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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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 his views on the situation in Sudan, and on the Government's position on same. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [38023/25]

2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether his Department has had engagement with, or diplomatic representations from, US counterparts around the exclusion of services from the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [38290/25]

3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Ireland will be represented at the Emergency Ministerial Conference in defence of international law and the rights of the Palestinian people on 15 and 16 July 2025 in Bogotá. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [38024/25]

4. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade on his recent engagements with other states regarding the genocide in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [38251/25]

5. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his position regarding potential increased tariffs with regard to the US; and the preparations being made for same. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [38025/25]

6. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for a report on his engagement with other EU Member States with regard to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [38587/25]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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 Feargháil. [37940/25]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

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

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

79. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he has considered the establishment of a community wealth-building fund within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [33194/25]

80. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide the amount of funding allocated to local libraries, in each county, for the past four years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [38310/25]

81. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he shares the concerns of community development workers regarding resourcing of this critically important discipline. — Conor D. McGuinness. [38528/25]

82. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for a breakdown of the total funding awarded and the number of jobs supported through the LEADER programme in the west Cork LEADER footprint area under the current CAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [38529/25]

83. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta cén dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir le haihteantas a bhronnadh ar bhailte a chuir isteach ar Líonraí Gaeltachta, cathain is féidir leis na gceantair sin a bheith ag súil go mbronnfar an stádas sin orthu; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [37816/25]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

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

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta cad atá beartaithe aige mar fhreagra ar an imní 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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 Fearghaíl. [38067/25]

117. 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]

118. 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]

119. 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]

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

129. 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]

130. 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]

131. 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]

132. 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]

133. 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]

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

135. 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]

136. 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]

137. 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]

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

*138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason it is taking so long to process applications for the foreign birth register; his views on a particular case (details

supplied) which was lodged in May 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [38357/25]

*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if, given the alleged involvement of Iran in the drug trafficking operation halted by the MV Matthew in November 2023, he or his Department have raised this issue with their Iranian counterparts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [38554/25]

*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to detail the engagement there has been with his Department and stakeholders in industries affected by US tariff threats; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [32379/25]

*141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of Irish citizens deported from the United States to Ireland from 1 January 2025 to date. — Martin Kenny. [38381/25]

*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will provide an update on the British Government's response to the State's ongoing request for full disclosure and access to all relevant documents concerning the Dublin Monaghan bombings of 17 May 1974; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [38439/25]

*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on Ireland's engagement with international partners in response to the ongoing conflict and humanitarian crisis in Sudan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [38440/25]

*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if, given the alleged involvement of Iran in the drug trafficking operation halted by the MV Matthew in November 2023, he or his Department have raised this issue with their Iranian counterparts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [38516/25]

*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason two US Air Force Hercules C130J aircraft numbers 14-5815 and 15-5832 were authorised to land at Shannon Airport about 19.30 on 3 July 2025, having come from Chania joint air base in Crete, and allowed to spend two overnights at Shannon Airport before flying on to Keflavik in Iceland on 5 July 2025; if any investigations or searches were carried out to establish whether these two specialised aircraft had been involved in recent US military operations in Gaza or Iran; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38531/25]

*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the details for the past three years and the current year funding allocated or paid out for Departmental employees for legal study programmes including EU law in the past three years, detailing the course title, the course provider, the course fees, grade of employee supported, whether course was in person or online and name of the scheme providing the support; if employees received any other supports such as time off; if so, the details of same, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [38546/25]

*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in his Department; the AI technologies the Department uses, the purpose and function of said technology in the context of the work of the Department, and the associated costs of the licensing or use of AI by the Department in the past 12 months, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [38618/25]

*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his Department is aware of efforts by producers in the occupied West Bank to label their goods as having originated in Israel; how his Department will ensure that fraudulently labelled goods are not imported into Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [38633/25]

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

*149. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide the dates on which the Energy Poverty Steering Group which was established under the Energy Poverty Action Plan from 2022 has met, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38395/25]

*150. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the annual report on the Energy Poverty Action Plan for 2024 will be submitted to Government and published. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38396/25]

*151. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the 2025 round of the circular economy innovation grant scheme funding will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [38454/25]

*152. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the details for the past three years and the current year funding allocated or paid out for Departmental employees for legal study programmes including EU law in the past three years, detailing the course title, the course provider, the course fees, grade of employee supported, whether course was in person or online and name of the scheme providing the support; if employees received any other supports such as time off; if so, the details of same, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [38540/25]

*153. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 14 of the 2 July 2025, why he did not provide a copy of the findings of the mid-term Irish Farm Film Producers, as requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [38584/25]

*154. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of retrofitting grant applications approved, by grant type, by county, since 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38591/25]

*155. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of homes that have been upgraded through the Better Energy Homes scheme since it began in 2009, by year and main type of upgrade, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38592/25]

*156. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of applications that have been made to the Warmer Homes Scheme since 2018; the number that were approved, by year and by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38593/25]

*157. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the average waiting time for approval has been under the home energy upgrade scheme since it began, by quarter, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38594/25]

*158. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the amount of public funding that has been allocated to home retrofit grants since 2020, by year and by grant type, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38595/25]

*159. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in his Department; the AI technologies the Department uses, the purpose and function of said technology in the context of the work of the Department, and the associated costs of the licensing or use of AI by the Department in the past 12 months, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [38612/25]

