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## Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his discussions with the new Canadian prime minister. — Darren O'Rourke. [37508/25]

16. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his discussions with the new Canadian prime minister. — Ruth Coppinger. [38778/25]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he has had any engagement to date with the new Canadian prime minister, Mark Carney. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [39237/25]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Conor Sheehan. [38801/25]

33. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. . — Peadar Tóibín. [39165/25]

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Catherine Ardagh. [39238/25]

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

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

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

38. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the Global Ireland Summit. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37503/25]

39. To ask the Taoiseach on his attendance at the Global Ireland Summit. — Darren O'Rourke. [39269/25]

40. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the Global Ireland Summit. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [39272/25]

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

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

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

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

45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [37566/25]

46. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Coordination will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37504/25]

47. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Darren O'Rourke. [39270/25]

48. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [39273/25]

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

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

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

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

53. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the President of the European Commission in Brussels. — Darren O'Rourke. [39271/25]

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

55. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with the British prime minister. — Ruth Coppinger. [38779/25]

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

57. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2024, published by his Department in November 2024. — Ruth Coppinger. [38780/25]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

66. To ask the Taoiseach the reason the Government has not committed to a full independent inquiry on Covid 19; and if it will commit to such an inquiry. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37505/25]

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

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

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

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

71. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the World Ocean Summit. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [39274/25]

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

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

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

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

76. To ask the Taoiseach to set out the current priorities of the housing and infrastructure unit within his Department. — Barry Heneghan. [35861/25]

77. To ask the Taoiseach if he will outline the work of the housing and infrastructure unit in his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [39163/25]

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

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

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

81. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the EU Council meeting of 26 and 27 June 2025. — Malcolm Byrne. [36868/25]

82. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a timeline for the publication of his Department's Strategy Statement 2025-2027. — James Geoghegan. [37649/25]

83. To ask the Taoiseach when the next UK-Ireland Summit is scheduled to take place. — Shane Moynihan. [39241/25]

84. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent trip to Japan. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [39377/25]

85. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [39420/25]

86. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [39421/25]

87. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [39422/25]

88. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an update on the implementation of the child poverty strategy. — Eoin Hayes. [39425/25]

89. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the research and modelling group. — Eoin Hayes. [39426/25]

90. To ask the Taoiseach if it is intended to establish the taskforce for Cork by the end of September 2025, as set out in the Programme for Government. — Colm Burke. [39427/25]

# CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

91. To ask the Minister for Finance to outline the level of investment by the State in Israeli bonds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39745/25]

92. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the agreement reached between the G7 and the Unites States in relation to the OECD's global minimum corporation tax rate proportion for large MNCs; his views on the implications for Ireland's corporation tax base, the Exchequer more generally, and inward investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [39703/25]

93. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to reports that there are mortgage prisoners with vulture funds that have seen no reduction in their interest rates despite eight consecutive interest-rate reductions by the ECB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39746/25]

94. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will take action to ensure that Ireland meets its European Union VAT and customs obligations by inspecting all military aircraft landing at Shannon Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [39678/25]

95. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to address the increased cost of insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39747/25]

96. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the operation of the property tax. — Edward Timmins. [39675/25]

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

97. To ask the Minister for Finance how VAT receipts to date in 2025 compare to the same period last year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [39246/25]

98. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the Programme for Government commitments on insurance reform under the remit of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [38994/25]

99. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagement there has been between his Department, other Government Departments, agencies and legal advisors in relation to the facilitation by the Central Bank of the sale of Israeli war bonds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [39278/25]

100. To ask the Minister for Finance if any analysis has been carried to assess the level of dividend forgone as a result of the State selling AIB, for each of the years 2022, 2023 and 2024. — Cathy Bennett. [39381/25]

101. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 60 of 29 May 2025, if the 2024 figure, due mid-year, in respect of the value of all State investment in Israel bonds, is now available; if Ireland, through the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund, has now entirely divested itself of direct holdings of Israel bonds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39400/25]

102. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of taxpayer units that have made rent tax credit claims since its inception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [39412/25]

103. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the current interaction between capital gains tax and capital acquisitions tax in the case of lifetime gifts, where the same transaction can result in a significant combined tax burden for both the donor and the recipient, despite a credit mechanism; his views on whether this regime unintentionally discourages lifetime transfers in favour of inheritance, which is not subject to CGT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [39410/25]

104. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will ensure the Irish Strategic Investment Fund is fully divested from all companies directly and indirectly involved in illegally occupied Palestinian territories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [39362/25]

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105. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on the OECD tax agreement and the implications for the Irish tax code and corporate tax rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39433/25]

106. To ask the Minister for Finance the Government Position on introducing legislation to allow local authorities introduce a commercial bed occupancy tax to raise revenues locally, as requested by a number of local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [39406/25]

107. To ask the Minister for Finance his response to the Central Bank's second Quarterly Bulletin of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [39244/25]

108. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman has failed to make preliminary rulings for 500 cases that have been before the Ombudsman for over five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39432/25]

109. To ask the Minister for Finance the up-to-date position on the development of an action plan for insurance reform; the up-to-date position on changes to the personal injuries guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [39364/25]

110. To ask the Minister for Finance the proposals he has to address issues of particular interest to credit unions, including reserves, levies and lending requirement regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39416/25]

111. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he will introduce in respect of insurance reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39417/25]

112. To ask the Minister for Finance his response to the annual letter from the Governor of the Central Bank ahead of Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39268/25]

113. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount transferred to the Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [39172/25]

114. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the help-to-buy scheme, as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [38825/25]

115. To ask the Minister for Finance if a review of entrepreneur relief under the capital gains tax code is being considered, particularly in regard to the  $\in 1$  million lifetime limit and its competitiveness relative to international norms (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [39409/25]

116. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 39 of 29 May 2025, the progress made to fully divest from all Ireland Strategic Investment Fund (ISIF) global portfolio investments in companies on the UN Human Rights Council database of business enterprises, given the value of direct and indirect investment in 13 companies remained at  $\in 10.65$  million as at April 2025; the value of both direct and indirect investment divestment since that time; if the ISIF has increased its investment in any of these enterprises or any other enterprise

117. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which income tax receipts to date in 2025 compare to the same period last year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39267/25]

118. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a timeline for the implementation of right-to-be-forgotten legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [39366/25]

119. To ask the Minister for Finance to outline the State's investment through the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund in companies operating in the illegal Israeli settlements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39431/25]

120. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman has failed to make preliminary rulings for 500 cases that have been before the Ombudsman for over five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39405/25]

121. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing targeted tax reliefs or financial supports for essential public sector workers, such as nurses, teachers and Gardaí, in high-cost urban areas, to address recruitment and retention challenges linked to housing affordability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [39413/25]

122. To ask the Minister for Finance how overall tax revenues to date in 2025 compare to the same period last year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [39248/25]

123. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will continue to oppose introducing tax breaks for developers in Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [39418/25]

124. To ask the Minister for Finance the date his Department plans to publish the summer economic statement; the way in which it plans to account for any announcements regarding EU-US tariffs in its published estimates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [38948/25]

125. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider a review of the operation of the property tax. — Edward Timmins. [39280/25]

126. To ask the Minister for Finance his proposals to protect mortgage holders from high interest rates. — Cathy Bennett. [39380/25]

127. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to review and simplify the current business and enterprise tax system to promote innovation and economic growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [39357/25]

128. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has examined the potential of schemes to allow savers to invest more of Ireland's substantial household deposit savings into products which

directly fund the delivery of major Irish public infrastructure projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [39429/25]

129. To ask the Minister for Finance how corporation tax receipts to date in 2025 compare to the same period last year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [39354/25]

130. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing a preferential capital gains tax rate for landlords who have made their properties available for social housing at below-market rates over an extended period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [39240/25]

131. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has engaged with the Department of Children, Disability and Equality to develop a mechanism through the tax system to help lower the cost of fitting out childcare buildings that were built as a condition for planning permission for residential developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [39430/25]

132. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has examined the capital acquisition tax rules to include childless individuals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [39365/25]

133. To ask the Minister for Finance his response to the IMF's annual review of the Irish economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [39245/25]

134. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the third review of Home Building Finance Ireland, which he published recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [39243/25]

135. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the Ireland for Finance strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [38995/25]

136. To ask the Minister for Finance for details of engagements he has had since taking office in relation to the Savings and Investment Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [38996/25]

137. To ask the Minister for Finance the action his Department is taking to reduce extremely high interest rates being charged to some mortgage holders whose mortgages were sold to non-bank lenders after the economic crash; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [39363/25]

138. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and total value of loans by high-cost loan providers in 2024. — Pearse Doherty. [39435/25]

139. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to progressively increase the rent tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [39411/25]

140. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans for reform of capital acquisitions tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [39057/25]

141. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on the work being carried out to advance the Action Plan for Insurance Reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [39277/25]

142. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on tax measures to incentivise retail investing in Ireland, particularly in relation to exchange-traded funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [39116/25]

143. To ask the Minister for Finance to outline plans to reduce the VAT rate in the hospitality sector; the specific proposals being considered presently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [38947/25]

144. To ask the Minister for Finance if any consideration or investigation is underway ahead of Budget 2026 to assess the appropriateness of a VAT reduction to stimulate the construction sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38578/25]

145. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is examining options to enhance the research and development tax credit, to reward innovation and digitalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [39275/25]

146. To ask the Minister for Finance the property-related tax breaks he is considering introducing or expanding in Budget 2026; the concerns he has about property-related tax breaks from an equity and financial stability perspective; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [39419/25]

147. To ask the Minister for Finance when he will be releasing the revision of the mediumterm fiscal and structural plans to be submitted to the European Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [39403/25]

148. To ask the Minister for Finance the new additional revenue-raising measures, excluding reductions in expenditure, that the Government has been advised to consider by officials in his Department as part of the budgetary process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [39402/25]

149. To ask the Minister for Finance if any measures are being taken to unlock the significant amount of capital held on deposit accounts in Ireland to support housing and critical infrastructure delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [39055/25]

150. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the merits of amending existing inheritance tax parameters; if the existing relationship category thresholds can be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [38824/25]

151. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department is looking into mechanisms, including tax relief, to further incentivise the purchase and renovation of vacant homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [39054/25]

152. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department is considering the introduction of an income tax credit for parents with children in paid childcare, in line with models used in other EU Member States, with a view to easing the financial burden on low- and middle-income working families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [39414/25]

153. To ask the Minister for Finance his response to the Financial Stability Review published by the Central Bank last month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [39247/25]

154. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider increasing the VAT registration requirement on supply of services from its current very low value of  $\notin$ 42,500 and examine an increase to all of the thresholds.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [39279/25]

155. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the implementation of the Programme for Government objective to build up the two long-term savings funds in preparation for fiscal challenges including demographic changes, climate resilience and dealing with future shocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [39407/25]

156. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on his Department's engagement with the Business Tax Stakeholder Forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [39276/25]

157. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline any plans under consideration to reform the taxation treatment of exchange traded funds for retail investors, particularly regarding the 41% exit tax rate and the deemed disposal rule after eight years, which many argue penalises long-term investment and wealth preservation for workers. — Michael Cahill. [39408/25]

158. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the investment fund reforms being considered in advance of Budget 2026, including fund-tax change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [39239/25]

159. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has considered the reduction of VAT on the construction of new apartments; the cost of such a measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [39367/25]

160. To ask the Minister for Finance the role credit unions play in supporting the delivery of social housing through the Credit Union Approved Housing Body Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [39014/25]

161. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the Programme for Government Commitment on a strategy for the credit union sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [39115/25]

162. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps being taken to address rising insurance premiums; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [38993/25]

163. To ask the Minister for Finance when the Summer Economic Statement will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [39056/25]

## CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

\*164. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update of the status of the National Risk Assessment 2025. — Ivana Bacik. [39423/25]

\*165. To ask the Taoiseach the details for the past three years, and the current year, of 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 the course was in person or online, and name of the scheme providing the support; and if employees received any other supports such as time off; and if so, the details of same, in tabular form. — Paul Murphy. [38559/25]

\*166. To ask the Taoiseach 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. [38627/25]

\*167. To ask the Taoiseach if he will detail the total number of CCTV cameras owned by his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage; the total number of CCTV cameras owned by bodies under the aegis of his Department; and the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage, in tabular form. — James Geoghegan. [38693/25]

\*168. To ask the Taoiseach the main policy achievements of his Department since 23 January 2025. — Cathal Crowe. [38763/25]

\*169. To ask the Taoiseach further to Parliamentary Question No. 117 of 1 July 2025, the reason confidentiality must apply to the 114 countries mentioned from which Ireland imported less than  $\notin$ 1 million worth of goods in 2024; the number of these countries which exported less than  $\notin$ 600,000 worth of goods to Ireland in 2024; and the total number of countries from which Ireland imported goods in 2024. — Carol Nolan. [39004/25]

\*170. To ask the Taoiseach to list all national strategies, action plans or documents that may be described as such, which are currently in operation and under the remit of his Department. — Malcolm Byrne. [39616/25]

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

\*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on ratification of the UN Global Oceans Treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [39581/25]

\*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number and percentage of staff based at the Irish Embassy in Tokyo who are fluent in speaking and writing in Japanese. — Darren O'Rourke. [38659/25]

\*173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he/she will detail the total number of CCTV cameras owned by his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage; the total number of CCTV cameras owned by bodies under the aegis of his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38685/25]

\*174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on the status of an application for funding (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [38698/25]

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\*175. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the main policy achievements of his Department since 23 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38755/25]

\*176. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the level of engagement between his Department and the Government of Malaysia during 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [38792/25]

\*177. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of passport applications with addresses in Kildare that are being processed by the Passport Office as of 7 July 2025. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [38819/25]

\*178. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount his Department paid towards cost of living allowance and local post allowance to his Departmental officials posted at the Irish Embassy in Washington DC and to each consulate general office based within the US in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [38820/25]

\*179. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Question No. 145 of 3 July 2025, if any measures have been put in place to mitigate against the potential misuse of the IHRA definition. — Pádraig Rice. [38951/25]

\*180. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on efforts to bring about the restoration of tariff-free trading with the USA, and progress on an EU-India trade deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [38978/25]

