarter 2 of 2022 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38172/25]



\*215. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists on the dental treatment services scheme at the end of quarter 2 for each year from 2023 to 2025 by local health office in tabular form; the number of dentists who submitted claims, and the total number of claims in the first half of each year. — David Cullinane. [38173/25]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on HSE dental and orthodontic waiting lists at the end of quarter 2 for each year from 2023 to 2025, broken down by standard waiting times, by area, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38174/25]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Health the number of special care patients including both adult and children, who are on dental surgery waiting lists according to data held by local health offices at the end of quarter 2 for each year from 2013 to 2025 in tabular form; the breakdown by waiting time band and by local health office; the number on waiting lists for dental surgery under general anaesthesia; and the median waiting time for each. — David Cullinane. [38175/25]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Health whether she has been made aware of the current shortage in Ireland of a number of pain relief medications (details supplied); if she can outline the role the Health Products Regulatory Authority can play in ensuring alternative supplies are made available to hospices and community pharmacies caring for these patients, whether this be by expediting the batches currently being held up by regulatory issues, or by ensuring that parallel or exempt medicinal products from other EU countries or from Britain can be imported; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [38178/25]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Health the average patient experience time to admission via an emergency department for all patients for the first 6 months of each year 2023-2025, inclusive, statewide and for each location in tabular form; and to include the average for all patients and for patients aged 75 or older. — David Cullinane. [38180/25]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, for each quarter of each year 2022-2025, inclusive by hospital group and hospital, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38181/25]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed transfers of care for the first six months of each year 2023-2025, inclusive, at each location, in tabular form; the number of delayed discharges and the number as a percentage of all discharges; the number of bed days lost and the number as a percentage of all bed days available for the period. — David Cullinane. [38182/25]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Health the bed occupancy rates of each public and public voluntary hospital, by hospital group, for the first 6 months of each year 2023-2025, inclusive, in tabular form; the national average; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38183/25]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Health the number of days on which full capacity protocols were active for each statutory and section 38 hospital for the first 6 months of each year 2023-2025, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38184/25]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against patients at HSE facilities for the first 6 months of each year 2023-2025, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38185/25]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against staff at HSE facilities for the first 6 months of each year 2023-2025, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38186/25]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of ambulance crews who are ready and mobile to receive another call within 20 minutes of patient handover for each emergency department and each hospital the first 6 months of each year 2023-2025, inclusive in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38187/25]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on primary care and community healthcare waiting lists, for each care service, at the end of the first 6 months of each year 2023-2025, inclusive in tabular form; the breakdown, by length of wait and by age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38188/25]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on home support waiting lists for a carer at the end of the first 6 months of each year 2023-2025, inclusive in tabular form, including the breakdown by length of wait. — David Cullinane. [38189/25]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who are receiving less than their full allocation of home support hours at the end of the first 6 months of each year 2023-2025, inclusive. — David Cullinane. [38190/25]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of any changes to medical evacuation requests as provided for by the Union Civil Protection Mechanism; if there are any attempts to expand or improve the scope of this mechanism in light of the worsening situation in areas such as Gaza; if this mechanism is under consideration of being paused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [38191/25]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Health the number of extreme and major incidents reported to the national quality and patient safety directorate in the first six months of each year 2023-2025, by location, in tabular form; and the percentage of category 1 incidents out of the total number of incidents reported. — David Cullinane. [38193/25]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Health the weighted average wait time for a person's first access to outpatient departments at the end of June 2023-2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38194/25]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Health the weighted average wait time for people for an elective procedure at the end of June 2023-2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38195/25]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting more than four weeks for access to an urgent colonoscopy at the end of June 2023-2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38196/25]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Health the rate of new cases of hospital acquired infections, by infection type by location, at the end of June 2023-2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38197/25]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Health the rate of medication incidents as reported to the national incident management system per 1,000 beds, by location, at the end of June 2023-2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38198/25]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Health the details of acute hospitals that have not completed and published monthly hospital patient safety indicator reports for 2025 to date, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38199/25]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Health the details of maternity units or hospital which are not deemed to be in full implementation of the Irish maternity early-warning system. — David Cullinane. [38200/25]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Health the status of each patient safety review commissioned regarding Portiuncula Hospital maternity and neonatal services, in tabular form; the responsible person for each review; and the completion date of each review or timeline for completion where not completed. — David Cullinane. [38201/25]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of patients who were not seen by a forensic clinical examiner within three hours of a request to a sexual assault treatment unit for a forensic clinical examination. — David Cullinane. [38202/25]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost due to delayed transfer of care for each location for the year to the end of June 2023-2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38208/25]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of children aged 24 months who received the complete course of six-in-one vaccine at year-end 2023, 2024, and at the end of June 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38209/25]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of women in the eligible population who have had a complete mammogram at the end of June 2023-2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38210/25]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of women offered hospital admission for treatment in BreastCheck host hospital within three weeks of diagnosis of breast cancer at the end of June 2023-2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38211/25]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of eligible women with at least one satisfactory cervical screening test in a five year period at the end of June 2023-2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38212/25]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of children reaching 12 months within the reporting period who have had their 9–11 month public health nurse child health and development assessment on time or before reaching 12 months of age at the end of June 2023-2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38213/25]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of infants visited by a public health nurse within 72 hours of discharge from maternity services, for each year 2023-2025 to date, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [38214/25]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken in response to ensure female paramedics feel safe within the National Ambulance Service and that the issues that emerged from an investigation in relation to their experiences of an “unsafe culture” are examined (details supplied); if she will outline any strategy to address concerns about such a culture; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [38228/25]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocated to each hospital across the State (Model 3 and 4) for each of the years 2022 to 2025, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [38230/25]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants working in each hospital across the State (Model 3 and 4) for each of the years 2022 to 2025, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [38231/25]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Health the number of non-consultant hospital doctors working in each hospital across the State (Model 3 and 4) for each of the years 2022 to 2025, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [38232/25]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses working in each hospital across the State (Model 3 and 4) for each of the years 2022 to 2025, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [38233/25]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Health if she will give due consideration to providing epinephrine injections (EpiPens) free of charge to the families of children (not in receipt of medical cards) who are required to carry EpiPens on their person in case they experience severe anaphylaxis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [38257/25]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Health if she has concluded her review of the 2017 Dickson Report regarding Paediatric Urology; her views on same; if she intends to publish this report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [38323/25]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the Children's Health Ireland Oncology Risk Assessment (2021); if she has received a copy of this report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [38324/25]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Health if she will clarify the policy of the National Ambulance Service regarding the transfer of nursing home residents to hospital appointments, in particular in cases where patients are frail, immobile, visually impaired, or require specialist post-operative care (details supplied); the steps being taken to ensure these vulnerable patients can safely access necessary hospital services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [38326/25]