*160. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department will open an investigation into the slow restoration of electricity services in the wake of Storm Eowyn; how his Department will mitigate storm impacts moving forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [38632/25]

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

*161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to examine the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38526/25]

*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update as of July 2025 on the Programme for Government commitment to continue the process of improving pay and conditions for serving Defence Forces personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38359/25]

*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to outline his engagement with stakeholders, such as an organisation (details supplied), with regard to improving pay and conditions for serving Defence Forces personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38360/25]

*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update as of July 2025 on the Programme for Government commitment to establish a properly resourced office of veterans' affairs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38361/25]

*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to enhance the personnel support service as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38362/25]

*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update as of July 2025 on the Programme for Government commitment to ensure full delivery of the new Joint Cyber Defence Command strategy published by the last Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38363/25]

*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update as of July 2025 on the implementation of the "Civil Defence—Towards 2030" policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38365/25]

*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update as of July 2025 on the digitalisation of the Military Service Pensions Collection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38366/25]

*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide data on new Defence Forces recruits figures for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38367/25]

*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of retirements and resignations in the Defence Forces for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38368/25]

*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the details and the current year funding allocated or paid out for Departmental employees for legal study programmes including EU law in the past three years, detailing the course title, the course provider, the course fees, grade of employee supported, whether course was in person or online and name of the scheme providing the support; if employees received any other supports such as time off; if so, the details of same, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [38542/25]

*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide an update on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in his Department; the AI technologies the Department uses, the purpose and function of said technology in the context of the work of the Department, and the associated costs of the licensing or use of AI by the Department in the past 12 months, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [38614/25]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the reason there appears to be no appreciable difference in driving test pass rates before and after the introduction of essential driver training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [38393/25]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 271 of 12 June 2025, to provide a breakdown of the first- and full-year cost to establish the design team to commence work on the Navan rail line. — Pa Daly. [38403/25]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered legislating for bioptic driving aids such as bioptic telescopes to allow people with a visual impairment to drive on public roads and to obtain a driving licence. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [38405/25]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport the duration it takes to recruit new driver testers; the time it takes to complete their training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Maxwell. [38406/25]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the provisions being made to install bus shelters in Cavan and Monaghan. — David Maxwell. [38407/25]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of learner permit drivers who failed to show up for their scheduled driving test appointment to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Maxwell. [38408/25]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driver testers currently employed in Cavan and Monaghan, both permanent and temporary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Maxwell. [38409/25]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps his Department are taking to provide a dedicated maintenance budget to each local authority to maintain active travel infrastructure, with special reference to footpaths, as promised in the Programme for Government; when this dedicated budget is likely to be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [38420/25]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the park and ride at the Dunkettle train station; and the timeline for delivery of same. — Thomas Gould. [38432/25]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has received a business case in line with the public spending code from Waterford Airport regarding funding a runway extension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38459/25]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be provided to Waterford Airport to deliver the runway extension in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38460/25]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport the meetings he has participated in regarding a request to fund a runway extension at Waterford Airport; the dates of meeting; the titles of those present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38461/25]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport the updated costs of funding the runway extension at Waterford Airport; the amount requested from his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38462/25]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are caveats attached to the Programme for Government commitment to fund Waterford Airport runway extension; if so, the caveats are; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38463/25]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline in chronological order all information sought and received from Waterford Airport regarding funding the runway extension, broken down by the dates the information was sought, when the information was received and any outstanding requests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38464/25]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport to ensure that extra trains are added for the Kerry versus Tyrone All Ireland Semi Final, as there will be a very high level of demand and Irish Rail need to respond to this demand in service; to add accessible and easily bookable extra seats; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38522/25]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a proposal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38515/25]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the date when the 40D route will be extended to serve Hollywoodrath; the details on the changes being made to this route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [38533/25]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport the details for the past three years and the current year funding allocated or paid out for Departmental employees for legal study programmes including EU law in the past three years, detailing the course title, the course provider, the course fees, grade of employee supported, whether course was in person or online and name of the scheme providing the support; if employees received any other supports such as time off; if so, the

details of same, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [38555/25]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in his Department; the AI technologies the Department uses, the purpose and function of said technology in the context of the work of the Department, and the associated costs of the licensing or use of AI by the Department in the past 12 months, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [38626/25]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has given authorisation to the transportation of military personnel and equipment through Irish airspace and or the use of Shannon airport by US armed forces with Israel as a stated final destination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [38637/25]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport the replies he received from Dublin Airport Authority, AIRNAV and IAA to the proposal for straight out departures from Dublin Airport north runway and other suggestions put forward by North Runway Technical Group at the meeting of 19 June 2025. — Gillian Toole. [38642/25]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*195. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 209 of 2 July 2025, if a tax rebate or any other financial support can be given to parents with children in childcare centres that are not signed up to the core funding model, resulting in higher fees ; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [38333/25]

*196. To ask the Minister for Finance to address the inheritance tax rates in the upcoming budget (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38520/25]

*197. To ask the Minister for Finance the details and the current year funding allocated or paid out for Departmental employees for legal study programmes including EU law in the past three years, detailing the course title, the course provider, the course fees, grade of employee supported, whether course was in person or online and name of the scheme providing the support; if employees received any other supports such as time off; if so, the details of same, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [38545/25]

*198. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the taxsaver scheme is not available to those commuting on the Sligo–Dublin train route; if he agrees that exclusion from the scheme is discriminatory to a region, particularly given the limited employment opportunities in the northwest; if there are plans to extend the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [38575/25]