\*181. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to list all meetings which he or his predecessor has held with either the Attorney General, other Ministers, or officials, in relation to the so-called Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018 from 1 January 2024 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [39006/25]

\*182. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will provide an update in respect of how he is implementing the elements of 'Global Citizen 2030 Strategy' which are relevant to the Department; if he will confirm if the education attaches located in embassies and consulates are engaging on this with specific and particular reference to the Global Undergraduate Awards also explicitly referenced as an example of partnership in the 'Global Citizen 2030 Strategy'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [39021/25]

\*183. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Ireland has offered assistance following the request of the International Criminal Court for support from the international community to help mitigate the recent cybersecurity attack on that court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39027/25]

\*184. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his Department will assist in resolving an issue regarding a complex passport application where a four-year-old child (details supplied) has been denied their first passport. — Conor D. McGuinness. [39028/25]

\*185. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on a passport application (details supplied), as the applicants travel date is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [39104/25]

\*186. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on a passport application (details supplied), as the applicants travel date is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [39105/25]

\*187. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the additional WTE local based staff, by job title that were hired by the Department for the duration of the Osaka 2025 World Expo. — Aidan Farrelly. [39127/25]

\*188. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a matter (details supplied) has been brought to his attention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [39197/25]

\*189. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on progress towards the establishment of an Irish embassy in the Republic of Serbia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39286/25]

\*190. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding any plans to establish an Irish embassy in North Macedonia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39287/25]

\*191. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update regarding progress towards the establishment of an Irish embassy in Montenegro; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39288/25]

\*192. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on progress towards the establishment of an Irish embassy in Bosnia Herzegovina; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39289/25]

\*193. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if there are any plans to establish an Irish embassy in Albania; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39290/25]

\*194. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if there are plans to establish an Irish embassy in Kosovo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39291/25]

\*195. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on progress towards the establishment of an Irish embassy in the Republic of Moldova; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39292/25]

\*196. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade in light of the status of Georgia as a candidate country for the European Union, if there are any plans to establish an Irish embassy in Georgia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39293/25]

\*197. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if there are any plans to establish an Irish embassy in Iceland (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39294/25]

\*198. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if there are any plans to establish an Irish embassy in the Faroe Islands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39295/25]

\*199. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if there are any plans to establish an Irish embassy in Greenland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39296/25]

\*200. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his Department's expenditure on advertising detailing the objective, duration, media platforms, advertising agency or agencies, and cost of each individual advertising campaign in 2019. — Conor D. McGuinness. [39368/25]

\*201. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total cost of "Rugby World Cup 2019 Consular Awareness promoting the Department's travel advice, as well as information on what measures to take in the event of a consular emergency or crisis while in Japan"; and to provide a clear break-down of the costs involved. — Conor D. McGuinness. [39369/25]

\*202. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the plans the Government has to be represented at the conference on Gaza organised by the Hague Group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [39399/25]

\*203. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on a passport application (details supplied) as the applicants travel date is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [39504/25]

\*204. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to list all national strategies, action plans or documents that may be described as such, which are currently in operation and under the remit of his Department. — Malcolm Byrne. [39608/25]

\*205. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the current status of a citizenship application through the Foreign Births Registration for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39671/25]

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

\*206. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will detail the total number of CCTV cameras owned by his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage; the total number of CCTV cameras owned by bodies under the aegis of his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38679/25]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of people that have availed of the solar PV scheme for medically vulnerable persons since it became available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38704/25]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of people that have applied for the solar PV scheme for medically vulnerable persons since the scheme became available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38705/25]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current timeline of delivery for the proposed acquisition of a State-leased floating storage and regasification unit and

construction of ancillary infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [38724/25]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the locations short-listed for the State-leased floating storage and regasification unit and associated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [38725/25]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to list the gas storage "onshore salt cavern" locations that have been identified for a 'full mitigation scenario', as outlined by the Gas Networks Ireland 'Preliminary Business Case'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [38726/25]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the promised public consultation on a State-led floating storage and regasification unit, as outlined by the previous Minister of this Department, will be undertaken, keeping in mind Ireland's commitments under the Aarhus Convention and the legal challenges taken by an organisation (details supplied) in relation to lack of necessary public participation on the updated National Energy and Climate Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [38727/25]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason he took the decision to dispense with a revised Energy Poverty Action Plan in favour of advancing an Energy Affordability Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [38728/25]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for the timeline for the publication of the Energy Affordability Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [38729/25]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if any exception could be made to waste regulations for small scale café's which would enable them to sell or provide for free coffee grinds to local community gardens as fertilizers, even if said community garden groups did not possess a waste licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [38730/25]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the main policy achievements of his Department since 23 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38749/25]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of homes funded for retrofit in 2025, by local authority under the warmer homes scheme, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [38832/25]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if an SEAI application for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [39250/25]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to the publication of the Electricity Storage Policy Framework for Ireland in July 2024, the engagement that has taken place with his Department and the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management, local planning authorities and An Bord Pleanála in relation to addressing the safety and regulation concerns that are now widespread in communities across the country where new

electricity storage installations are proposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [39310/25]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the incentives in place to encourage people to purchase rainwater harvesting equipment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39389/25]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his priorities for Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [39452/25]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the way in which he plans to address the  $\in 3.3$  billion environmental investment gap identified in the latest European Commission Environmental Implementation Review country report for Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [39453/25]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his response to the fact that Ireland's waste recycling rates have not improved for the past five years and are at risk of missing 2025 recycling targets; the steps he is taking to remedy the situation; the way in which he plans to improve Ireland's circular use of materials rate, which stood at 2.3% versus an EU average of 11.8% in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [39454/25]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the timeline for the phaseout of incineration in our waste management system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [39456/25]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for a progress report on the implementation of Buying Greener: Green Public Procurement Strategy and Action Plan 2024-2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [39457/25]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the implementation of the previous Government's 2022 Policy Statement on Mineral Exploration and Mining; the items that remain outstanding; the steps he is taking to ensure their implementation by the end of the five year implementation period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [39458/25]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the steps he is taking to increase the construction and demolition waste materials recycling rate in Ireland, which stood at 39.7% in 2020 versus an EU average of 78.1%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [39459/25]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views regarding the remunicipalisation of waste services in Ireland; if he has engaged with campaigners on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [39460/25]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the funding allocated to the Accelerating Renewable Electricity Taskforce -  $\notin$ 4 billion between 2021 and 2025; the amount of this which has been drawn down to date; the plans to progress the work of this taskforce beyond 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [39545/25]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the Enhanced Winter 2025 Grid Resilience Plan being developed by the ESB; when it is expected to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [39546/25]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if and when there will be another round of Just Transition funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [39563/25]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the rationale for treating the three sisters of the rivers Suir, Nore and Barrow as three distinct salmon fisheries for regulatory purposes with three different conservation limits when the salmon in all three rivers have been proven to be genetically the same, and should be considered as one stock and not three different stocks and should have one conservation limit to cover all three rivers; if he will review this classification to ensure integrated management of the estuary and the three rivers flowing in to it. — Conor D. McGuinness. [39575/25]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to list all national strategies, action plans or documents that may be described as such, which are currently in operation and under the remit of his Department. — Malcolm Byrne. [39602/25]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if there are plans to amend the eligibility criteria for the SEAI solar panel grant scheme to include residential properties built after 2020; if consideration has been given to extending the grant to households who were unable to install solar panels at the time of construction due to rising costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [39648/25]

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

\*235. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the percentage of the capital and current funding of his Department that has been spent in the first six months of 2025; and if he will provide the same figures for the corresponding period in 2024, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [38675/25]

\*236. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will detail the total number of CCTV cameras owned by his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage; the total number of CCTV cameras owned by bodies under the aegis of his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38681/25]

\*237. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the main policy achievements of his Department since 23 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38751/25]

\*238. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if progress has been made in restoring the training officer arrangements that existed between the Irish Defence Forces Cadet School at the Curragh Camp and the Navy of Malta; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [38888/25]

\*239. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his views on the benefits for the Irish Defence Forces and international reputation of the country arising from cooperation between

individual national defence forces (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [38889/25]

\*240. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if suitable qualified civilians can apply to join Defence Forces School of Music; and if not, if all positions within school are reserved for Permanent Defence Force personnel. — Paul Donnelly. [39146/25]

\*241. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current total personnel headcount of the Defence Forces; the total number of personnel who served overseas since 2024; and the total who have completed an overseas trip between 2024 and 2025. — Mark Wall. [39297/25]

\*242. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he would consider offering members of the Reserve Defence Forces full time contracts to expedite PDF recruitment to achieve the Commission on the Defence Force's stated target of 11,500 personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [39298/25]

\*243. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for a breakdown of the initial estimated costs of each project listed in the Defence Forces Infrastructure Plan 2022-2027, and the actual cost of each completed project to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [39299/25]

\*244. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for a breakdown on his department's investment in housing and accommodation for the Defence Forces. — Mark Wall. [39300/25]

\*245. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of actions recommended by the Commission on the Defence Forces which have been fully completed and implemented to date. — Mark Wall. [39301/25]

\*246. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the climate and environmental measures the Defence Forces has undertaken to reduce their carbon emissions in line with the Climate Action Plan; what related investment has been made to reduce emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [39302/25]

\*247. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for a breakdown, by rank, of the strength of the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps, in tabular form, as of the end of May 2025. — Mark Wall. [39303/25]

\*248. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current status regarding the procurement of Defence Forces uniforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [39304/25]

\*249. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for a breakdown of the established strength and current strength of both the Army and Naval Service Reserve, by rank, in tabular form, as of the end of May 2025. — Mark Wall. [39305/25]

\*250. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to list all national strategies, action plans or documents that may be described as such, which are currently in operation and under the remit of his Department. — Malcolm Byrne. [39604/25]

\*251. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if suitable qualified civilian personnel can apply to join the Defence Forces school of music; if not, if all posts within the school of

\*252. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he agrees that a whole-of-Government air and maritime services 'needs analysis' should be undertaken in the short term in an attempt to highlight trends and predict needs into the future over a 10-20-year period, as recommended by the Report Of The Commission On Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [39724/25]

\*253. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence in advance of the delivery of the Airbus 295 military transport aircraft in September of this year, and further to Parliamentary Question No. 21 of 25 June 2025 concerning Ireland's admission to the European Air Transport Command EATC, if his Department has considered the "Sponsor Nation" scheme associated with the EATC for accessing larger more capable transport aircraft in advance of full membership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [39725/25]

\*254. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department has considered the technical arrangement to gain access into the "Air Transport & Air to Air refuelling Exchange of Services" ATARES scheme as part of the "Movement Coordination Centre Europe" MCCE which runs in tandem to the EATC; if the Government is committed to signing an agreement to gain access to it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [39726/25]

\*255. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he is willing to commit to providing personnel from the Air Corps to vacancies which may arise in the Operations Headquarters of the European Air Transport Command once Ireland joins the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [39727/25]

\*256. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will commit to offering EATC both the Airbus 295 and the new Dassualt Falcon 6x Strategic reach aircraft when both are delivered later this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [39728/25]

\*257. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the national caveats Ireland will implement on joining the European Air Transport Command; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [39729/25]

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

\*258. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has spoken with his US Counterpart to date in 2025. — Darren O'Rourke. [38673/25]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will detail the total number of CCTV cameras owned by his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage; the total number of CCTV cameras owned by bodies under the aegis of his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38694/25]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the current structure and scheduling of the 233 bus service from Macroom to Cork, in light of the fact that the route operates as several distinct sub-routes under one timetable, which creates confusion and reduces reliability; if he will consider splitting the route into distinct services such as 233A, 233B, etc., with clearer

schedules and increased frequency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [38735/25]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to increase the frequency of buses on the 233-route serving Macroom, particularly to address four-hour gaps in the current timetable, which significantly limit accessibility and usability for residents who depend on public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [38736/25]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request Bus Éireann to include additional stops within Macroom, such as near Millstreet Cross and Masseytown, to better serve the town's main residential areas; if he will consider ensuring local stops reflect where the population is most concentrated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [38737/25]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will support Bus Éireann, or the National Transport Authority, to introduce a later service on the 233 route from Cork to Macroom, beyond the current last departure at 22:30, to accommodate students, shift workers, and others who travel into Cork for evening activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [38738/25]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the pricing structure on the 40 route between Macroom and Cork, in particular the  $\notin$ 7 fare for students with a Leap Card, which is significantly higher than comparable journeys in the Dublin commuter belt; if he will commit to a fare reduction in line with other urban and peri-urban routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [38739/25]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine how stop placement decisions are made in regional towns, such as Macroom, where the main bus stop is located far from many residential areas, thereby limiting access to public transport for those with mobility issues or without private vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [38740/25]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Transport to review the DAAs policy to allow second drivers of taxis to pick up passengers at the airport campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [38745/25]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Transport the main policy achievements of his Department since 23 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38764/25]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide retrospective funding to Laois County Council for the construction of the Portlaoise western distributer road which is key infrastructure relieving town centre traffic, unlocking new development zones at Junction 17, supporting the Portlaoise low carbon town initiative, providing accessible facilities for all road users while integrating with broader transport ambitions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [38770/25]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Transport if any further details are available for the proposed Finglas Luas extension following the completion of the Finglas Luas project; if the proposed extension will link up with the proposed Metrolink stations at Northwood or Ballymun; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [38781/25]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to have a direct public service obligation bus service from Shannon to Dublin City Centre via Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [38787/25]