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

\*257. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if specific transport will be put in place for a student (details supplied) with additional needs. — Robert Troy. [38011/25]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 954 of 17 June 2025, when a reply can be expected. — Mairéad Farrell. [38041/25]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the additional resources and funding that will be provided to the National Apprenticeship Office to adequately address the growing backlog of apprentices waiting to progress on their

apprenticeship phases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [38092/25]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further and higher education; the resources that will be provided to QQI to expedite the approval and accreditation of new courses and programmes from education providers to meet emerging skill needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [38094/25]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science; if he is aware that contracted adult education teachers across the State have been informed that due to underfunding of Solas by his Department, there is no further contract for them after the summer break; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38095/25]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware that rather than “regularisation of pay for tutors in ETBs” the signing of adult educator contracts it has resulted in adult educators in their first three years of employment being left with no further contracts due to funding constraints in Solas as a consequence of Ministerial decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38096/25]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider legislating to ensure that examiners and invigilators in the further education sector are put on the same tax footing as those in the compulsory education sector (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38123/25]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if adequate funding will be allocated in order that there can be full and proper provision of adult education, with regard to adult educators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38260/25]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department is planning an audit of the programme for research in third-level institutions (PRTL) some of whom are using equipment that is now 30 years old, or nearing obsolescence; if there will be funding available to provide much-needed updated infrastructure and equipment for the PRTL; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [38261/25]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the percentage of students participating in the HEAR/DARE programme for 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [38262/25]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for details on the 2026 academic year funding to reduce student contributions; if the temporary reduction in the student contribution fee will continue or if the base figure prior to cost-of-living measures of €3,000 will be re-instated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [38263/25]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount being allocated for core funding for the 2026 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [38264/25]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount of funding that will be needed for the 2026 academic year in order to allow for an increase SUSI by 20%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [38265/25]