*199. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in his Department; the AI technologies the Department uses, the purpose and function of said technology in the context of the work of the Department, and the associated costs of the licensing or use of AI by the Department in the past 12 months, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [38617/25]

*200. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a VAT rate, comparable to Northern Ireland, is not included as a stimulus measure for home building in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gillian Toole. [38645/25]

*201. To ask the Minister for Finance to outline the thinking behind changes in the local property tax regime. — John Lahart. [38784/25]

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

*202. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of properties in the possession of the OPW that are currently vacant-disused, setting out the vacancy period, such as, less than six months, less than 12 months, and so on, in tabular form. — Séamus McGrath. [38517/25]

*203. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the details for the past three years and the current year funding allocated or paid out for Departmental employees for legal study programmes including EU law in the past three years, detailing the course title, the course provider, the course fees, grade of employee supported, whether course was in person or online and name of the scheme providing the support; if employees received any other supports such as time off; if so, the details of same, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [38551/25]

*204. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of WTE staff, by job title, employed by OPW currently working at John F Kennedy Arboretum as of 4 July 2025; the number of vacant WTE staff, by job title, in tabular form; when those vacancies will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [38598/25]

*205. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide an update on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in his Department; the AI technologies the Department uses, the purpose and function of said technology in the context of the work of the Department, and the associated costs of the licensing or use of AI by the Department in the past 12 months, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [38623/25]

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

*206. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if an appeal by a person (details supplied) that has been submitted against the decision of his Department not to renew a work permit application has been considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [38382/25]

*207. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the details and the current year funding allocated or paid out for Departmental employees for legal study programmes including EU law in the past three years, detailing the course title, the course provider, the course fees, grade of employee supported, whether course was in person or online and name of the scheme providing the support; if employees received any other supports such as time off; if so, the details of same, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [38544/25]

*208. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when he expects a new CEO for Failte Ireland to be appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [38586/25]

*209. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide an update on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in his Department; the AI technologies the Department uses, the purpose and function of said technology in the context of the work of the Department, and the associated costs of the licensing or use of AI by the Department in the past 12 months, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [38616/25]

*210. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he is aware of the planned closure of a company (details supplied) affecting over 70 staff; the action he is taking to address the loss of Irish jobs and the apparent outsourcing to UK-based crews; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [38640/25]

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

*211. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the stage 3 report of a school extension (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [38331/25]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding any initiatives led by her Department that seek to promote outdoor education and improve local biodiversity for an existing school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [38356/25]

*213. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to advise on the process an author may undertake to get book published for inclusion in primary school curriculum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [38371/25]

*214. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline, regarding payments requested from parents for children in primary school, if a school may charge a mandatory fee; if the amount being charged in a school (details supplied) is acceptable; if the full fee is not paid, whether the school can withhold group activities like tin-whistle lessons from a child; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [38373/25]

*215. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department can mandate schools to allow parents the flexibility of purchasing generic or non-branded school uniforms that comply with a school's uniform policy; the actions being undertaken to ensure that school uniforms are affordable; whether she has investigated the feasibility of restricting the level of forever chemicals in children's school uniforms (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [38399/25]

*216. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools, including their ethos, who have received suppression of special class notices to date in 2025, including the number of these classes, in tabular form per county; to include those which were due to open for the school year 2025/2026, the maximum capacity of each and the financial expenditure incurred to date in relation to these classes. — Sorca Clarke. [38400/25]

*217. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide the number of Gaelscoileanna that have requested to alter their ethos contrary to the Autism Good Practice Guidance for Schools (details supplied). — Sorca Clarke. [38402/25]

*218. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth in relation to the special education or ASD classes sanctioned in 2024 and 2025, including those who have received suppression notices, the cost of all forms of consultancy fees associated with each individual sanctioned rooms or classes. — Sorca Clarke. [38404/25]

*219. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if all works will be completed at a school (details supplied) for the much-needed school to open in September 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Maxwell. [38410/25]

*220. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth where a sanction for a special class has been revoked via a suppression notice, to outline the step by step process, including the key decision makers involved, the engagement with the school, the NCSE and the parents who have enrolled children in these classes for the upcoming school year. — Sorca Clarke. [38411/25]

*221. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth regarding the issue of schools using laptops or electronic devices instead of physical textbooks, whether her Department can mandate schools to allow parents to choose whether they want their child to use physical school books rather than forcing them to purchase a specific device for the child's schoolwork (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [38414/25]

*222. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to explain the rationale for redesignating mild general learning disabilities schools, including a school (details supplied), as complex needs schools without consultation with the school community, thus altering the very identity of those schools, and potentially forcing thousands of children with mild learning disabilities into mainstream schools which were not a good fit them in the first place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38423/25]

*223. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the latest status of plans for a new school building for a Gaelscoil (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [38446/25]

*224. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to address issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38521/25]

*225. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans in terms of the EPSN report recommendation to bring forward legislation to change the present situation wherein students in special schools cannot legally continue education after their eighteenth birthday; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [38537/25]

*226. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the details and the current year funding allocated or paid out for Departmental employees for legal study programmes including EU law in the past three years, detailing the course title, the course provider, the course fees, grade of employee supported, whether course was in person or online and name of the scheme providing the support; if employees received any other supports such as time off; if so, the details of same, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [38543/25]