Donna McGettigan. [38782/25]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the Northern Ring road and the funding provided in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [38852/25]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding provided by local authority for new cycle lanes and cycle lane maintenance respectively in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [38853/25]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Transport the provision of funding for traffic calming measures and the amount applied for in Cork city and county respectively in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [38854/25]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Transport the provision of funding for road maintenance and the amount applied for in Cork city and county respectively in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [38855/25]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Transport for a list of schools funded under the safe routes to school scheme in Cork in each of the past five years; and the amount provided for same. — Thomas Gould. [38856/25]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost of BusConnects in Cork to date. — Thomas Gould. [38874/25]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of applications received for the electric taxi vehicle grant; and the number approved, to date in 2025. — Thomas Gould. [38875/25]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of plans for a new Coast Guard building in Howth; the next steps in the delivery of this project; the amount spent by his Department on the project to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38919/25]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a detailed breakdown of investment in enhancing existing bus services in north Dublin from 2021 to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38920/25]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Transport if a scheme can be extended (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [38929/25]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline new EU regulations for vehicles over 2.5 tonnes in weight; the impact new regulations may have on the island, including potential implications for the Border; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38935/25]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people who failed to show up for their driving tests at Mulhuddart centre from 2023 to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [38936/25]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driving test will be fast-tracked for person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [38937/25]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Transport regarding the RSA's website, and the significant delays incurred by applicants waiting to be called for a driving test, if he is aware of the practice whereby third parties (apps/companies) offer a service of booking a cancellation for a fee on behalf of applicants, and the difficulties this creates for natural persons applying for a cancellation; and what, in his view, the standard waiting period to be called for a test should be. — Mairéad Farrell. [38977/25]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Transport to confirm if his Department's capital plan includes the provision of the necessary finance for the upgrading of the R126 Hearse Road to Lissenhall junction, given the fast growing population of Donabate which will grow to over 20,000 by the end of this decade, with traffic congestion already an issue for many motorists travelling to and from the peninsula; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [38983/25]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the effectiveness of the toll rebate scheme for licensed hauliers, in light of reports that operators are not receiving actual rebates due to excessive bureaucracy and red tape; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [38998/25]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps his Department is taking to reduce the administrative burden associated with the toll rebate scheme for hauliers; if he will engage directly with the IRHA to simplify the process and remove unnecessary barriers to access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [38999/25]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has assessed the disproportionate cost burden on Fingal-based hauliers, who often must use multiple tolled routes such as the M1 and M50 daily; if more tailored or automatic rebate mechanism could be introduced for operators in key logistics corridors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [39000/25]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Transport if reforms are planned to better support hauliers in light of rising operating costs, labour shortages and fuel concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [39001/25]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Transport when the most recent noise safety review was carried out in the surrounding areas of Weston Airport, Dublin; if safety sound levels are safe for local residents; if the level of airport traffic is monitored; if there is a daily limit to level of activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [39024/25]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to address persistent delays in response times from the Road Safety Authority (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [39030/25]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on an exchanged driving licence application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39046/25]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request that the barrier tolls on the M7 and M8 be waived on Sunday, 20 July 2025, the day of the all-Ireland hurling final; if waiving of the fees is not possible, if he would recommend a system of online self-declaration and barrier-free travel on that day; and if it is intended to introduce barrier-free tolling on a permanent basis on the M7 and M8 in the future. — Séamus McGrath. [39051/25]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is any arts fund or other community fund to be created as part of the M28 motorway project, given it is such a large infrastructure project. — Séamus McGrath. [39059/25]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps his Department is taking to regulate the usage of delivery drones in residential areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [39062/25]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has conducted any scoping exercises or research into the impact of drone usage on residential and urban areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [39063/25]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Transport the total amount collected from each county or local authority area from motor tax in 2023 and 2024; and if he will clarify where the funding was spent. — Séamus McGrath. [39066/25]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Transport the research carried out into the removal of the grade 1 faults from the marking assessment in the driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39077/25]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to concerns related to the accessibility of the RSA website for people with visual impairments and other accessibility issues (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39078/25]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Transport the age profile of the Bus Éireann PSO fleet as of 8 July 2025. — Alan Kelly. [39101/25]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that the NTA takes in regard the provision of additional buses, LUAS and DARTs before and after major concerts are held in Dublin. — Aidan Farrelly. [39128/25]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of permits the Dublin Airport Authority issued to taxi drivers to pick up customers at Dublin Airport in 2024 and to-date in 2025; the criteria that must be met prior to being issued a permit from the DAA; and the amount of revenue generated for DAA from issuing these permits in each of those years in question, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [39149/25]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is a regulator or oversight body in respect of the National Car Test service operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [39157/25]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Transport the length in kilometres, and as a percentage of the road network, for local tertiary roads in each county, in tabular form; the levels of funding allocated in 2023, 2024 and 2025 to each county for their repair and restoration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [39189/25]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Transport when the second phase of the proposed speed limit changes, that will see the introduction of a 30km/h speed limit in urban areas, will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [39234/25]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Transport for the current position of his Department on progressing the Clifden-to-Maam Cross section of the N59 redevelopment project as reactivated in 2020, and included for in the National Development Plan 2021-2030. — John Connolly. [39331/25]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are any plans to introduce AI-powered cameras, designed to catch drivers speeding or committing other offenses, like they have in the UK and Australia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [39335/25]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he intends to take to address the decline of 20% in taxi driver numbers in Longford and the 11.75% decline in Westmeath since 2019, according to NTA figures; and if he will increase the number of licensed taxi driver and vehicle supply to support the urban, rural and night-time economies, by at least 30% from 2023 levels by 2027, allow part-time drivers to enter the market by removing barriers identified by an organisation (details supplied) and increase the wheelchair accessible vehicles SPSV grant scheme and reform the SPSV driver entry test to account for advancements in technology. — Sorca Clarke. [39341/25]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions his Department is taking to increase the supply of licensed taxi drivers and vehicles by at least 30% by 2027, as referenced in recent sectoral plans; if specific targets and timelines have been established; how these measures will support the urban, rural, and night-time economies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [39346/25]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider removing the requirement for all newly registered taxi vehicles to be wheelchair accessible vehicles, to allow greater participation from part-time drivers; if he will commit to significantly increasing the WAV SPSV grant scheme to maintain accessibility targets while supporting broader fleet growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [39347/25]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will reform the current geography-based knowledge component of the SPSV driver entry test, in recognition of the widespread use of satellite navigation technology; if his Department has reviewed whether this requirement is a barrier to new entrants in the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [39348/25]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will seek an increase in licensed taxi driver and vehicle supply by at least 30% from 2023 levels by 2027, to support the urban, rural and night-time economies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [39349/25]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will allow part-time drivers to enter the market by removing the current requirement for all newly registered taxi vehicles to be wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAVs); if he will significantly increase the WAV SPSV grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [39350/25]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will reform the specific geography-based knowledge in the SPSV driver entry test due to the advancement and ubiquitous nature of satellite navigation technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [39351/25]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any progression his Department has made with the Road Safety Authority to shorten the waiting lists for driving tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39359/25]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the average wait time for the Dún Laoghaire/ Deansgrange test centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39360/25]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 437 on the 13th May 2025, if the revised National Vehicle and Driver File Bill 2025 that was sent to the Office of Parliamentary Counsel, has been drafted; the proposed timeframe to facilitate greater real time access to the National Vehicle Driver File (NVDF) database by An Garda Siochana in future, to assist them with enforcement and contribute to safety on Irish roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [39375/25]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the expected construction date of the Ballymun to city centre core bus corridor. — Paul McAuliffe. [39386/25]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an updated timeline on the proposed implementation of the F spine as part of the BusConnects programme. — Paul McAuliffe. [39387/25]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for when his Department will finish drafting amendments to the relevant fixed charge notice regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [39393/25]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider coordinating between event organisers and service provider to provide extra public transport service when large-scale public events are taking place in Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [39439/25]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of Bus Éireann bus mechanics employed at Broadstone Depot; the number of unfilled posts; the length of time posts have been unfilled; plans to fill same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [39441/25]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of Bus Éireann bus drivers employed at Broadstone Depot; the number of unfilled posts; the length of time posts have been unfilled; plans to fill same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [39442/25]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is any exception to the need for a person to complete a driver theory test when their licence is expired for a decade or more (details supplied);

if there is 'reasonable accommodation'-type support available to complete the driver theory test i.e. for people who are not familiar with technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [39483/25]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on progress to increase and sustain adequate taxi coverage across the State; if he will progress the requests of an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [39550/25]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of staff in his Department WTE's who have day to day responsibility for developing and advancing the recommendations from the All-Island Strategic Rail Review; if he will clarify the next steps in respect of advancing the recommendations from the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [39554/25]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the completion of the Glenmore to Waterford section of the southeast greenway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [39560/25]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider providing a night service on Dublin Bus routes (details supplied) to directly serve the towns and villages of Dublin west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [39562/25]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will give urgent consideration to the issues raised in correspondence from a local authority (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39588/25]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Transport to list all national strategies, action plans or documents that may be described as such, which are currently in operation and under the remit of his Department. — Malcolm Byrne. [39617/25]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Transport the competent authority for noise regulation at Weston Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [39622/25]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of prosecutions that have taken place for breaches of noise regulations at regional and smaller airports since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [39623/25]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the new Regional Airports Programme 2026-2030; when it is expected to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [39700/25]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Transport the total capital funding allocated to regional airports since 2010, broken down by year and by airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [39701/25]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of any Exchequer funding received by Cork Airport in each of the years since it was established, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [39704/25]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of any Exchequer funding received by Kerry Airport in each of the years since it was established, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [39706/25]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of any Exchequer funding received by Dublin Airport in each of the years since it was established, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [39707/25]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of any Exchequer funding received by Waterford Airport in each of the years since it was established, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [39708/25]

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

\*341. To ask the Minister for Finance to outline the plans he has to offer tax incentives for developers to build affordable rentals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [39336/25]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will increase the VAT registration requirement on supply of services from its current very low value of  $\notin$ 42,500 and look at increasing all the thresholds. — Edward Timmins. [39676/25]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will detail the total number of CCTV cameras owned by his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage; the total number of CCTV cameras owned by bodies under the aegis of his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38684/25]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 259 of 3 July 2025, to clarify if land can still apply to be de-zoned despite the deadline having been 1 April if there were mitigating circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [38696/25]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Finance the main policy achievements of his Department since 23 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38754/25]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing tax reliefs, credits, or allowances in Budget 2026 for separated or divorced parents who are active in their children's lives and who contribute financially and personally to their upbringing, but currently receive no tax recognition despite having their children part-time and incurring substantial expenses including maintenance, travel, school-related costs, and living arrangements; if he will commit to reviewing the existing system which grants the full-tax benefit to one parent only, often excluding the non-resident but contributing parent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [38773/25]

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\*347. To ask the Minister for Finance the rationale given by the Minister, or his Department, for the differential treatment of childless individuals under the terms of the capital acquisition tax when compared to individuals with children; whether the Department has any plans to review the arrangements for childless individuals under the capital acquisition tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [38800/25]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the review of capital acquisitions tax; if threshold disparities for individuals without children are being examined as part of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [38908/25]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the capital acquisitions tax group threshold system in light of concerns raised by individuals without children who are disproportionately affected by current inheritance tax rules, particularly where their closest relationships fall outside group A; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38918/25]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered the possibility of introducing a national restrictive measure, i.e., a provision in legislation, in the very near future that would prohibit the Central Bank of Ireland from renewing the Israeli bond prospectus this September; if this is not possible, to outline the obstacles to such a measure that need to be overcome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [38933/25]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update with regard to the unfair disparity in Ireland's capital acquisitions tax thresholds, which penalises childless individuals when passing on or receiving an inheritance, the current structure of which excludes many people whose closest relationships fall outside the group A category; whether he is minded to favourably review this from the perspective of those affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [38934/25]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Finance to urgently address the disparity in Ireland's capital acquisitions tax thresholds (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38953/25]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Finance if a first-time buyer availing of the incremental purchase scheme can avail of the help-to-buy scheme if they meet the criteria for both; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [38964/25]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will take action to ensure that Ireland meets its EU VAT and customs obligations by inspecting all military aircraft landing in Shannon airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [39002/25]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of renters who claimed the rent tax credit for 2022, 2023 and 2024 and the estimated percentage of those eligible to claim it in each of those years. — Séamus McGrath. [39018/25]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Finance if he recognises a possible disparity in Ireland's capital acquisitions tax thresholds, which leaves out childless individuals when passing on or receiving an inheritance (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [39049/25]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of families who claimed the home carer tax credit for 2022, 2023 and 2024; and the estimated percentage of those eligible to claim it in each of those years. — Séamus McGrath. [39050/25]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Finance if income received by way of grants from the State in respect of the following items subject to income tax (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [39052/25]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Finance to address the unfair disparity in Ireland's Capital Acquisitions Tax thresholds, which penalise childless individuals when passing on or receiving an inheritance, as the current structure excludes many people whose closest relationships fall outside the Group A category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [39249/25]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will give detailed consideration to correspondence received from a publican and business person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [39316/25]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount raised in carbon tax for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [30793/25]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of renters claiming the renters tax credit in 2024 and to date in 2025, by year, by local authority, and average value of credit per local authority. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39446/25]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Finance if the rent tax credit available to the parents of third level students will be available for the duration of 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [39484/25]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Finance if further changes can be made to the section 481 film tax relief scheme, particularly in relation to securing quality employment in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [33743/25]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the merits on financially incentivising the use of HVO fuel instead of diesel to support achieving Ireland's climate emission targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39496/25]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the merits on financially incentivising the use of HVO fuel instead of diesel to support achieving Ireland's climate emission targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39497/25]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Finance if the definition of an 'assignment' in the Revenue Commissioner's civil service overnight subsistence rates (details supplied) is one of a continuous posting at a particular location, and therefore the reduced and detention rates do not apply in a cumulative fashion in the event of separate assignments at the same location, or locations within a given year; likewise the requirement to apply to the Revenue Commissioners for the continuation of an overnight subsistence payment arises only after 56 continuous nights in a given location on a particular assignment, rather than a cumulative 56 non-continuous nights at a given location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [39544/25]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Finance the consideration given to introducing an amendment to the primary medical certificate eligibility criteria to ensure people of various disabilities currently

excluded from applying for the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme can do so into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39551/25]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department is considering changes to the capital acquisitions tax which childless adults pay. — Tom Brabazon. [39553/25]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Finance to list all national strategies, action plans or documents that may be described as such, which are currently in operation and under the remit of his Department. — Malcolm Byrne. [39607/25]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Finance his position on the eight-year deemed disposal rule in the capital gains tax system; whether he would consider abolishing this rule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [39619/25]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Finance the level of compliance activity in relation to the vacant homes tax; the number of cases of default have been established; the value of penalties that have been applied in total; the average amount per property collected on the tax in 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [39647/25]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Finance if the drivers and passengers with disabilities fuel grant is available to be claimed on fuel bought prior to the vehicle qualifying for the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme or for vehicles used by a disabled passenger or driver prior to applying for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [39721/25]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Finance if houses that were only partially built but never occupied or suitable for occupation and have sat idle for a number of years qualify for the help-to-buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [39734/25]