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

\*270. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the reason the funding for the Pacáiste Tacaíochta Teaghlaigh initiative cancelled for families living outside of the Gaeltacht (details supplied); and if the Minister will reverse this decision. — Peadar Tóibín. [38176/25]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will report on the progress made on implementing the “Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities: A five-year strategy” to support the community and voluntary sector in Ireland 2019-2024, which was extended into 2025; the actions outstanding; and his plans for a new strategy for the community and voluntary sector. — Mark Wall. [38309/25]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL  
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 10 JULY, 2025**

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

1. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline the number of times he has met with the Palestinian ambassador to Ireland since he took office. — Peadar Tóibín. [37514/25]

2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on his meeting with the EU Budget Commissioner on 25 June 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [37909/25]

3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to ensure sustained annual increases in Ireland's official development assistance to progress towards the UN target of 0.7 per cent of gross national income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [38250/25]

4. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether he and his Department formally submitted an additional complaint to the International Criminal Court regarding the murder of thousands of Palestinian civilians by the Israeli Defence Force while queuing for food; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [37868/25]

5. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will request the Irish Embassy in Washington DC to engage with the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee to ensure that its members are not subjected to disinformation in relation to proposed Government legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [38165/25]



6. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he expects that the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine will be able to investigate and prosecute senior government and military leaders responsible for the crime of aggression, up to and including heads of state; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [38074/25]

7. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether he is aware of the case of a person (details supplied), who is married to an Irish citizen and has been detained arbitrarily in the UAE for the past 17 years; the steps his Department is taking to provide consular assistance and seek his release from arbitrary detention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [38291/25]

8. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason the import of trade in services from the occupied Palestinian territories, and exports from Ireland to the occupied Palestinian territories in both goods and services, have been excluded from the general scheme of the Israeli settlements in the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38299/25]

9. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will consider opening a passport printing office in Cork to assist with printing passports in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [38241/25]

10. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on his position in relation to the EU Israel Association Agreement. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [38030/25]

11. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on his engagements regarding the Mercosur Trade Agreement. — Matt Carthy. [37569/25]

12. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the current status of the Irish diplomatic mission in Iran; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [38061/25]

13. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline his engagements with the new United States ambassador to Ireland, providing details on the topics discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37854/25]

14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he is confident that current EU support for Ukraine can withstand internal criticism from some members and external pressure from other countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [38073/25]

15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for a timeline for the enactment of the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [37864/25]

16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on the recent meeting held with the president of the International Criminal Court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [38308/25]

17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on the steps he has taken, in conjunction with other EU Governments, to have the Israel/EU Trade arrangements suspended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [37865/25]

18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to report on his Department's policy in relation to searching foreign military aircraft on Irish soil; if he intends to review the policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [38252/25]

19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to increase support for Irish diaspora organisations in countries where current funding levels are relatively low despite active community engagement; if targeted funding increases are being considered for such regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [37629/25]

20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when the next EU Foreign Affairs (Trade) Council will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [38054/25]

21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if any consideration is being given by the Minister to reducing the current passport processing time for the urgent passport renewal appointment service in the Cork Passport Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [38155/25]

22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the new trade partners or strengthening of trading partnerships his Department is advocating for at EU level in order to diversify Irish trade opportunities in the face of US tariffs and trade instability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [38294/25]

23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the discussions he has had regarding Ukraine joining the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [38052/25]

24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade by whom Ireland will be represented at the emergency ministerial meeting of the Hague Group on 15 and 16 July 2025 in Colombia, to address Israel's international law violations; his plans for Ireland to join the Hague Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38300/25]

25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the matters discussed at the recent north-south Ministerial Council, with particular reference to cross border infrastructural issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38060/25]