*227. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline the new services for children with special needs in County Wexford for which funding was sought for delivery in 2025; the funding sought for each initiative project, the funding allocated to each to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [38576/25]

*228. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in her Department; the AI technologies the Department uses, the purpose and function of said technology in the context of the work of the Department, and the associated costs of the licensing or use of AI by the Department in the past 12 months, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [38615/25]

*229. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to explain and provide documentary evidence of the rationale and detailed planning for re-designation of mild general learning disability schools to include children with more complex needs; how human and educational resources will be provided and utilised to ensure all children will receive equal assistance, attention and opportunities to be their best selves; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gillian Toole. [38641/25]

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

*230. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to ensure that Daniel O'Connell's Birthplace on the outskirts of Cahersiveen town in County Kerry is included in the 250th anniversary celebrations of the liberators birth (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38484/25]

*231. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to investigate the reason the records of the departmental council and its working party created during the period 1982 to 1983 relating to the process and agreement for the transfer of civil servants from the former Department of Posts and Telegraphs to An Post and Bord Telecom Éireann are not available in the official archives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [38355/25]

*232. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to clarify if it is within the scope of the review being conducted into governance and culture at the Arts Council (details supplied) to examine the exclusion of artforms from funding by the Arts Council, considering his statement to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Arts, Media, Culture, Communications and Sport that he is awaiting the recommendations of her report before acting on this exclusion which he considers relevant. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38392/25]

*233. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport what funding is available to marching bands in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [38416/25]

*234. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will devise a plan in conjunction with Galway County Council to progress a publicly owned swimming pool in Loughrea as a matter of urgency; if he will consider Galway County Council's request for funding for swimming pool project development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [38519/25]

*235. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the details for the past three years and the current year funding allocated or paid out for Departmental employees for legal study programmes including EU law in the past three years, detailing the course title, the course provider, the course fees, grade of employee supported, whether course was in person or online and name of the scheme providing the support; if employees received any other supports such as time off; if so, the details of same, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [38541/25]

*236. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in his Department; the AI technologies the Department uses, the purpose and function of said technology in the context of the work of the Department, and the associated costs of the licensing or use of AI by the Department in the past 12 months, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [38613/25]

*237. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department plans to expand the basic income for the arts scheme; if so, if he will provide specific information regarding the degree of expansion, such as the number of new artists and level of pay per week which each artist would receive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [38629/25]

*238. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will report on the working relationship between his Department and the Arts Council in lieu of recent controversy regarding the procurement and handling of a new IT system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [38630/25]

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

*239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the marine protected areas legislation will be introduced (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38508/25]

*240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the proposed marine protected areas legislation. — Séamus McGrath. [38511/25]

*241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will be setting up an electoral commission to review the local electoral boundaries before the 2029 local elections; if this will be based on the most recent 2022 census or if the commission will await the results of the 2027 census; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [38370/25]

*242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what regulations there are for housing above shop and bar fronts to protect the residents from noise pollution. — Jen Cummins. [38375/25]

*243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider extending the Uisce Éireann rebate and development contribution waiver for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [38379/25]

*244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 468 of 1 July 2025, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the full funding provided to Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council is allocated under the tenant-in-situ scheme; if he will consider providing additional targeted funding to this local authority under this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [38380/25]

*245. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his response to concerns (details supplied) regarding marine area conservation legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [38398/25]

*246. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the status of a cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [38450/25]

*247. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff employed by grade by Uisce Éireann for each of the years 2015 to 2024, inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [38498/25]

*248. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amount provided by the State to Uisce Éireann for each of the years 2015 to 2024, inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [38499/25]

*249. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which Uisce Éireann is accountable to the Houses of the Oireachtas; if he plans to make it more accountable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [38500/25]

*250. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of agencies that report to his Department where the objectives of said agencies include or do not include supporting the development of housing in the State, in tabular form. — Malcolm Byrne. [38501/25]

*251. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline his efforts to deliver age friendly accommodation for social housing applicants; the supports available to local authorities to deliver such accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [38514/25]

*252. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to give a detailed up to date report on the number of vacant and derelict property grants applied for to date in each local authority area; the number granted to date; the number refused to date; the number that are ongoing; the number that were withdrawn; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38523/25]

*253. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to give a detailed up to date report on the processing times for the vacant and derelict property grants in each local authority area; the average processing time; the longest processing time; the shortest processing time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38524/25]

*254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details for the past three years and the current year funding allocated or paid out for Departmental employees for legal study programmes including EU law in the past three years, detailing the course title, the course provider, the course fees, grade of employee supported, whether course was in person or online and name of the scheme providing the support; if employees received any other supports such as time off; if so, the details of same, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [38549/25]

*255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Marine Protected Areas Bill 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38585/25]

*256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable homes built in County Louth in the past three years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [38605/25]

*257. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in his Department; the AI technologies the Department uses, the purpose and function of said technology in the context of the work of the Department, and the associated costs of the licensing or use of AI by the Department in the past 12 months, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [38621/25]

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

*258. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he would be supportive of budgetary measures to support carers through a basic income scheme for carers, similar to the current basic income for the arts scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [38631/25]

*259. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are plans to scrap the means test for foster children being included in the back-to-school clothing and footwear scheme. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [38335/25]

*260. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if intending parents in surrogacy arrangements are entitled to maternity and paternity benefit or leave; and if they may be entitled to other forms of family leave, such as parental leave and parent's leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [38341/25]