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

\*375. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide a timeline of the start and completion dates for all phases of works conducted thus far at 14-17 Moore Street since the purchase of each building by the State. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [39226/25]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide an indicative timeline of start, stages and completion dates for all works to be conducted at 14-17 Moore Street until it opens as an historical interpretative centre befitting a national monument. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [39227/25]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the efforts taken to combat dry rot and other causes for the rotting of fabrics in the structure of the national monument at 14-17 Moore Street since each of the buildings were purchased by the State. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [39228/25]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation when works towards the restoration, refurbishment and repurposing of the buildings and yards of the national monument will begin now that the stabilisation of the buildings seem to be concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [39229/25]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to intervene in a case where a person (details supplies) has been penalised retrospectively in their pension abatement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [38662/25]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will detail the total number of CCTV cameras owned by his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage; the total number of CCTV cameras owned by bodies under the aegis of his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38690/25]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the main policy achievements of his Department since 23 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38760/25]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the refurbishment works carried out by the Office of Public Works at Raheny Garda station in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; if any of these works are still ongoing; if so, the anticipated completion date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38927/25]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide a list of capital upgrades to Ronanstown Garda Station since 2022, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [39094/25]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the estimated annual costs of removing point 2 on the Garda pay scale in order that Gardaí would go from point one to point 3 on the pay scale; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39119/25]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the estimated annual cost of removing point 5 on the Garda pay scale in order that Gardaí would go from point 4 to point 6 on the pay scale; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39120/25]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will provide an update on Greystones coast guard station and the expenditure to date on same, to include third parties and or consultancy. — Aidan Farrelly. [39134/25]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of WTE plasters, carpenters and stone cutters employed by OPW as of 7 July 2025, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [39145/25]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the cost of funding five staff positions for procurement specialists in the Office of the Ombudsman. — Mairéad Farrell. [39204/25]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the cost of increasing the funding of Transparency International by 5%, 10% and 15%. — Mairéad Farrell. [39206/25]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the cost of bringing all public service workers that are currently earning below the new living wage, in line with the current rate. — Mairéad Farrell. [39207/25]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the cost of increasing the funding for flood defences by 2%, 5% and 10%. — Mairéad Farrell. [39208/25]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the annual savings to the exchequer from restricting retired Taoisigh, Tánaiste, Presidents, Ministers and Ceann Comhairle to a single Oireachtas pension in the years 2021 to 2025. — Mairéad Farrell. [39209/25]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department is aware that some residents in Midleton County Cork (Willowbank)missed the deadline for applying for flood prevention barriers for their homes despite the fact that these homeowners paid for their own flood prevention barriers and now have no recourse to claim back the monies they spent purchasing and installing these barriers; if his Department has any way of compensating these homeowners who are now out of pocket; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [39390/25]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation in relation to a firework display at the American embassy in the Phoenix Park, whether a licence was given for this display; and whether the wellbeing of the animals who live in the park was taken into consideration by the OPW. — Paul Donnelly. [39478/25]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to the topical issue raised on the 12 June 2025 (details supplied) if he will provide an update on plans to improve infrastructure in Connemara, if satellite phones and generators will be provided to key services such as medical providers in advance of the coming winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [39547/25]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to list all national strategies, action plans or documents that may be described as such, which are currently in operation and under the remit of his Department. — Malcolm Byrne. [39613/25]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the status of plans to provide an alternative car park to the east of Castletown House to facilitate public access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [39630/25]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on the current and planned implementation of the Liffey Valley Park Strategy, given the OPW's original coordination role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [39640/25]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department or the OPW under his remit will proactively facilitate the development of a Liffey Valley park, incorporating lands in public and private ownership, as per the OPW's original role in the Liffey Valley Park Strategy, and coordinate with local authorities and stakeholders, given that the project appears to have stalled while Kildare County Council has already implemented part of the strategy, South Dublin County Council and Fingal Councils have had only one meeting in over five years to progress a Liffey Valley Park committee to protect the valley; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [39641/25]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department or the OPW are willing to fund the restoration of the Guinness "Silver" Bridge to link the Phoenix Park to the Liffey Valley area as part of an important regional environmental and heritage strategy; to outline how such funds could be applied for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [39642/25]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the nature of refurbishments that OPW carried out at Donegal Castle in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [39658/25]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of WTE staff, by job title working in Donegal Castle; the number of vacancies by job title currently at Donegal Castle; the estimated timeframe for filling each of those vacancies, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [39663/25]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on the commencement date for the construction of the new south Tipperary Garda community HQ; if the contract has been approved and signed; if the project is still on track for a completion date of the end of 2026 as stated by the Minister for Justice in Dail Éireann on 19 February 2025 (details supplied). — Michael Murphy. [39677/25]

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

\*404. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if a trade mission to Australia is likely to take place before end of 2025. — Aidan Farrelly. [39126/25]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will detail the total number of CCTV cameras owned by his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage; the total number of CCTV cameras owned by bodies under the aegis of his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38683/25]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the main policy achievements of his Department since 23 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38753/25]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the status of the SME unit; if not yet implemented, the timeline for implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [38810/25]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the status of the Short-term Letting and Tourism Bill; when he expects the Bill to come before the Houses of the Oireachtas; if he has consulted with interested parties in respect of the Heads of Bill; if he has considered any substantial changes to the Heads of Bill, in light of consultation; the provisions of the legislation that will be impacted by the provisions of the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Bill 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [38826/25]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the regional breakdown of IDA supported FDI investment per region in 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [38835/25]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he plans to develop additional tourism infrastructure in Mullingar to maximise the economic and cultural potential of its connection to the royal canal greenway and old rail trail greenway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [38868/25]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the efforts that are being made to increase export supports to assist in market development and diversification for the Irish drinks industry across established and emerging markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [38979/25]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the efforts his Department are making to support and focus on competitiveness for the Irish drinks sector, and ensuring a reduced regulatory burden at national and EU level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [38980/25]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of WTE digital forensic specialists working for the Corporate Enforcement Authority in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [39098/25]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of WTE digital investigation specialists, at the grade of higher executive officer level, within the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [39099/25]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the funding put in place for the establishment of an AI observatory; whether any of that funding has been drawn down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [39102/25]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the establishment of an AI office; whether this office will be an independent body; and the remit the office will have. — Sinéad Gibney. [39103/25]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he has met formally with the CEO of Tourism Ireland in the past four weeks. — Aidan Farrelly. [39132/25]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the budget allocation for the Workplace Relations Commission in the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [39133/25]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of WTE social media and content executives, by gender that are employed by Failte Ireland in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [39142/25]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of grow digital voucher applications and approvals in each month from September 2024 to June 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [39169/25]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he is aware of an organisation (details supplied) ceasing operations in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [39320/25]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his view on whether the statute of limitations in respect of admissibility of cases to the Workplace Relations Commission should be suspended for historic cases deemed significant to warrant examination; the policy implications of such a change; the rationale for maintaining the present time limitations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [39334/25]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 83 of 2 July 2025, the timeline on when he will make a decision on the proposals made by the Labour Court on 19 June 2025 for a new Employment Regulation Orders for the Security Sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [39388/25]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the contact his Department has had with social media companies over the potential for AI chatbots on social media platforms to generate antisemitic or racist content; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [39470/25]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if funding is available for businesses that have been subject to repeated water outages, roadwork diversions and power cuts. — Thomas Gould. [39505/25]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to list all national strategies, action plans or documents that may be described as such, which are currently in operation and under the remit of his Department. — Malcolm Byrne. [39606/25]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if Ireland was supportive or critical of the ultimate position taken by the EU Council on the Omnibus package at the recent EU Council meeting regarding the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [39698/25]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if Ireland raised the issue of harmonised civil liability, the need for enforcement of climate action plans, the deviation from a risk based approach, and provisions for stakeholder and trade union engagement during the adoption of the Council's General Approach on the CSDDD as part of the EU simplification package; if not, the rationale for not actively contributing to the discussion given the Minister of

State's prior commitment to defending the core principles of the Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [39699/25]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his opinion on the views expressed in the Annual Report 2024 of the Corporate Enforcement Authority under the heading "Renewal of Secondee Complement"; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [39722/25]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to set out the powers of the chief executive officer of the Corporate Enforcement Authority, particularly with reference to criminal investigations. — Malcolm Byrne. [39736/25]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he intends to appoint additional authority members to the Corporate Enforcement Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [39737/25]

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

\*432. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status and progress on the LMETB headquarters for Drogheda; the reason for the delay in commencing the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [39506/25]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update as of July 2025 on the Programme for Government commitment to support the work of an organisation (details supplied) to make the social innovation space accessible to all young people, create new future pathways and allow our youth to have their voices heard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [39536/25]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if he will correspond with a group of survivors of industrial and reformatory schools (details supplied). — Michael Cahill. [38510/25]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures that can be taken to ensure that a school child (details supplied) can receive the full-time SNA assistance they require, in junior infants, in mainstream setting in their local school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [38650/25]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of the current dire condition of the school building and grounds of a school (details supplied); if she can provide an update on the status of the building and the renovation application for the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [38652/25]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline whether a school bus seat will be guaranteed with a concessionary ticket for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [38660/25]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special schools that have received the first day of CPI training, to date in 2025, in accordance with the 'Understanding Behaviours of Concern and Responding to Crisis Situations' guidelines published by the Department of Education in December 2024; the number of special schools that have, received the second day of CPI training, to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [38666/25]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the rationale for the removal of the 'direct training model' delivered by CPI to a 'train the trainers' model; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [38667/25]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the amount of capital funding her Department provided to a school (details supplied) in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [38668/25]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated full-year cost to increase the number of SNAs to 24,200. — Darren O'Rourke. [38669/25]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of school transport applications submitted in County Monaghan from 2022 to 2025, including the number of applications approved during this period, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [38670/25]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the capital works projects her Department funded at a school (details supplied) in 2024 and to date in 2025; to list out capital works funding projects applications that are being considered by the Department, as of 4 July 2025. — Darren O'Rourke. [38671/25]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth 524. the number of ICT grants awarded to post primary schools in County Louth during the 2024-2025 school term. — Darren O'Rourke. [38672/25]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will detail the total number of CCTV cameras owned by her Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage; the total number of CCTV cameras owned by bodies under the aegis of her Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38682/25]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding any plans to increase the provision of primary school places in Cherrywood, County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [38707/25]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding plans for the provision of secondary school places in Cherrywood, County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [38708/25]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the shortage of school places at a school (details supplied); the actions she will take to address this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [38709/25]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of vacant educational psychologists with National Educational Psychology Services, as of July 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [38716/25]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a requested exceptional review of the SNA allocation of a school (details supplied) was cancelled; if there is a freeze on SNA allocations to schools; if so, if this is the case; the measures she will take to reverse this freeze; if she will ensure the review of SNAs in the school takes place and the required SNAs and

other resources are allocated to it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [38741/25]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the main policy achievements of her Department since 23 January 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38752/25]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will outline her Department's plans in respect of a site (details supplied) which was included in the total site purchased in 2018 for the two new schools on the site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38785/25]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the steps she has taken to deliver on the commitment in the Programme for Government to increase the primary capitation grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [38806/25]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps she has taken to deliver on the commitment in the Programme for Government to reduce primary school classes to 19 pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [38807/25]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps she has taken to deliver on the commitment in the Programme for Government to establish a new national small schools project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [38808/25]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps she has taken to deliver on the commitment in the Programme for Government to create special educational needs coordinators; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [38809/25]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if pupils with a diagnosis of dyslexia will be allowed additional time to complete their State exams in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [38869/25]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to respond to correspondence received (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [38891/25]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if an application under the summer works scheme (details supplied) will be expedited and approved. — John McGuinness. [38892/25]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her rationale for limiting eligibility for entry into DLD/SSD special classes Circular 00024/25 to students with conditions of an unknown origin when students with similar symptoms with a known cause would also benefit from the targeted support provided in such classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [38913/25]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to develop alternative educational supports and classes for children with SSD of known origin to make up for the gap in provision created by circulars determining access criteria for DLD/SSD classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [38914/25]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the details of the contractual deployment of speech and language therapists in the DLD/SSD special classes and how duties are split between