26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade given that work is underway on developing a new diaspora strategy, if he will consider a scheme included under the strategy to cover the repatriation costs encountered by families of Irish citizens who have died abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [37614/25]

27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline the engagements he has had with the Donald Trump administration and its representatives regarding the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018 in the past six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37855/25]



28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for a report on his recent discussions with EU Commissioner Maroš Šefčovič. — Albert Dolan. [38056/25]

29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has had further engagement with US Trade Secretary, Jamieson Greer, since 12 June 2025, specifically on the issue of Irish exports to the US; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38151/25]

30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans, and the international engagement there has been, on the issue of the Middle East, particularly on the genocide in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37592/25]

31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will establish an interdepartmental committee to investigate the need to end Ireland's reliance on goods and services purchased from Israel and find alternative suppliers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [35766/25]

32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline the further areas of north-south cooperation being raised by the Minister and his Department in discussions with the British Government and also at north-south Ministerial meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [37867/25]

33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on his recent address to the Centre for European Policy Studies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [37913/25]

34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will provide the full list of Irish embassies and consulates; if there is any plans to expand this number in 2025 or 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [37244/25]

35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the outcome of the most recent discussions he has had with Members of the Northern Ireland Executive concerning cross border issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38059/25]

36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has had any recent discussions with his EU counterparts about the situation in Afghanistan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [37940/25]

37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on his attendance at the SNE Return Conference at Iveagh House on 3 July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [38050/25]

38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the current situation in Sudan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [37243/25]

39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the consequences for Ireland of the current agreed tariffs between the EU and US on all goods Ireland exports to the US; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38156/25]

40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his assessment of the EU review of the Israel Association agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Brabazon. [38058/25]

41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding any support his Department has given, or plans to give, to organisations that seek to support LGBTQ+ organisations in Hungary; his views on the success of Pride celebrations in Budapest in particular; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37245/25]

42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on his discussions with his EU counterparts on the EU-Israel Association agreement. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [38053/25]

43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to increase trade with Germany, the largest European economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [38303/25]

44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [38062/25]

45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to prepare for Ireland’s 2026 Presidency and advance key Irish and EU priorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [38249/25]

46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the recent meeting of the General Affairs Council of the EU, which he attended on 26 June 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [37912/25]

47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on his recent meeting with the German Minister of State for Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [37908/25]

48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the financial allocation being provided under the Reconciliation Fund for 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [37910/25]

49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the course of action he plans to take should the suspension of the EU-Israel Association agreement continue to be blocked at EU Council level, despite clear evidence of the breach of the Human Rights provisions of the agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [38292/25]

50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether he intends to take legal action in respect of the failure of the EU to implement sanctions against Israel for ongoing breaches of international law. — Matt Carthy. [37568/25]

51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the current situation in Belarus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [37941/25]

52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to report on engagement he has had with other states regarding the US bombing of Iran; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [38253/25]

53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the meeting of EU Foreign Ministers that took place on 23 June 2025. — Seán Fleming. [38051/25]

54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps he is taking to protect environmental and agricultural interests in the Mercosur Trade negotiations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [38293/25]

55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline the long term plans for the Cork Passport Office; and if it is intended to provide additional services at the office. — Séamus McGrath. [38236/25]

56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to mark the 250th Anniversary of American independence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [38302/25]

57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the timeframe for developing a new diaspora strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [37911/25]

58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he is satisfied that Ireland's trade priorities are being sufficiently protected in international negotiations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [37590/25]

59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on developments in relation to EU-US trade talks. — Albert Dolan. [38055/25]

60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Ireland is supporting the work of the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine recently established by the Council of Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [37917/25]

61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on the opening of an embassy in Moldova; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [38242/25]

62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his position with regard to western Sahara. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [38035/25]

63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will outline the recent engagement there has been between his Department, the US administration, the EU, unions and industry on the issue of possible American tariffs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37591/25]

64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on his attendance at the recent north-south Ministerial Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [38154/25]

65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on the Mercosur trade deal; and the steps the Government is taking to oppose it. — Donna McGettigan. [35768/25]

66. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has had any recent discussion with the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman in the light of his recent inaccurate comments on proposed Government legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [38164/25]

67. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding the EU-Israel Association Agreement; the actions our Government is taking in talks with our EU partners related to Israel's compliance with Article 2 of this agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37246/25]

68. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on his position with regard to the recent escalation of conflict and tensions in India and Pakistan. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [38034/25]

69. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on his Department's recent engagements with the Government of Ukraine regarding the ongoing conflict and efforts made to reach a ceasefire. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [38033/25]

70. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on Russia's recent escalation of its attacks on Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [37918/25]

71. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on the level of humanitarian support to Gaza in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [38282/25]

72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to report on his recent meeting with his German counterpart, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs Johann Wadephul; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [38281/25]

73. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the engagement his Department has had with Foras na Gaeilge to ensure the group has long-term funding into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Brabazon. [38163/25]

74. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the total amount of funding allocated to the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [38272/25]

75. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on the Community Centres Investment Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [38070/25]

76. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will report on the progress of implementing the national public library strategy; the amount of funding allocated to the strategy; the current expenditure on the implementation of strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [38316/25]

77. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will report on the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme; the cumulative funding provided under the scheme since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [38066/25]

78. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta cén dul chun cinn atá déanta chun Scéim na mBóithre Áise a chur ar fáil arís; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38150/25]

79. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on his Department’s work to promote Irish as an official language of the European Union. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [38068/25]

80. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the strategies he has to develop long term employment in rural Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [38307/25]

81. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on Ballyvolane Community Centre. — Thomas Gould. [38279/25]

82. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether he intends to provide additional funding in 2025 for LIS schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [36845/25]

83. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if the evaluation of the final business case for the redevelopment of Inish Oirr pier has completed; the outcome of that evaluation; the timeline for the delivery of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38297/25]

84. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will provide an additional allocation to Monaghan County Council for the local improvement scheme in 2025. — Matt Carthy. [38304/25]

85. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his views on plans to acquire buildings of national importance in Galway east specifically (details supplied); and if he will be supporting Galway County Council in efforts to secure such properties for public use. — Albert Dolan. [38240/25]

86. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when he will announce successful projects under the CLÁR 2025 programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [38270/25]

87. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will provide an update on the work being done by his Department to ensure the viability of community centres and community and voluntary organisations in County Louth, through the provision of capital and non-capital funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37551/25]

88. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his plans to further expand the public library network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [38063/25]

89. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his views on the recently published 2024 Annual Report of An Coimisinéir Teanga. — Catherine Ardagh. [37916/25]

90. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on his work to support remote working on the offshore islands. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [38072/25]

91. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the plans in place to support older people who experience loneliness and social isolation, particularly those located in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [38274/25]

92. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the steps he is taking to address the shortage of staff in the public sector with a high enough proficiency to provide telephone information, helpdesk and web chat services in Irish, as identified in the 2024 Annual Report of An Coimisinéir Teanga. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [38071/25]

93. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will provide details of the budget allocations to the community centres investment fund in 2024 and 2025; the total drawn down to date; when the next round will be announced; if consideration will be given to expanding the capital investment in new-build measures for green-brown field sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [37186/25]

94. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the measures being taken to address the long wait time for applicants under the local improvement scheme in Cork northwest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38149/25]

95. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to consider additional funding supports for community and voluntary organisations to assist with regular running costs, such as utility bills and so on, considering that the vast majority of current grant schemes are for capital works or the purchase of items. — Séamus McGrath. [38238/25]

96. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the position regarding the town and village renewal scheme; if he is conscious of the need to address dereliction and vacancy in the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37248/25]

97. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the supports he is providing to address vacancy and dereliction in rural towns and villages in County Offaly; the means by which he is working with local authorities to bring vacant buildings back into use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [38275/25]

98. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the funding allocated to the local improvement scheme since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [38069/25]

99. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will consider expanding eligibility for the DEIS Gaeltachta scholarship scheme to include students from lower socio-economic backgrounds who do not attend DEIS-designated schools; if he will provide details on any reviews or consultations planned to assess equity of access to Gaeltacht



summer college opportunities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34983/25]

100. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta cad atá beartaithe aige mar fhreagra ar an inní atá léirithe ag na ceanneagraíochtaí Gaeilge maidir lena gcuid maoinithe ó Fhoras na Gaeilge; an ndéanfaidh sé idirghabháil chun leanúnachas an mhaoinithe a chinntiú do na sé eagraíocht aitheanta Ghaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [38248/25]

101. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the action being taken to support young people who want to pursue a career in the EU institutions in an Irish language role. — Willie O'Dea. [38076/25]

102. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his views on the Programme for Government commitment to explore ways to better support social enterprise organisations. — Ryan O'Meara. [37766/25]

103. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to consider the provision of additional funding for the local improvement scheme for 2025 in line with the Programme for Government commitment; when he expects the 2026 scheme to be open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [38160/25]

104. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will commit to continuing the rural regeneration development fund scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [38306/25]

105. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the supports available for Gaeltacht host families accommodating students during summer 2025. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [38067/25]

106. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will consider including former Cork County Council roads, now under the jurisdiction of Cork City Council, for consideration under any future rounds of the local improvement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [37185/25]

107. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide an update on funding to help local authorities carry out improvement works on private and non-publicly maintained roads, given the importance of rural infrastructure and connectivity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [38239/25]

108. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his views on the merits of providing multiannual funding for men's and women's sheds, to allow them to plan longer term projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [37247/25]

109. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of applications received per year in 2023 and 2024, per county, for funding under the Community Recognition Fund; the number therein that were successful and the number that were unsuccessful in each county; the allocation that will be provided to each county in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38305/25]

*110.* To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will revise the town and village renewal scheme and the Towns and Cities Investment Fund to enable regeneration work across urban communities in Dublin west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [38158/25]

*111.* To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the steps he is taking to support the development and retention of community-run shops and cafes, as committed to in the Programme for Government. — Ryan O'Meara. [37767/25]

*112.* To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will increase funding to the community services programme for 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [38271/25]

*113.* To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether he plans for a new rural specific development strategy, considering the National Planning Framework refers to self-sustaining rather than commuter driven activity, allowing it's various city, town, villages and rural component to play to their strengths while moving away from a sprawl-led development model, yet it appears it is more urban than rural focused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [38301/25]

*114.* To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide an update on the local improvement scheme in County Louth in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37552/25]

*115.* To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether he intends on expanding the senior alerts scheme to include a wider range of technological supports as part of Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [38314/25]

*116.* To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the action he is taking to support the teaching of Irish in universities outside the island of Ireland. — Catherine Ardagh. [37915/25]

*117.* To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to outline his recent engagement with Water Safety Ireland to increase water safety awareness; and whether he will consider running an awareness campaign during the summer months, given the number of tragic deaths that have occurred over the past number of months. — Mark Wall. [38313/25]

*118.* To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on the 2025 town and village renewal scheme; the number of applications received; and when recipients of the grants will be announced. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [38065/25]

*119.* To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the status of the development of Céibh an Chóra and an Caladh Mór on Inis Meáin; the timeline for the delivery of the projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38298/25]

*120.* To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on his Department's efforts to fulfil the Programme for Government's commitments to launch an urban communities initiative to revitalise disadvantaged city areas; to consider



suburban areas in Dublin as suitable for such an initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [38159/25]

*121.* To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will provide details of funding available under the town and village renewal scheme, or other programmes, to tackle vacancy and dereliction in rural communities in County Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [38276/25]

*122.* To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on the setting up of a National Women's Sheds Network similar to the Irish Men's Sheds Association; if he will provide funding similar to the Men's Sheds to the Women's Sheds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [38246/25]

*123.* To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on the Fairhill Community Centre. — Thomas Gould. [38280/25]

*124.* To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to outline the funding his Department contributes to the right to read programme to local authorities; the amount provided under the programme to each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [38312/25]

*125.* To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to outline the expenditure allocated to each project under the libraries capital programme 2023 to 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [38315/25]

*126.* To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an up-to-date position regarding the updating of the funding map associated with the Clár Programme, which is recognised of being out of date and in need of updating, as per the Pobal Deprivation Index; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [38247/25]