*261. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a working family payment application can be expedited in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cavan as the family is under severe financial pressure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Maxwell. [38427/25]

*262. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for disability allowance for a County Donegal constituent (details supplied) will be processed based on their current means; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [38455/25]

*263. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to urgently examine the carers benefit application for a person (details supplied) as this person has no income and is struggling to survive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38525/25]

*264. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details for the past three years and the current year funding allocated or paid out for Departmental employees for legal study programmes including EU law in the past three years, detailing the course title, the course provider, the course fees, grade of employee supported, whether course was in person or online and name of the scheme providing the support; if employees received any other supports such as time off; if so, the details of same, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [38553/25]

*265. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the State provides any direct support or assistance in meeting the requirement for continuous supervision under the carer's allowance scheme, particularly in cases where the full burden of care cannot be met by one individual alone; and when he plans to abolish means testing for carer's allowance, as previously committed to in election manifestos. — Pat Buckley. [38600/25]

*266. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in his Department; the AI technologies the Department uses, the purpose and function of said technology in the context of the work of the Department, and the associated costs of the licensing or use of AI by the Department in the past 12 months, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [38625/25]

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

*267. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to urgently examine a 90-day visitor application (details supplied); if assistance will be provided in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38488/25]

*268. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the Special Rapporteur for the National Action Plan Against Racism is still held by a person (details supplied); whether any reports in respect of the National Action Plan Against Racism have been submitted; if so, on what dates; if so, whether they are available to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38597/25]

*269. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration following on from a person in the international protection process being identified as having a disability related to a neurological condition, to outline the specific accommodations that are made in relation to applicable benefits, accessible housing, and subsidised travel, in line with the recommendations of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. — Holly Cairns. [38340/25]

*270. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a foreign-born individual whose great grandparent was an Irish citizen is eligible for Irish citizenship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [38358/25]

*271. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update as of July 2025 on the Programme for Government commitment to establish a Cyber Security Centre of Excellence around a cluster of Third Level Education facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38364/25]

*272. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration how it was possible that an individual (details supplied) was deported from Ireland before he had received a response to his application for revocation of deportation. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38384/25]

*273. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has had any engagement with the European Commission regarding the adequacy decision granted to the State of Israel under Article 45 of Regulation 2016/679; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38394/25]

*274. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to reverse the deportation of an individual (details supplied) who has been unjustly separated from his family through deportation, before deportation proceedings had fully concluded, and despite the support of the elected members of his local authority for his remaining in Ireland. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38429/25]

*275. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the plan to evacuate 18 seriously ill children from Gaza to Ireland for potentially life-saving treatment has stalled because

of Government concerns about granting special visas to the children's siblings, can these visas be; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38457/25]

*276. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current number of peace commissioners in Ireland, by local authority area. — Malcolm Byrne. [38471/25]

*277. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of plans to provide for an online list of peace commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [38472/25]

*278. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason for the delays in issuing visas for the siblings of children set to be evacuated to Ireland for medical treatment; if he is aware of the time sensitive manner of these evacuations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [38473/25]

*279. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to urgently examine a 90-day visitor application (details supplied); if assistance will be provided in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38487/25]

*280. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will be allocating additional funding for the roll-out of public CCTV systems nationally, as while issues around data management seem to be largely addressed, much-needed new CCTV schemes in towns and cities will not be rolled out unless funding is made available for local authorities. — Séamus McGrath. [38513/25]

*281. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the details for the past three years and the current year funding allocated or paid out for Departmental employees for legal study programmes including EU law in the past three years, detailing the course title, the course provider, the course fees, grade of employee supported, whether course was in person or online and name of the scheme providing the support; if employees received any other supports such as time off; if so, the details of same, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [38550/25]

*282. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will confirm the status of an accommodation centre (details supplied), if it is the intention of the Department to use this accommodation centre into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [38556/25]

*283. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of IT issues with the Irish Immigration Portal in April 2025, whereby citizenship applicants were requested to resubmit documentation already uploaded, including a second payment of the €175 fee; if he will examine a specific case where an applicant (details supplied) was requested to restart the process from scratch; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [38558/25]

*284. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applicants currently waiting for their application to be processed at each stage in the asylum process; the average duration which they have been waiting at each stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38560/25]

*285. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of negative decisions in the international protection system; the number of those that received a negative

decision who left voluntarily; the number who were subject to a deportation order; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38561/25]

*286. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of those subjected to deportation orders whose departure from the State was confirmed; the number whose whereabouts is unknown, for the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38562/25]

*287. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason for the high rate of ‘pending’ visa applications from Iranian citizens in 2024, at 37% compared to, for example, 17% for applications from Afghanistan and 7% for citizens from the Russian Federation, which also have greater absolute numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38573/25]

*288. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views regarding the refusal of student visas for all the applicants for the joint undergraduate accounting programme established between colleges (details supplied), which has been in preparation since 2021, with this first group of students set to complete two semesters, commencing in the summer of 2025. — Catherine Connolly. [38574/25]

*289. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when data will be available on knife crime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [38590/25]

*290. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the protocols in place to document and assess an international protection applicant’s medical condition and level of disability once they arrive in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38596/25]

*291. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardai linked to the Wexford/Wicklow roads policing unit, by rank, as of 4 July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [38599/25]