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\*463. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of concessionary places that are occupied in DLD/SSD special classes at the moment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [38916/25]

and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [38915/25]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider documentation (details supplied) requiring completion of a deed of surrender for a school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [38928/25]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to an application (details supplied); the actions she will take to expedite this process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39009/25]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the application (details supplied); the actions she will take to expedite this process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39010/25]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if school transport will be provided in 2025-2026 for persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39031/25]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will reply to the letter dated 27 May and subsequent meeting on this matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [39032/25]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will clarify what stage the muchneeded schools for the burgeoning population of Cherrywood are at; if she acknowledges the need for primary and secondary schools in this area; if she will clearly outline what the delays are in providing these schools and give a definitive date for the commencement of construction and proposed completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39036/25]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps she is taking to ensure that school secretaries are not forced to take strike action, as is currently proposed to take place in August; if she will ensure school secretaries are given access to the Single Public Service Pension Scheme given they have been on her Department's centralised payroll since 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [39053/25]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the names, locations, enrolments, teaching staff numbers and ancillary staff numbers for all primary schools having between 750 and 1000 pupils on the roll book, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [39151/25]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a list of the names, locations, enrolments, teaching staff numbers, and ancillary staff numbers for all primary schools having more than 1,000 pupils on the roll book, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [39160/25]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated full-year costs if the ancillary services grant increased to €190 per pupil in primary schools and increased to €245 per pupil in post primary schools. — Joe Cooney. [39191/25]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the special needs supports that can be provided for an individual (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [39200/25]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a full review will be carried out of the SNA review carried out at a school (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [39201/25]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a situation has come about that parents of children with autism were, at the end of May, offered places in an autism class in a school (details supplied) to start in September but now the parents have been told that he class will not start for an indefinite period of time; the examination has been carried out of other potential temporary local locations for the class; the educational provision being made for these children for the indefinite period of time until the necessary building works are complete; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [39219/25]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the site complexities in relation to providing a new ASD unit at a listed school (details supplied), given its partial location in a riparian area and also the need to preserve the existing Gaelic games pitch which also services an important wider community need; if she will confirm receipt of a report from the school regarding same; if she will provide a timescale for when the report will be considered or whether an on-site meeting would be advisable, in order to identify and accelerate an optimal agreed alternative location within the school grounds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [39220/25]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the recent review of the SNA allocation at a school (details supplied) which recommended a significant increase to its allocation of 8.66 SNAs for a school of 700 pupils; when such an increase is likely to be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [39221/25]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth how a school (details supplied) was not allocated additional SNAs for 2025/2026 despite a report following an exceptional review by the NCSE SENO investigators which recommended a significant increase in its allocation; if this is a temporary processing issue, which will see an increase early during the next school year, due to a shortage of SNAs overall, or an arbitrary decision based on financial considerations rather than need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [39222/25]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to list the SNA allocations per head at each primary and second level school in Dublin since 2015, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [39223/25]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to clarify when building works for a new autism classroom at a school (details supplied) will be completed; the interim solution in place for children offered a place in this autism class for September but will be unable to start at the school until these building works are complete; the engagement the Department has had with parents of these children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [39231/25]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to urgently address the school transport difficulty (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [39232/25]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to amend the policy whereby teachers, or prospective teachers, must be on her Department's payroll or teaching in an Education and Training Board school before an application can be processed for incremental credit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [39252/25]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); the timeline for the establishment of an autism class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [39253/25]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No.484 of 10 June 2025, if school transport will be provided to a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [39257/25]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on the current Youth Outreach Programme operating in County Meath; if there are any plans to expand or enhance youth services in the region, particularly in underserved or rural committees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [39319/25]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of youth workers employed by her Department in County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [39321/25]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in the past five years that have left school before completing the Leaving Certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [39322/25]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of educational welfare officers employed by Tusla in Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [39323/25]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the cost of transporting special education children to school in Meath for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 academic years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [39324/25]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has undertaken a review of the primary and secondary school capacity in Navan, County Meath, to meet the rapidly growing population; if any new-school builds or extensions are planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [39325/25]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the Government's commitment to reintroduce therapists specifically speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, and other relevant allied health professionals into schools as outlined in the Programme for Government and publicly reaffirmed during the 2024 general election campaign; the reason for the delay in implementing this commitment; whether a specific timeline for rollout has been agreed between her Department and the Department of Health; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [39342/25]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the current eligibility criteria for the school transport scheme, specifically the use of walking distance rather than driving distance in assessing applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [39343/25]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she examine the case of a child with very complex needs (details supplied) who needs SNA support as they transfer schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [39358/25]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated cost of opening an additional 20 naíonraí across the State. — Darren O'Rourke. [39394/25]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an additional special classroom for a school (details supplied); if a timeline could be confirmed on when this approval will be given; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [39398/25]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the survey for school communities in relation to school denomination; when this survey will be rolled out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [39436/25]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to list the special classes that were in place for 2024 to 2025 but that will be suppressed for 2025 to 2026 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [39437/25]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to list the special classes that were sanctioned for 2025 to 2026 but which now have been withdrawn by the National Council for Special Education and her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [39438/25]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the status and progress on the LMETB headquarters for Drogheda; the reasons for the delay in commencing the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [39495/25]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated cost of providing language transition programmes and anti-racism training for primary and post-primary schools, respectively. — Darren O'Rourke. [39508/25]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a school (details supplied) has been placed in a four-stage building process for their autism class; if she will take action to ensure the builders can start work immediately; if she is aware that a class has already been enrolled for September 2025, but the classroom is now unlikely to be ready; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [39510/25]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if he will arrange that a comprehensive plan be developed and implemented to increase the provision of Irish medium education from 6% to 20% over a 20-year period. — Darren O'Rourke. [39542/25]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of students and parents concerns for changes to the senior cycle in science subjects especially, the actions she is taking; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [39549/25]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to support parents buying tablets for post-primary school, especially for those who expected free school books in senior cycle this September and now face costs of  $\notin$ 500 instead; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [39557/25]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider providing funding to a theatre (details supplied) as a production created specifically for Leaving Certificate English students across Munster; if she will advise on alternative funding avenues which may be available; and if she will consider funding annual productions in line with the Leaving Certificate curriculum in the future. — Holly Cairns. [39559/25]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the proposed new build for schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [39565/25]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the proposed extension for schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [39566/25]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a child (details supplied) is not permitted to enrol or attend their local school in; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [39595/25]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 425 of 8 July 2025, in light of the fact that the school has not received contact from the Department or has not received approval for essential works, if she is concerned that the school may be forced to re-open in August in circumstances where significant health and safety issues may arise; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [39597/25]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to list all national strategies, action plans or documents that may be described as such, which are currently in operation and under the remit of her Department. — Malcolm Byrne. [39605/25]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current process where schools can apply for new or upgraded DEIS status; if this is carried out on an annual or intermittent basis; the deadline for application if it is time-based; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [39624/25]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of civil servant staff that are currently working in her Department; and the grades dedicated to youth and youth work in her Department, in tabular form. — Jen Cummins. [39643/25]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the precise nature of the remaining issues outlined in the tender report the extension project of a school (details supplied); to outline a likely timeframe for completion of the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [39669/25]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on all school building projects in Dublin mid-west; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [39670/25]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to review the recent SNA allocation decision for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [39672/25]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide details on the measures being taken to address the severe lack of therapy and psychological support at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [39673/25]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding a climate action summer works scheme application for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [39696/25]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason the allocation of special needs assistants (SNAs) for moderate general learning disability classes is not on par with the SNA allocation in autism spectrum disorder classes given that the social-emotional and medical needs are complex in these classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [39702/25]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to ensure that school secretaries have pension parity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [39709/25]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to ensure that school caretakers have pension parity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [39710/25]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the formulas for the allocation of hours to schools for secretaries and caretakers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [39711/25]

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

\*523. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the nighttime economy pilots taking place in Dublin city, Cork city, Limerick city, Galway city, Kilkenny, Sligo, Longford, Buncrana, and Drogheda; if, in particular, he has any updates on the "café lates" initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [38654/25]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will detail the total number of CCTV cameras owned by his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage; the total number of CCTV cameras owned by bodies under the aegis of his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38680/25]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the main policy achievements of his Department since 23 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38750/25]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the major commemorations being organised in County Kerry, especially in Cahersiveen to mark 250 years since the birth of Daniel O'Connell (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38941/25]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the sport capital grants process will open for new applications. — Séamus McGrath. [38958/25]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the reason a connection for the NBI has been changed for a person (details supplied); if connection will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [38976/25]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of applications for the NFL Flag Football programme in 2025; the number of successful and unsuccessful applications; the criteria for selection of successful applicants; if there will be opportunities for unsuccessful applicants to reapply in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [39136/25]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the up-to-date information on a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [39161/25]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of WTE forensic accountants employed by Sport Ireland in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [39177/25]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department has received any update in 2025 from the GAA integration steering group regarding its work; and if so, if he will outline same. — Alan Kelly. [39312/25]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide a list of all dates, and attendees, of meetings he has had since taking office with the GAA integration steering group; the GAA; the Camogie Association; the LGFA; and the GPA. — Alan Kelly. [39313/25]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the up-to-date figures for TV licence renewals and new purchases for Q1 and Q2 of 2025, alongside comparative figures for Q1 and Q2 of 2023 and Q1 and Q2 of 2024; the figures for the periods July 2022 to June 2023 inclusive, July 2023 to June 2024 inclusive, and July 2024 to June 2025 inclusive; the cumulative number of TV licences not renewed or new licences not issued over the 24-month period from July 2023 to June 2023 inclusive; set against the corresponding figures for the 24-month period from July 2021 to June 2023 inclusive; the monetary value of the lost revenue arising from this reduction in licence sales, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [39330/25]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for a detailed breakdown of Arts Council of Ireland spending for 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [39471/25]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the cultural capital scheme application of a group (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [39485/25]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will consider providing funding to a theatre (details supplied) as a production created specifically for Leaving Certificate English students across Munster; if he will advise on alternative funding avenues which may be available; and if he will consider funding annual productions in line with the Leaving Certificate curriculum in the future. — Holly Cairns. [39558/25]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to list all national strategies, action plans or documents that may be described as such, which are currently in operation and under the remit of his Department. — Malcolm Byrne. [39603/25]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline all funding and grant opportunities available to theatre companies; if he has considered establishing a specific funding stream for productions that are linked to the curriculum of Junior and Leaving Certificate courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [39620/25]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport how his Department is working with communications companies to ensure improvement in their infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [40278/25]

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

\*541. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the Government's commitment to having 30 percent of our oceans protected by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [39579/25]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the Marine Protected Areas Bill 2022; the reasons for delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [39580/25]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of discussions and plans to create a Liffey Valley regional or national park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [39629/25]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the spend to date on the implementation on his Department's new IT system, project Dion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [39731/25]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the latest update on the Marine Protected Areas Bill 2022; when he expects the Bill to go before the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [38649/25]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans to extend the cessation of the turf cutting compensation scheme beyond the current timeline; the rationale for any decision taken; and if consideration will be given to those still impacted by the cessation of cutting on designated lands. — Albert Dolan. [38661/25]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will detail the total number of CCTV cameras owned by his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage; the total number of CCTV cameras owned by bodies under the aegis of his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38688/25]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the public consultation on exempted development regulations will be opened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38695/25]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on giving the Residential Tenancies Board more powers and assistance to get information on landlords, considering the issue of the Residential Tenancies Board being unable to locate a current address for a landlord meaning that a dispute process cannot be facilitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38721/25]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the main policy achievements of his Department since 23 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38758/25]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will increase the allocation to Laois County Council, for the housing adaptation grant scheme for older people and people with disabilities, in view of significant demand, increasing costs, and the essential role these grants plays in enabling people to live safely and independently in their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [38772/25]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the means by which a business will get permission to erect signage on motorways and main roads to advertise their business. — Alan Kelly. [38804/25]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of stock audits completed, by local authority, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [38833/25]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether local authorities can outsource stock audits. — Thomas Gould. [38834/25]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of applicants for Rebuilding Ireland home loans/local authority home loans from Cork in 2025; the total number that have been successful; the total number that have been refused; the average time from application to decision, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [38838/25]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of applications for the croí cónaithe scheme, by local authority area; the total number that have been successful; the number that have passed the maximum delivery time; and the number that have been fully drawn down. — Thomas Gould. [38839/25]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding provided for the compulsory purchase orders (CPO) of properties and the number of properties subject to a CPO in each of the last five years, by local authority, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [38849/25]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to increase collection of the derelict sites levy to increase the number of sites on the register and the actions he is taking to ensure local authorities fulfil their statutory obligations in terms of the Derelict Sites Act 1990. — Thomas Gould. [38850/25]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the local connection rule applies to people fleeing domestic violence seeking social housing support and for an update to the social housing passport proposal. — Thomas Gould. [38851/25]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the policy of using maximum parking space guidelines for residential developments in intermediate urban locations under the "Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments" guidelines; if he will consider moving instead to minimum parking requirements to ensure residents' needs are met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [38870/25]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider increasing the number of parking spaces afforded to developments in intermediate urban locations under the "Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments" guidelines due to overspill parking into other developments and negative impacts on apartment living under current guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [38871/25]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on legislative amendments to allow for the renaming of streets. — Thomas Gould. [38876/25]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to ensure Uisce Éireann expedites and expands the small towns and villages growth programme in order to deliver wastewater services to rural towns and villages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38902/25]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the Croí Cónaithe scheme or vacant property grant so that more than one grant may be payable in the case of an original single property where more than one unit is developed as part of a refurbishment; and if he will review upwards the grant amount, taking into account the inflationary pressures since the grant was first announced. — Séamus McGrath. [38959/25]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the number of vacant, derelict or dangerous properties that each local authority has compulsorily purchased in 2023 and 2024. — Séamus McGrath. [38960/25]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the new exempted development will go for public consultation; the timeline for implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [38961/25]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities have been issued with the new housing needs demand assessment population and housing targets; and if so, if he will publish them with a breakdown for each local authority, in tabular from. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38966/25]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the powers that have been delegated to the Ministers of State in his Department and to set out what those powers are. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38967/25]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average processing time for stage 1 approvals for applications to the Social Housing Investment Programme received in the past 12 months. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38968/25]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average processing time for stage 1 approvals for applications to the capital advance leasing facility received in the past 12 months. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38969/25]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average processing time for stage 1 approvals for applications to the capital assistance scheme received in the past 12 months. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38970/25]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average processing time for stage 1 approvals for applications to the cost rental equity loan received in the past 12 months. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38971/25]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average processing time for stage 1 approvals for applications to the affordable housing fund received in the past 12 months. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38972/25]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Ministerial Orders to remove the residential category from zoned land under Section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, in each year from 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will provide each Ministerial Order, the local authority, the size of the land in hectares, and the permitted density of the residential zoning prior to the coming into force of the Section 31 Ministerial Order. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38973/25]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he intends to put in place to support bog conservation as the payments to bog owners for the cessation of turf cutting are due to cease in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [38984/25]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans to review planning laws and regulations regarding land fronting on to national roads where farming families are unable to secure permission to build on family farmland or other available sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38997/25]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the appropriate procedure for purchasing lands which are unregistered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [39003/25]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm if the setting of rents for local authority housing is an executive or a reserved function of local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [39022/25]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the condition of properties owned by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council (details supplied); the actions he will take to engage with the local authority to ensure these properties are brought up to standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39084/25]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of WTE ecologists, wildlife inspectors and conservation rangers that were recruited by his Department in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [39100/25]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm that no local authority will be disadvantaged in terms of the quantum of central Government funding it receives on the basis of the rate it finalises for Local Property Tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39138/25]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding his Department's drafting of a code of conduct for interacting with basking sharks under the Wildlife Act 1976; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [39150/25]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the residential tenancies (right to first refusal) Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [39196/25]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the areas in Dublin where Dublin Fire Brigade is adequately resourced to rapidly process the fire safety applications from new early learning and care services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [39210/25]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if she has plans to put together a successor to the Youth Homelessness Strategy that expires in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [39306/25]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the allocation he will provide in total to Tipperary County Council for the year 2025; and to provide a breakdown of the areas under which funding has been provided, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [39314/25]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social and affordable housing units planned for construction in Navan, County Meath, in 2025 and 2026; the current status of each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [39327/25]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his officials have been made aware of alarming practices on the part of residential housing developers (details supplied); if he will outline the non-judicial remedies homeowners may seek in such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [39332/25]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a schedule of housing projects sanctioned and or funded in full and or in part to include number of units, by type, that have been paused and or rejected due to deviations from design, specification and or cost expectations did not represent value for money in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025. — Aidan Farrelly. [39345/25]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the revised draft Shannon River Bye-laws, when he expects the results of the departmental and legal review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [39378/25]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when his Department will publish the revised draft Shannon River bye-laws; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [39379/25]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it has been brought to his attention that pyrite has been found in some social housing; and the measures he intends to take to assist local authorities to deal with the problem. — Willie O'Dea. [39391/25]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of how slow the pyrite redress scheme process is; and if this process will be sped up. — Willie O'Dea. [39392/25]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if plans to prevent landlords from increasing rents to market rates between tenancies where the previous tenant has been evicted on a no fault eviction basis will apply to no fault evictions of pre-June 2022 tenants; who, for example, can be evicted for no reason in the last 6 months of their tenancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [39395/25]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if plans to prevent landlords from increasing rents to market rates between tenancies where the previous tenant has been evicted on a no fault eviction basis will apply to no fault evictions of tenants with tenancies of indefinite duration for example where the rental property has been sold to a new landlord; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [39396/25]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider transferring the derelict sites levy for collection by Revenue in the same way the residential zoned land tax is collected by Revenue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [39015/25]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of the affordable purchase and cost rental homes delivered in 2024 by the delivery streams (details supplied); and the average delivery cost per unit, for each of these delivery streams. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39445/25]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the actions he has taken, and proposes to take, regarding the defective concrete block scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [39489/25]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding allocated under the CAS programme to AHBs in 2025. — Thomas Gould. [39509/25]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of all assessments and analyses undertaken by his officials in the preparation of the Planning Design Standards for Apartments, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 2025, including analysis of the cost reductions per unit of accommodation arising from the revised standards; and to publish these assessments and analyses including the analysis of the cost reduction per unit of accommodation arising from the revised standards; and to accommodation arising from the revised standards. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39561/25]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to list all national strategies, action plans or documents that may be described as such, which are currently in operation and under the remit of his Department. — Malcolm Byrne. [39611/25]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to introduce regulations to provide for a deposit retention scheme under section 61 of the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Act 2015; the timeline for same; the measures being taken to strengthen tenants' rights in respect of deposits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39659/25]

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\*603. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to list the research papers on which his claim that Irish apartment design standards are the highest in Europe; if this research was produced by his Department; if not, the name of the organisations that undertook this research; and to publish the research on which this claim was made which is being used to justify the new design standards for apartments. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39713/25]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the spend to date on the implementation on his Department's new IT system, project Dion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [39730/25]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the implementation timeline for his Department's new IT system, project Dion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [39732/25]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason for such delays in respect of reported delays in his Department's new IT system project Dion, being set up; when his Department expects the new IT system to be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [39733/25]

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

\*607. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his Department's plans to introduce a new Action Plan promoting social inclusion in rural areas, in view that "The Roadmap for Social Inclusion 2020-2025" is coming to an end later this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [39025/25]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will detail the total number of CCTV cameras owned by his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage; the total number of CCTV cameras owned by bodies under the aegis of his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38692/25]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will outline the process for applying for carer's allowance and if it is necessary for the applicant to be physically seen by the social welfare officer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38697/25]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline the confidentiality safeguards available in the General Register Office to protect at-risk families prior to and following birth registration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [38703/25]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the legislation around the release of birth certificate information to any member of the general public, and the potential abuse of this information that could occur, such as the divulging of personal details to abusive third parties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [38746/25]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the main policy achievements of his Department since 23 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38762/25]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider extending eligibility for the State pension (Contributory) to long-serving public servants, including teachers and local authority workers, who paid class D PRSI for decades but now find themselves excluded from receiving the State pension; if he acknowledges the financial hardship faced by many of these retired individuals, whose occupational pensions are not sufficient to meet the rising cost of living, healthcare, home maintenance, and essential services; if he will provide a rationale for continuing to deny State pension access to those who contributed to the economy and infrastructure of the State's current financial capacity and the potential economic benefit of redistributing this income into local communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [38768/25]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will commit to introducing a fair and standardised system of income support for part-time school bus drivers during school closures (details supplied); if he will work with the Department of Education and the Department of Transport to develop an advance or automatic payment mechanism that recognises school closures as part of the normal working year, ensuring dignity and financial security for these essential workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [38769/25]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider introducing a mobility support payment or allowance for disabled individuals who face ongoing difficulty accessing public transport and must rely on taxis for essential travel, in light of rising taxi costs and the absence of a dedicated subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38774/25]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost if the fuel allowance income limit for persons aged over 66 increased to  $\notin$ 555 per week for a single person or  $\notin$ 1,100 per week for a couple; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [38790/25]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware of delays in postal deliveries and if discretion is exercised in these circumstances to time-limited requests for information from persons i.e. where a person is given ten working days to respond but only receives the letter a number of days after it is posted. — Thomas Gould. [38803/25]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will make changes to the current homemakers and home carers scheme given both discriminate against women in terms of age (details supplied); if he is aware that the current regime is causing income poverty for many women; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [38805/25]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of supplementary welfare allowance or urgent needs payment made, by reason, in Cork in the first six months of each of the past five years. — Thomas Gould. [38829/25]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people refused carer's allowance in the first six months of 2025 due to exceeding the income threshold. — Thomas Gould. [38830/25]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of letters that issue each year from the child benefit section as part of ongoing control measures to ensure parents remain eligible for child benefit payments; the number of letters that issued respectively in 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the postal cost of those letters in each year; the reason there is no option for parents

to return the form electronically; if he intends to provide such an option; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [38843/25]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of parents that had their child benefit stopped in each year from 2022 to 2024, and to date in 2025, due to a failure to return a posted control measure form in time; of those stopped, the number that subsequently had their payment reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [38844/25]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has access to school attendance records from the Department of Education and Youth for the purposes of child benefit control measures; the action his Department takes with the school attendance information it collects as part of ongoing control measures; if the information collected is cross-checked against school records; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [38845/25]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the saving from child benefit control measures in each year from 2022 to 2024, and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [38846/25]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of letters that issue each year from individual payment sections of his Department as part of on-going control measures; the total cost of those letters by payment section, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [38847/25]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if supplementary welfare payments will be restored in the case of a person (details supplied); if the arrears will be paid; and if an application for disability allowance will be approved. — John McGuinness. [38894/25]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a disability appeal in the name of a person (details supplied) will be expedited and approved. — John McGuinness. [38906/25]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for the State pension (contributory) in the name of a person (details supplied); and if their years as a homemaker and foster carer will be considered. — John McGuinness. [38917/25]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a response will issue to an email (details supplied) sent to his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [38965/25]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of children who would benefit from extending the free travel pass to families in receipt of the domiciliary care allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [38985/25]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people who have been in receipt of a jobseeker's allowance payment for two years or longer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [38986/25]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people who have been in receipt of a jobseeker's allowance payment for five years or longer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [38987/25]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of people in receipt of fuel allowance in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [38989/25]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will outline the cost of a €1 increase in each of his Department's payment schemes, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [38990/25]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of a  $\in 1$  increase in jobseekers' payments; the cost of a  $\in 10$  increase in jobseekers' payments; the cost of a  $\in 12$  increase in jobseekers' payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [38991/25]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people, by county, who have availed of jobseeker's pay-related benefit since it was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [38992/25]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance appeal decision in respect of a person from County Louth (details supplied), noting that the appeal was received by the appeals office on 31 July 2024. — Joanna Byrne. [39007/25]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will introduce a system for privately employed playschool workers who must sign on for social welfare payments each time they are temporarily unemployed for school holidays, to allow their claims to be suspended and reactivated, rather than them having to make a new claim each time which can involve delays in receiving payments, if he will consider allowing them to continue to receive family support payments during holidays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [39013/25]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total cost of the roadmap for social inclusion goals; and the estimated cost of the follow-up goals. — Conor D. McGuinness. [39069/25]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of the roadmap for social inclusion goals were reached; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [39070/25]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the means by which he seeks to improve the roadmap for social inclusion's next iteration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [39071/25]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to respond to correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [39106/25]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps that must be taken and the documentary evidence that must be provided, by a couple giving notification to marry to the Civil Registration Services, where that notification is of a timeframe shorter than the standard three

months due to the medically affirmed likelihood of a greatly shortened lifespan of one of the couple; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [39112/25]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the weekly household income limit to qualify for back-to-school clothing and footwear allowance was last increased. — Paul Donnelly. [39143/25]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people aged 80 and over who have had their pension entitlements reviewed in each of the past five years; the estimated cost of carrying out these reviews; the amount that has been recovered by the State in each of these years as part of this review, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [39158/25]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people with permanent disabilities and not forming part of the workforce who have had their disability allowance payment reviewed in each of the past five years; the estimated cost of carrying out these reviews; the amount that has been recovered by the State in each of these years as part of this review, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [39159/25]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if disability allowance will be reinstated for a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [39225/25]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for the cost of increasing the Telephone Support Allowance by  $\in 1$ . — Mark Wall. [39260/25]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of removing the means-test for the back to school clothing and footwear allowance for all children and young people in State care, including those in foster care. — Mark Wall. [39262/25]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing the carer's allowance weekly travel disregard by  $\in 1.$  — Mark Wall. [39263/25]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing the income disregards for the Jobseeker's transitional payment by  $\in 1.$  — Mark Wall. [39264/25]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of removing the 18.5-hour ceiling rule for the carer's allowance for those who wish to undertake training or education and whose child is in school for more than 18.5-hours. — Mark Wall. [39265/25]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of removing the weekly earnings limit for the carer's benefit. — Mark Wall. [39266/25]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider increasing the income thresholds for State pension (non-contributory) in light of the significant increase in the cost of living in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [39326/25]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on the adequacy of the existing budget to support the Irish language and Gaeltacht communities; if an increase in this budget can be considered in the context of forthcoming Budget negotiations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39384/25]

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\*657. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made regarding an application for adult dependent allowance submitted to his Department on 23 April 2025 for a person (details supplied). — Frankie Feighan. [39440/25]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to examine the case of a person (details supplied) refused retirement benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [39472/25]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for a domiciliary care allowance appeal will be reviewed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39479/25]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the proposals or timelines in relation to the removal of the means test for the disability allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [39498/25]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the pension entitlements of two persons (details supplied) will be examined to ensure that both are in receipt of their full benefit; and if their contribution history will be provided. — John McGuinness. [39570/25]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of carers allowance payments for a person (details supplied) will be reviewed. — John McGuinness. [39576/25]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department can address queries in respect of the contributions, benefits and entitlements of persons (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [39578/25]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, where a person who is in receipt of the disability allowance and who owns their own home and intends to sell their home and will be purchasing a new home from the proceeds, the sales proceeds in the interim period will be considered as means and thereby result in the disability allowance being stopped; if there is any period allowed between the sale and the purchase that is not considered as means; if there is any facility for the person to rent a house in the interim without it affecting the disability allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [39586/25]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to list all national strategies, action plans or documents that may be described as such, which are currently in operation and under the remit of his Department. — Malcolm Byrne. [39615/25]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of WTE community welfare officers based in Donegal in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [39657/25]

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\*667. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to legislate to facilitate civil proceedings by victims against unincorporated bodies, such as religious orders, and by providing a mechanism for recovering damages from the 'associated' lay-run trusts set up by these bodies, to which their assets have typically been transferred. — Ivana Bacik. [39033/25]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when a visitor's visa application (details supplied), applied for through the Irish honorary consul in Belgrade and forwarded to our embassy in Athens on 2 June 2025, will be determined, as the applicants wish to visit family in Wexford during Fleadh Ceol Na hÉireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [39230/25]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will address concerns regarding the handling of visa applications (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39473/25]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the work of the Dublin Family Courts project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [39494/25]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason there are consistent delays in processing South African visa currently; if he can outline his plans to address these delays, improve communication to existing applicants and Oireachtas members making representations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [38663/25]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on visa applications for a family who applied in August 2024 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [38664/25]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of detective sergeant posts filled within Meath-Westmeath Division, as of 7 July 2025, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [38676/25]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will detail the total number of CCTV cameras owned by his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage; the total number of CCTV cameras owned by bodies under the aegis of his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38689/25]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on an application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [38699/25]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 1014 of 10 June 2025, if he has received the necessary information from An Garda Síochána in order to answer this PQ; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [38720/25]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has given any consideration to the provision of emergency visas for people fleeing Gaza, similar to what was provided to people fleeing Afghanistan in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [38731/25]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of and nature of same in respect of communications received by him and or his officials in the past ten years to date under section 41 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005. — Aidan Farrelly. [38744/25]

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\*679. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the main policy achievements of his Department since 23 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38759/25]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if any operational reviews or strategic assessments have been undertaken in relation to Garda visibility and community policing in Dublin city centre in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38775/25]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide details on the current level of community policing resources allocated to Dublin city centre, including the number of Gardaí assigned to community policing duties for 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38776/25]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of weeks in 2024 and to date in 2025 where Gardai have manned a shopping centre (details supplied), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38777/25]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of unmarked Garda public order unit vans currently within the Garda fleet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [38788/25]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardai by rank attached to Clare-Tipperary divisional protective service bureau as of 7 July 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [38789/25]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardai by rank attached to community policing unit in each Garda district within Kildare-Carlow division as of 7 July 2025. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [38822/25]