*292. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in his Department; the AI technologies the Department uses, the purpose and function of said technology in the context of the work of the Department, and the associated costs of the licensing or use of AI by the Department in the past 12 months, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [38622/25]

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

*293. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a review of a penalty imposed on a person (details supplied) can be authorised given that all non-compliant measures have been rectified since the last inspection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [38372/25]

*294. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to intervene and expedite an aquaculture licence application in respect of a person (details supplied) and ensure that jobs are secured with this shovel ready project, if he accepts that these ongoing delays in the processing of licences is not acceptable, prevents local companies from expanding, costs jobs and is detrimental

to the local economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38512/25]

*295. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details for the past three years and the current year funding allocated or paid out for Departmental employees for legal study programmes including EU law, detailing the course title, the course provider, the course fees, grade of employee supported, whether course was in person or online and name of the scheme providing the support; if employees received any other supports such as time off; if so, the details of same, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [38538/25]

*296. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in light of the recent launch of the ABP Young Farmer Academy, which aims to support young beef farmers through financial and advisory measures, if he will outline the direct role the Department will play in monitoring or supporting this initiative; to consider integrating other schemes into national policy to enhance generational renewal efforts in the farming sector, particularly considering that only 4.3% of farm-holders were under 35 in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [38607/25]

*297. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in his Department; the AI technologies the Department uses, the purpose and function of said technology in the context of the work of the Department, and the associated costs of the licensing or use of AI by the Department in the past 12 months, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [38610/25]

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

*298. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will advocate for an increase in the fostering allowance in line with the cost of living for budget 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [38336/25]

*299. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to confirm receipt of correspondence from a childcare provider in Dublin mid-west (details supplied); if she is aware of the issue outlined by the childcare provider; if the matter is being investigated with a view to ensuring a comprehensive reply and route of resolution is provided to the provider; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38339/25]

*300. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide a breakdown of crèches, by county, in tabular form. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [38376/25]

*301. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she has any plans to reduce crèche fees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [38377/25]

*302. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when a day care service will be offered to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [38378/25]

*303. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on the timeline and process for the transposition of the EU Pay Transparency Directive; to outline how

“employee representatives”, as set out in the Directive, will be defined in Irish law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [38390/25]

*304. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the options available to parents whose children do not have a crèche place; the efforts being made to increase availability of places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [38456/25]

*305. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if children with an ASD diagnosis can be refused access to pre-schools due to their diagnosis; to outline if children have a right to pre-school education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [38518/25]

*306. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the options, if any, for parents who cannot secure a childcare placement in their locality and surrounds but require childcare in order to remain employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38530/25]

*307. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to urgently respond to correspondence regarding survivors of institutional abuse (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38536/25]

*308. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the details for the past three years and the current year funding allocated or paid out for Departmental employees for legal study programmes including EU law in the past three years, detailing the course title, the course provider, the course fees, grade of employee supported, whether course was in person or online and name of the scheme providing the support; if employees received any other supports such as time off; if so, the details of same, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [38539/25]

*309. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the specific and tailored mental health supports available to people living with foetal alcohol spectrum disorder, in line with international best practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [38572/25]

*310. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to list the children’s disability network teams within CHO5 that currently have vacant psychologist and social workers posts, by location, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [38577/25]

*311. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to review a referral for an autism assessment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38606/25]

*312. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in her Department; the AI technologies the Department uses, the purpose and function of said technology in the context of the work of the Department, and the associated costs of the licensing or use of AI by the Department in the past 12 months, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [38611/25]

*313. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 309, 310 and 311 of 26 June 2025, when replies will issue from the HSE; that they

will be answered within the timeframe required under Standing Order 52; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38628/25]