\*686. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí in each Garda station in Cork; and the number of probationer Gardaí assigned to each Garda station in each of the past five years. — Thomas Gould. [38831/25]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of domestic abuse refuge beds in Cork in each of the last five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [38848/25]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason Cuan did not leave underspent funding with a refuge to be utilised in the budget the following year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [38857/25]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if funding will be provided to the one million stars project that raises vital awareness and provides education regarding domestic and gender based violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [38858/25]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of fixed charges that have been issued by An Garda Síochána for failure to comply with vehicle registration plate regulations in the past year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [38907/25]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the protocols in place for persons with a disability in the international protection system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [38938/25]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the legislative powers his Department has given to An Garda Síochána to deal with bogus tradesmen who look to take advantage of vulnerable people; if his Department has given consideration to launching a public awareness campaign around the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [38950/25]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if anti-drone technology is being considered for prisons; if this would be more cost effective than netting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [38981/25]

\*694. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 750, 751 and 752 of 25 February 2025, when he intends to write to this Deputy regarding the office of the State pathologist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [38982/25]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to confirm whether IPAS has, or is considering, entering into a contract with the owners of a hotel (details supplied) for the provision of accommodation for people applying for international protection, or people in receipt of temporary protection. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39008/25]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the process whereby an Irish citizen is married to a US citizen, they have a child who is also an Irish citizen, specifying the steps they need to take to become an Irish citizen in these situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [39016/25]

\*697. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on visa applications (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39020/25]

\*698. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on a citizenship application (details supplied). — Barry Ward. [39060/25]

\*699. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí deployed on regular policing units in each Garda division in June 2023, June 2024 and June 2025 (details supplied). — Séamus McGrath. [39067/25]

\*700. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda stations that have closed in each county, in each year from 2004 to 2024, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [39075/25]

\*701. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the location of each Garda station that has closed, in each county, in each year from 2004 to 2024, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [39076/25]

\*702. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration 913. the number of Gardaí by rank attached to community policing unit of Coolock Garda Station, Dublin 5, as of 8 July 2025. — Alan Kelly. [39085/25]

\*703. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of PSV licences that were revoked by Gardaí in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [39086/25]

\*704. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí by rank attached to each divisional scenes of crime unit as of 8 July 2025. — Alan Kelly. [39087/25]

\*705. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 1046 of 10 June 2025, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities in order provide an answer. — Alan Kelly. [39088/25]

\*706. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda mountain bikes attached to each district within Clare-Tipperary division as of 7 July 2025. — Alan Kelly. [39089/25]

\*707. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí within Cork city division that received method of entry training courses in the years of 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [39090/25]

\*708. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if an application (details supplied) will be urgently reviewed. — Holly Cairns. [39111/25]

\*709. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the role of Gardaí in relation to issues raised about animal cruelty and neglect of animals and steps that are in place where people believe welfare of animals is a serious threat and the approach by An Garda Síochána to respond to these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [39113/25]

\*710. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of fixed penalty notices that Gardai issued per division for parking on a footpath in the from 1 January 2025 to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [39129/25]

\*711. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount An Garda Síochána spent on purchasing Garda public order equipment, by item type, to date in 2025. — Aidan Farrelly. [39131/25]

\*712. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the timelines for the processing of a peace commissioner application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [39152/25]

\*713. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason a person (details supplied) who has applied for Irish citizenship has not been granted same, despite providing all documentation; the steps that can be taken to expedite the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [39154/25]

\*714. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 983 on 10 June 2025, if the necessary information has been supplied to him in order for this PQ to be answered. — Paul Donnelly. [39178/25]

\*715. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of standard and advanced motorcycles courses held for Gardaí within DMR west division in the years of 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [39179/25]

\*716. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 1639 on 29 April 2025, if the necessary information has been supplied to him in order for this PQ to be answered. — Paul Donnelly. [39180/25]

\*717. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the estimated full year cost to increase the number of Garda CCTV cameras within Dublin city centre by a further 50%. — Paul Donnelly. [39181/25]

\*718. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 986 of 10 June 2025, if he has received the necessary information in order to have this PQ answered. — Paul Donnelly. [39182/25]

\*719. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda juvenile liaison officers within Clare-Tipperary division. — Joe Cooney. [39192/25]

\*720. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a matter (details supplied) has been brought to his attention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [39198/25]

\*721. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average length of time for processing an appeal against a decision of the Garda Vetting Bureau; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [39202/25]

\*722. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the projected average cost, per day, per bed, of IPAS accommodation in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39233/25]

\*723. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration considering the work previously undertaken to replace the Book of Quantum and reduce personal injury awards in line with EU norms through the adoption of the Judicial Guidelines, if he will outline the rationale for any proposed increases to personal injury award levels now under consideration; the way in which the Department reconciles such proposals with the ongoing difficulties facing small businesses, community organisations, and leisure activity providers who continue to struggle with high insurance premiums; and if he will confirm what assessment has been made of the impact of rising personal injury awards on public liability insurance costs and community engagement across Ireland. — Michael Lowry. [39251/25]

\*724. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration with regard to District Court waiting processing times the reason for a 491-week processing time for juvenile charge sheets in the Criminal Courts of Justice as outlined in the Courts Service Annual Report for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39255/25]

\*725. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration with regard to District Court waiting processing times the actions he will take to address the fact that four district courts have a processing time of over 100 weeks regarding childcare family law cases as outlined in the Courts Service Annual Report for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39256/25]

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\*726. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department intends to use 1 Fumbally Square, Fumbally Lane, Dublin 8, as an accommodation centre for refugees or asylum seekers; if so, the number of persons it is proposed to accommodate there; the engagement if any his Department has had with the local community in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [39311/25]

\*727. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide an update on the delivery of the additional safe house that was promised to a refuge (details supplied); the current level of core funding and capital support provided to the refuge in 2024; if further investment is planned to meet the increasing demand for services in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [39328/25]

\*728. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide an update on efforts to ensure the site at Crooksling providing emergency international protection accommodation is fully structured, heated and serviced; when it is expected that tented structures may no longer be necessary at the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [39333/25]

\*729. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of female Gardaí currently in the force, broken down by county, for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [39338/25]

\*730. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to detail the total combined overtime monies paid to Gardaí, broken down by county, and by rank, for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [39339/25]

\*731. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of exit interviews carried out with members of An Garda Síochána to date in 2025; the issues highlighted in those exit interviews; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39370/25]

\*732. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has yet brought a proposal to Government with the name of a person to be appointed by his as the new Garda Commissioner; if not, when he will be in a position to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39372/25]

\*733. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of members of An Garda Síochána with 20 years, or more, of service; the number of members of An Garda Síochána with 25 years or more of service; the number of members of An Garda Síochána who have 30 years or more of service, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39373/25]

\*734. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for each intake to the Garda training college since 2022, the number of trainee Gardaí who were between the ages of 18 and 25; the number that were between the age of 25 and 30; the number that were between the age of 30 and 35; the number that were between the ages of 35 and 50, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39374/25]

\*735. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will pause the eviction of 6 families who have been granted asylum planned for this Friday 4 July from the IPAS centres

(details supplied); if he will respond to reports of harassment of these families by staff at the IPAS centres; if he will confirm whether these families will be eligible for emergency accommodation should no alternative accommodation be found; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [39397/25]

\*736. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to intervene as a matter of urgency to ensure that a Palestinian GAA team (details supplied) are issued visas on time to attend an upcoming tournament. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39444/25]

\*737. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the percentage of female prisoners in the Dóchas prison who were pregnant on committal between 2021 and 2024, including the 22 pregnant women recorded in 2024 and the 12 to date in 2025; and if he will outline any measures being taken to divert pregnant women charged with non-violent offences from custodial settings. — Gary Gannon. [39462/25]

\*738. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if she will state clearly whether women with children are currently being held in the general female prison population alongside other prisoners; and if so, how this aligns with the rights of the child under the UN convention on the rights of the child. — Gary Gannon. [39463/25]

\*739. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if she will commit to expanding the availability of community-based sentencing, specifically tailored for mothers with dependent children; and his any plans to introduce gender-responsive, family-sensitive alternatives to prison for women who do not pose a risk to public safety. — Gary Gannon. [39464/25]

\*740. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the percentage of pregnant women in custody who are on remand; the number of these cases that involve non-violent offences; and whether he will consider issuing revised guidelines to reduce the use of custodial remand for pregnant women, particularly in cases involving minor or survival-related offences. — Gary Gannon. [39465/25]

\*741. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to confirm the number of babies born to women in custody between 2021 and 2024; and to provide details on the supports available to pregnant women and mothers in custody, including whether all births took place in hospital settings. — Gary Gannon. [39466/25]

\*742. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the specific measures being taken to address the health and safety of pregnant women in custody, in light of persistent overcrowding in the Dóchas Centre, operating above its 105-bed capacity and Limerick Prison's female wing, which has been reported as running at over 150% of its stated capacity; and whether pregnant women are currently being accommodated in cells without adequate medical access or privacy. — Gary Gannon. [39467/25]

\*743. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether she will commit to prioritising the use of non-custodial measures, such as bail supports, or community-based alternatives, for pregnant women; and whether any portion of the upcoming prison system expansion or penal reform strategy will be ring-fenced for the protection of pregnant or postpartum women in conflict with the law. — Gary Gannon. [39468/25]

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\*744. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the status of an international protection application (details supplied). — Michael Healy-Rae. [39480/25]

\*745. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the details of the number of reports to the Gardaí of incidences of spiking another person with a drug or substance without the persons knowledge, for each of the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [39481/25]

\*746. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware that the people of Saggart County Dublin are completely opposed to permanent use of a hotel (details supplied) as an IPAS Centre; if he will intervene to ensure that the voices and wishes of the community are respected and the decision to use the Hotel is reversed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [39488/25]

\*747. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of trainees who were rejected from Garda Training College after entry for 2025 and the previous two years; the grounds for which they were removed by category, and the intake to which they belonged, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39500/25]

\*748. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of incidents where a member of an Garda Síochána arranged the importation of firearms parts in an official capacity in each of the past five years; the number of cases where it was subsequently determined to be for private use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39501/25]

\*749. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons currently being accommodated in the City West campus, County Dublin; the breakdown of the number of people in receipt of temporary protection; and the number applying for international protection. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39502/25]

\*750. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the nationalities that face stricter scrutiny when applying for the long-stay 'D' visa. — Conor D. McGuinness. [39515/25]

\*751. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current average length of time for Vietnamese long-stay 'D' visa applicants. — Conor D. McGuinness. [39516/25]

\*752. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update as of July 2025 on the Programme for Government commitment to increase investment in Forensic Science Ireland to support criminal investigations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [39535/25]

\*753. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider extending permission to work to young adults (aged 16 and over) who are residing in Ireland on Stamp 3 permissions, as the child of a parent who is on a Stamp 4 (critical skills) permission, as these young adults cannot take up employment, either full-time or temporary, whilst on a Stamp 3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [39556/25]

\*754. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will establish a stakeholder forum for licenced firearms holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39567/25]

\*755. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will urgently issue the visas for the children of an organisation (details supplied) who are due to travel to Ireland shortly; the reason there has been delays with their visas given the weeks of preparation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [39569/25]

\*756. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the Garda vetting process will be updated to make it easier for individuals who have been vetted recently to be vetted in a more timely manner for a second or third role; if he has any plans to legislate on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [39589/25]

\*757. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 791 of 8 July 2025, the preparations being made in respect of matters raised therein. — Ivana Bacik. [39592/25]

\*758. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of a serious incident that occurred in Cloverhill Prison on the 6 April 2013 where a prison officer suffered a serious injury necessitating substantial spinal surgery (details supplied), if the Minster can confirm that this incident was recorded as an 'OID' in records of prison service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [39599/25]

\*759. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to list all national strategies, action plans or documents that may be described as such, which are currently in operation and under the remit of his Department. — Malcolm Byrne. [39612/25]

\*760. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the actions being taken to combat extreme hate speech in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [39621/25]

\*761. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the criteria applied for citizenship in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [39625/25]

\*762. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when the rules pertaining to Irish citizenship application were last reviewed and or updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [39626/25]

\*763. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the powers that exist to deport a non-Irish national who has committed a serious crime; the current thresholds in relation to same; if there has been any review recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [39627/25]

\*764. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the powers that exist under current Irish law to revoke citizenship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [39628/25]

\*765. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prisoners in each prison; the number of whom therein that are serving sentences of 0-3, 3-6, 6months – 1 year, 1-2, 2-3, 3-5, 5-10, more than 10 years and life sentences, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39631/25]

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\*766. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average number of women held on remand annually in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39632/25]

\*767. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average the number of pregnant women held in prison in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39633/25]

\*768. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of births in Irish prisons in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39634/25]

\*769. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the breakdown of the category of offences for which female prisoners have been imprisoned in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39635/25]

\*770. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of infants under the age of 12 months housed in prisons in the state in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39636/25]

\*771. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to expand the bail supervision scheme; if he is considering expanding it to include women facing charges in relation to non-violent crimes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39637/25]

\*772. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there are separate units for mothers with babies in each relevant prison; if there have been incidents of babies housed in general population; if separate risk assessments are carried out in such instances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39638/25]

\*773. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason for the recent refusal of visa applications for a group of 33 Palestinian children who were due to travel to Ireland as part of a cultural and sporting exchange organised by GAA Palestine; if he is aware that this trip had been in planning for months and involved the support of over 150 Irish families across the island; and if he will urgently review the decision in light of the humanitarian and symbolic significance of the visit. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39665/25]

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

\*774. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his response to the fact that over half of assessments of forested areas in Ireland indicate bad conservation status under the Nature Directives; the steps he is taking to remedy the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [39455/25]

\*775. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current vacancies by job title at the Agri-Food Regulator; and the expected timeframe for filling each of those vacancies in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [38658/25]

\*776. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will detail the total number of CCTV cameras owned by his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage; the total number of CCTV cameras owned

by bodies under the aegis of his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38677/25]