*314. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 631 of July 2025, whether any official in her Department was made aware of the former Minister of State's commitment to a disability services provider (details supplied) after the commitment was publicly made, if so, the date on which this commitment was communicated to them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [38646/25]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*315. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the way in which compliance with laws in respect of the supply and sales of vape products to persons under the age of 18 is being enforced; if he will provide a schedule of the number of sanctions imposed on retailers that have breached the law since enactment to date. — Aidan Farrelly. [38588/25]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychiatric wards or units there are in Meath. — Darren O'Rourke. [38328/25]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychiatric wards or units there are in Leinster. — Darren O'Rourke. [38329/25]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new psychiatric wards or units opening in County Meath within the next five years. — Darren O'Rourke. [38330/25]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE payroll section can be directed to honour the terms of a circular issued in January 2018 currently being denied to craft workers in Mullingar Hospital concerning a standardised formula for calculating holiday premia for employees (details supplied). — Ruth Coppinger. [38332/25]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to allow foster children to be included in the dental scheme beyond primary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [38337/25]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant psychiatrists based in the Kerry mental health team in the years of 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [38345/25]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dietitians, by grade, based at Monksland Primary Care Centre, Athlone, in the years of 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [38346/25]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on new capital investments and major new equipment purposes and new healthcare initiatives that will be rolled out in County Longford across 2025. — Sorca Clarke. [38347/25]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant psychiatrists based in the Mayo mental health team in the years of 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [38348/25]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE physiotherapists, by grade, based at Mullingar Primary Care Centre in the years of 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [38349/25]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health the locations within CHO9 where Jigsaw youth mental health services are located, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [38350/25]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant psychiatrists based in the Cavan-Monaghan mental health team in the years of 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [38351/25]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE speech and language therapists based at Edgeworthstown Health Centre in the years of 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [38352/25]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant psychiatrists based in the Sligo-Leitrim mental health team in the years of 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [38353/25]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health the number of births that occurred in the maternity department of Mullingar Regional Hospital in the years of 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [38354/25]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the process for family members to obtain medical records of a private nursing home resident following their death; if private nursing homes can be compelled to release these records if they refuse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [38369/25]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE's managed access protocol and individual patient approval system is available to adults with spinal muscular atrophy who were previously excluded from treatment solely due to their age at the time of reimbursement approval; and, if so, the process or criteria that would apply in such cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [38374/25]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health for an updated list of dentists who participate in the treatment benefit scheme for the Cork-Kerry-Limerick area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [38383/25]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to extend the availability of MRIs at Galway University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [38385/25]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to ensure that the outpatient department service at Cahersiveen remains open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [38391/25]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the timeline for implementing the proposed ban on disposable vapes; to clarify whether there are plans to regulate or restrict the sale of high-nicotine pouches and synthetic cannabinoid products such as HHC vapes and gummies, particularly in light of their increasing availability to minors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [38401/25]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health the reason chronic kidney disease is not covered by the long-term illness scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [38415/25]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of speech and language therapy posts advertised since 2019 that were below 1.0 whole-time equivalent, by year, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [38418/25]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health the number of speech and language graduates that accepted HSE contracts below 1.0 whole-time equivalent since 2019, by year, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [38419/25]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review correspondence (details supplied) from a local community group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [38428/25]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the number of complaints made to HIQA against a service provider (details supplied) over the last four years including the number of complaints upheld, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [38441/25]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the number of complaints made to the Office of the Confidential Recipient against a service provider (details supplied) over the last four years, including the number of complaints resolved and the number outstanding, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [38442/25]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the number of safeguarding concerns raised with the HSE about a service provider (details supplied) over the last four years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [38443/25]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the amount of funding the State has provided to a service provider (details supplied) over the last four years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [38444/25]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a medical appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [38445/25]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health if she can outline the reason allogeneic stem cell transplantation for paediatric cancer patients is not currently available at CHI at Crumlin under the National Children's Cancer Service; when this service will be restored; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [38447/25]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the reason allogeneic stem cell transplantation for paediatric cancer patients is not currently available at CHI at Crumlin under the National Children's Cancer Service; when this service will be restored; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [38448/25]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health the implications the new means rate for carer's allowance will have on medical card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38458/25]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health the total public funding allocated to companies (details supplied), broken down by year, by hospital, by other healthcare setting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38465/25]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health if it has been established if any former or current members of the HSE are employees, directors or shareholders of companies (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38466/25]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health the risk assessment that was carried out when providing public funds to companies (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38467/25]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health the number of health care procedures or appointments carried out by securing the services of companies (details supplied) broken down by year, by hospital or other healthcare setting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38468/25]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health the number of health care procedures or appointments carried out by securing the services of companies (details supplied) broken down by year, by hospital or other healthcare setting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38468/25]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health the likely premium cost associated with securing the services of companies (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38469/25]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the processes in place to mitigate any potential conflicts of interest when securing the services of companies (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38470/25]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health to give a detailed breakdown of home care waiting lists and waiting times across County Kerry; the measures being put in place to address same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38475/25]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health to give a detailed breakdown of home care waiting lists and waiting times for the Killorglin and mid-Kerry region; the measures being put in place to address same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38476/25]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health to give a detailed breakdown of home care waiting lists and waiting times for the Dingle and West Kerry region; the measures being put in place to address same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38477/25]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health to give a detailed breakdown of home care waiting lists and waiting times for the Killarney and east Kerry region; the measures being put in place to address same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38478/25]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health to give a detailed breakdown of home care waiting lists and waiting times for the Cahersiveen and Iveragh region, County Kerry; the measures being put in place to address same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38479/25]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health to give a detailed breakdown of home care waiting lists and waiting times for the Kenmare region, County Kerry; the measures being put in place to address same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38480/25]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health to give a detailed breakdown of home care waiting lists and waiting times for the Castleisland region, County Kerry; the measures being put in place to address same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38481/25]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health to give a detailed breakdown of home care waiting lists and waiting times for the Tralee region, County Kerry; the measures being put in place to address same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38482/25]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health to give a detailed breakdown of home care waiting lists and waiting times for the Listowel and north Kerry region; the measures being put in place to address same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38483/25]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently address a matter in a Kerry Community Hospital (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38490/25]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health if GPs can charge for a patient/family who request receipts from the GP practice of the fees and charges incurred by them at the GP over a period of any timeframe from one to five years. — Alan Kelly. [38491/25]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health her views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38503/25]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health to provide as a matter of priority a permanent oncology and haematology build at University Hospital Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38504/25]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health her views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38505/25]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently assist to move a person (details supplied) closer to their home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38506/25]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently publish the north Kerry CAMHS lookback review (details supplied); the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38507/25]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health if she will correspond with a group of survivors of industrial and reformatory schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38509/25]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently address and change the legislation regarding how the fair deal scheme is assessed for families who genuinely cannot afford the payment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38527/25]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an estimated date for the publication of the north Kerry CAMHS review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [38532/25]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health the details for the past three years and the current year funding allocated or paid out for Departmental employees for legal study programmes including EU law in the past three years, detailing the course title, the course provider, the course fees, grade of employee supported, whether course was in person or online and name of the scheme providing the support; if employees received any other supports such as time off; if so, the details of same, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [38548/25]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 619 of 11 February 2025, the plans made to ensure the provision of one WTE diabetes specialist pump nurse in Wexford General Hospital, for patients with diabetes to have a greater chance to access insulin pump therapy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [38557/25]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE administrative staff, by grade based at Enniscorthy primary care centre in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [38564/25]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE social workers, by grade based at Wexford primary care centre in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [38565/25]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE accident and emergency department Nurses based at Wexford General Hospital in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; if this number will be further increased before end of the year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [38566/25]

*380. To ask the Minister for Health whether due consideration has been given to the recognised dysmaturity of people living with foetal alcohol spectrum disorder with respect to transitioning from CAMHS services due to reaching the upper age limit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [38568/25]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and young people in the State being supported by CAMHS who have a diagnosis of foetal alcohol spectrum disorder for the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [38569/25]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults in the State being supported by Adult Mental Health Services who have a diagnosis of foetal alcohol spectrum disorder for the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [38570/25]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health the specific and tailored mental health supports available to people living with foetal alcohol spectrum disorder, in line with international best practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [38571/25]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the current waiting times for access to home care packages across each CHO area. — Pat Buckley. [38601/25]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to reduce delays for older people and those with disabilities who have been approved for support but are still waiting for hours to be allocated; and if there are plans to expand funding or staffing to meet increasing demand for home care services. — Pat Buckley. [38602/25]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health if respect for international law and human rights throughout the supply chain, from production to delivery, is written into the HSE's procurement policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [38603/25]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of the names and location of every sexual health centre in Ireland. — Sorca Clarke. [38604/25]

*388. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 362 and 363 of 11 June 2025, if the HSE will reply to the questions asked and that they will be answered within the timeframe required under Standing Order 52; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38608/25]

*389. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to including a 24-hour rapid response vehicle at Tuam ambulance base in the HSE Capital Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [38609/25]

*390. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in her Department; the AI technologies the Department uses, the purpose and function of said technology in the context of the work of the Department, and the associated costs of the licensing or use of AI by the Department in the past 12 months, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [38620/25]

*391. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider the availability of the FreeStyle Libre glucose monitoring system available under the drugs payment scheme for people with type 2 diabetes who use insulin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38638/25]

*392. To ask the Minister for Health if it is the case, as per media reports, that a plan to evacuate eighteen seriously ill children from Gaza to Ireland for potentially life-saving treatment has stalled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [38639/25]

*393. To ask the Minister for Health who set the Terms of Reference for the Covid Evaluation Committee; the reason clinical and vaccination information is not being sought; the reason the 2020-2022 timeframe has been chosen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gillian Toole. [38643/25]

*394. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an urgent admission to the cardiac unit in University Hospital Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [38647/25]

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

*395. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to discuss the proposed increase in the student contribution charge for third-level education;

whether consideration is being given to introducing a means-tested model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [38334/25]

*396. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science why biomedical science degrees are not registered for CORU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [38386/25]

*397. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to ensure that all undergraduate degrees are registered with the appropriate professional body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [38387/25]

*398. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of courses (details supplied) not being registered with CORU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [38388/25]

*399. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to support the further development of lifelong learning and training opportunities across the education and skills system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [38397/25]

*400. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to clarify a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38492/25]

*401. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to clarify an issue surrounding the student contribution fee (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38502/25]

*402. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the details for the past three years and the current year funding allocated or paid out for Departmental employees for legal study programmes including EU law in the past three years, detailing the course title, the course provider, the course fees, grade of employee supported, whether course was in person or online and name of the scheme providing the support; if employees received any other supports such as time off; if so, the details of same, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [38547/25]

*403. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline any contact with the President of Griffith College in relation to the years of preparatory work which was undertaken between Griffith College and Ferdowski University in Mashhad in the establishment of the joint undergraduate accounting programme between the two institutions which was due to commence this year with the first group of 18 students due to complete two semesters in Ireland, but all of whom have been refused visas despite paying large amounts of money; the way in which the matter can be resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38567/25]

*404. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in his Department; the AI technologies the Department uses, the purpose and function of said technology in the context of the work of the Department, and the associated costs of the licensing or use of AI by the Department in the past 12 months, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [38619/25]

*405. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether his Department has done any scoping exercises on the impact of the announced increase in third level registration fees to €3,000 on medium and low income families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [38635/25]

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

*406. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his plans to expand the number of remote working hubs in County Kildare under the connected hub network programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [38311/25]

*407. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on the works at Mayfield Library and St. Joseph's community centre. — Thomas Gould. [38431/25]

*408. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the details for the past three years and the current year funding allocated or paid out for Departmental employees for legal study programmes including EU law in the past three years, detailing the course title, the course provider, the course fees, grade of employee supported, whether course was in person or online and name of the scheme providing the support; if employees received any other supports such as time off; if so, the details of same, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [38552/25]

*409. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide an update on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in his Department; the AI technologies the Department uses, the purpose and function of said technology in the context of the work of the Department, and the associated costs of the licensing or use of AI by the Department in the past 12 months, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [38624/25]

*410. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will provide an update on the progress to date to the secure an upgrade to St. Joseph's Library, Mayfield, Cork city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38534/25]

*411. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when he expects the next phase of the community centres investment fund capital grants for new centres and the refurbishment grants for existing centres to be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38535/25]