\*777. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the main policy achievements of his Department since 23 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38747/25]

\*778. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of WTE Departmental staff by job title that are based at Shannon Airport; the hours of the week his Departmental staff are present at the Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [38791/25]

\*779. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider increasing funding for an organisation (details supplied) in view of the fact that veterinary care costs have increased significantly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [38823/25]

\*780. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding provided to Cork City Council for the control of horses in each of the first six months of 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [38842/25]

\*781. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the review, which his predecessor committed to have undertaken into the deaths of animals on a farm (details supplied) will be completed; if the report on its completion will be immediately published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [38909/25]

\*782. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to confirm that the electricity generation test-site station on Galway Bay under foreshore lease (details supplied) is now fully decommissioned; that all structures, infrastructure, devices, items and or utilities included in the foreshore lease application have now been permanently removed from the Galway Bay marine test-site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39017/25]

\*783. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm whether he intends to do more than provide a modest seed grant to the Wool Council; whether there are any plans to ensure oversight and accountability mechanisms for this independent body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [39039/25]

\*784. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions he is taking to support the development of value-added wool products, such as insulation and other innovative applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [39040/25]

\*785. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports that are envisaged to incentivise Irish SMEs to invest in the processing and marketing of Irish wool; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [39041/25]

\*786. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagement that has taken place with Enterprise Ireland, the SEAI, or other relevant agencies to develop a cross-departmental approach to Irish wool commercialisation; if he will consider establishing a dedicated funding stream or innovation challenge to accelerate this work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [39042/25]

\*787. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will ensure that an official from his Department and an independent ecologist be present for a meeting (details supplied) in light of the ongoing and prolonged difficulties with this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [39068/25]

\*788. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds active on the Rásaíocht Con Éireann race management system as of 13 June 2025, broken down by year of birth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [39074/25]

\*789. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of vacant WTE veterinary inspectors within his Department as of 7 July 2025; if he will provide same figures as of 31 December 2023, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [39125/25]

\*790. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the date when an individual (details supplied) will receive his ACRES payments; if he will instruct a Department official to engage with this individual to inform them of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [39137/25]

\*791. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated full year costs, if the number of sea fisheries officers within Sea Fisheries Protection Authority increased by 50%. — Paul Donnelly. [39147/25]

\*792. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons that have attended hospitality facilities at a stadium (details supplied) in the first half of 2025; and if he will provide the same figures for the corresponding period in 2024, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [39148/25]

\*793. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the independent review of the issues pertaining to the environmental impact of industrial emissions in Castlecomer, County Kilkenny, as announced by the previous Minister in Dáil Éireann on 4 July 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39539/25]

\*794. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to list all national strategies, action plans or documents that may be described as such, which are currently in operation and under the remit of his Department. — Malcolm Byrne. [39600/25]

\*795. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to expedite an ACRES payment in respect of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [39690/25]

\*796. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress made on the introduction of a farm retirement scheme for older famers; and the timeline for when the scheme will commence. — Conor D. McGuinness. [39712/25]

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

\*797. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to outline the total number of respite hours provided to families in Cork over each of the past 12 months; the total number

that has been provided each month since March 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [39114/25]

\*798. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she supports the work of an organisation (details supplied) which as a Section 39 organisation has provided services to people with disabilities in the State for the past sixty two years; if she accepts that the current level of funding is insufficient to meet the needs of the organisation and if this will be addressed in the coming months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [39236/25]

\*799. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will detail the total number of CCTV cameras owned by her Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage; the total number of CCTV cameras owned by bodies under the aegis of her Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38678/25]

\*800. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the main policy achievements of her Department since 23 January 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38748/25]

\*801. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps her Department is taking towards the establishment of a managed savings account for newborns, as promised in the Programme for Government 2025, Securing Our Future; if the scheme will allow parents to save up to  $\epsilon$ 2,000 per annum and earn interest on those savings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [38771/25]

\*802. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her intentions following the review of the Equality Acts published in 2003 which found that the equality legislation is not easy to navigate and requires an overhaul and codification; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [38812/25]

\*803. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for the timeline on the publications of the National Strategy for Women and Girls; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [38813/25]

\*804. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on any progress made to encourage employers to publish statistics of the take up by both genders of parental leave and flexible working; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [38814/25]

\*805. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality how she envisions the Government can encourage more employees to take parental leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [38815/25]

\*806. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of speech and language therapists student placements that were offered for south Kildare-west Wicklow children's disability network team in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [38821/25]

\*807. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will visit Sean Ross Abbey; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [38963/25]

\*808. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to outline the composition of the steering group for the national centre for research and remembrance for survivors of institutional abuse; the number of survivors who will be appointed to the board; the number of officials on the board; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [38974/25]

\*809. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to outline the timeline for implementation of each of the recommendations from the First Annual Report of the Special Advocate for Survivors and Former Residents of Mother and Baby and County Homes Institutions, the report on feedback from Survivors and Affected Person on the National Centre for Research and Remembrance, and the response by the Steering Group to the Survivor Feedback Report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [38975/25]

\*810. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to carry out an SME test of proposals to add socioeconomic status as a grounds for discrimination under the Equality Acts. — Ivana Bacik. [39043/25]

\*811. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will introduce proposals to add socioeconomic status as a grounds for discrimination under the Equality Acts as part of the Equality and Family Leave (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2025; if the addition of same requires an SME Test; if she will report on her engagement with the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [39044/25]

\*812. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the recent CSO publication "Equality and Discrimination 2024"; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [39045/25]

\*813. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of new residential places provided for priority one placements and planned places for persons with disabilities delivered from 2021 to date in 2025, in tabular form; and in respect of the year, the national service plan target, the number of priority one places provided, the number of planned places provided, and the total number of places provided. — Liam Quaide. [39047/25]

\*814. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason no planned places were delivered in 2023 or 2024, despite the Action Plan for Disability Services aiming for 900 places to be delivered by 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [39048/25]

\*815. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to address and clarify the recent decision to decline reduced ratio funding to a service (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [39058/25]

\*816. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason an early learning centre in Tullow County Carlow (details supplied) was declined for a fee increase. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [39073/25]

\*817. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE senior social work practitioners based at north Tipperary children's disability network team in 2023. — Alan Kelly. [39093/25]

\*818. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the progress to date in providing new facilities for day services in an area (details supplied), in view of increased demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39109/25]

\*819. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE staff working in Oberstown Detention Campus In 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [39144/25]

\*820. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if funding will be made available to Cork County Council allowing them to install accessible beach infrastructure (details supplied) on beaches in east Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [39170/25]

\*821. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the disability supports that can be provided for an individual (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [39199/25]

\*822. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality If there are plans to have a play specialist post at Blakestown children's disability network team; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [39218/25]

\*823. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the cost of increasing the aftercare allowance to the rate of the foster care allowance and extending it to the age of 23. — Mark Wall. [39261/25]

\*824. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the operational requirements for childcare providers under the National Care Scheme in relation to the tracking of funder hours, particularly in cases where a child is occasionally collected earlier than their approved hours; if she will clarify how childcare providers are expected to monitor and record daily attendance in line with NCS funded hours; if allowances or flexibility are provided for parents who collect their children slightly earlier than scheduled on an occasional basis due to changes in work commitments; and if the NCS applies a reasonable margin of discretion before raising concerns or taking action where actual attendance differs slightly from the approved hours. — Tom Brabazon. [39315/25]

\*825. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her Department's engagement with the Department of Health regarding delays in CAMHS access and the impact on the welfare of vulnerable children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [39317/25]

\*826. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children waiting for a service statement following completion of their assessment of needs by more than 12 months in County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [39318/25]

\*827. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current status of the Programme for Government commitment to reform the Disability Act 2005 in consultation with stakeholders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [39517/25]

\*828. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current status of the Programme for Government commitment to undertake a cross-departmental examination of

\*829. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current status of the Programme for Government commitment to tackle waiting lists for specialist disability services by implementation of the Action Plan for Disability Services 2024 to 2026, and resourcing and delivering on its targets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [39519/25]

\*830. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to increase staffing, train more therapists and prioritise children's disability teams to deliver supports and services as of July 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [39520/25]

\*831. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to examine the establishment of new clinical support apprenticeship roles within the disability sector, as of July 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [39521/25]

\*832. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to consider measures to attract and retain staff in the disability sector, as of July 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [39522/25]

\*833. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to work with the voluntary sector through industrial relations mechanisms and other processes to progress pay issues that affect the delivery of disability services and the long-term viability of organisations within the sector, as of July 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [39523/25]

\*834. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to work to deliver the European Disability Card, ensuring rights of individuals are recognised and upheld throughout Europe, as of July 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [39524/25]

\*835. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to complete the national roll out of HSE community neuro-rehabilitation teams, as of July 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [39525/25]

\*836. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to increase personal assistance hours to support independent living, as of July 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [39526/25]

\*837. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether a centre (details supplied) in Caherciveen will be opened on a permanent basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39538/25]

\*838. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review her demand for redress from a body (details supplied) in light of the fact that the Commission of Inquiry

determined that redress does not arise, and the independent negotiator in their report dated 21 March 2025 stated that in respect of the body they had no recommendation to make; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [39552/25]

\*839. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she has received a funding request from a naíonra (details supplied) to develop a new building and to address outstanding safety concerns and double their capacity; if she will grant funding to the naíonra; if not, the reason why; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39555/25]

\*840. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality in light of the fact that an organisation (details supplied) which provides full time residential care accommodation for 200 people while meeting the respite needs of up to 100 other people with disabilities continues to be funded on an ad hoc basis, if she plans to address this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [39596/25]

\*841. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she agrees that section 38 and section 39 organisations in the disability sector are struggling to cope with massive deficits; if she agrees that in recent years more and more people in need of emergency disability services and accommodations are being referred to the private for profit companies; if her Department has done a comparative analysis between costs arising from providing services via section 38 and section 39 organisations and the private sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [39598/25]

\*842. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to list all national strategies, action plans or documents that may be described as such, which are currently in operation and under the remit of her Department. — Malcolm Byrne. [39601/25]

\*843. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for a review of a non-payment made to a childcare provider (details supplied). — Shane Moynihan. [39645/25]

\*844. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the timelines for AIM funding decisions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [39646/25]

\*845. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will address the current shortage of childcare places for infants under 12 months; if consideration has been given to extending financial supports or childcare leave entitlements to parents who face a gap between the end of paid maternity and parental leave and the availability of childcare; and the way in which she plans to support working parents, particularly mothers, in re-entering the workforce under these circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [39649/25]

\*846. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is considering measures to expand access to after-school child care services in primary schools, particularly for children finishing school at 2 pm; if the impact of limited childcare options on mothers' participation in the workforce has been assessed; if supports will be introduced to make aftercare more accessible and affordable for working families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [39650/25]

\*847. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE social care workers based at Inishowen children's disability network team in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [39660/25]

\*848. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE administrative staff by job title working in each CDNT based within Donegal in 2024 and todate in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [39667/25]

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

\*849. To ask the Minister for Health how frequently the Health Service Executive engages in public procurement for goods; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [38648/25]

\*850. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultants in critical care medicine based at St James's Hospital in the years of 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [38655/25]

\*851. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing budget allocation for Our Lady's Hospital, Navan in the years of 2023, 2024 and 2025 in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [38656/25]

\*852. To ask the Minister for Health the locations within Meath where HSE community specialist teams provide respiratory outreach service clinics and diabetes outreach service clinics in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [38657/25]

\*853. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 857 of 17 June 2025, to provide a copy of the memorandum of understanding between NTPF and public hospitals; to outline the pricing arrangements agreed with private hospitals under the NTPF for treatments, including payments to consultants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [38665/25]

\*854. To ask the Minister for Health if she will detail the total number of CCTV cameras owned by her Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage; the total number of CCTV cameras owned by bodies under the aegis of her Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38687/25]

\*855. To ask the Minister for Health if tedralan 200mg will be added to the medical card list as this medication is expensive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [38700/25]

\*856. To ask the Minister for Health when the ground floor and first floor of the new Mallow General Hospital will be fully operational; the plans for the use of these two sections of the hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [38702/25]

\*857. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical card will be renewed for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38706/25]

\*858. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dietitians based at Gort health centre in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [38710/25]

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\*859. To ask the Minister for Health the number of community nursing home beds specifically available to individuals with alzheimers within CHO2; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [38711/25]

\*860. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE public health nurses based at Loughrea primary care centre in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [38712/25]

\*861. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant medical oncologists based at Galway University Hospital in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [38713/25]

\*862. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has assessed the cost-effectiveness of integrated primary support services for young people through dedicated State run youth spaces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [38718/25]

\*863. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has considered combining existing community-based and State supports in a more accessible and joined-up way to reduce pressure on crisis mental health services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [38719/25]

\*864. To ask the Minister for Health whether a pricing and reimbursement application has yet been received by the HSE for Givinostat (Duvyzat®) for the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [38732/25]

\*865. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline she is working towards to initiate the review of the drug reimbursement process; the patient advocacy representation that will be on the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [38733/25]

\*866. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to agree and progress the early access programme for rare diseases; the timeline she is working towards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [38734/25]

\*867. To ask the Minister for Health the reason allogeneic transplant 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. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38743/25]

\*868. To ask the Minister for Health the main policy achievements of her Department since 23 January 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38757/25]

\*869. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE physiotherapists, by grade, based at Kilrush health centre in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [38794/25]

\*870. To ask the Minister for Health the locations within CHO3 where HSE funds day care centres for older persons; the days of the week each of those day care centres opens; the referral process for a new older person to be able to join one of those day care centres, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [38795/25]

\*871. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE public health nurses based at Kilmihill health centre in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [38796/25]

\*872. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE or the Department of Health will be funding the costs needed to roll out nasopharyngeal airway management training for parents in paediatrics cases at Cork University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38802/25]

\*873. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to expand the opening hours of the D-Doc services for Balbriggan, Skerries, Rush and Lusk, given the increase in population seen in recent times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [38811/25]

\*874. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant anaesthetists based at Tallaght University Hospital in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [38816/25]

\*875. To ask the Minister for Health the locations within CHO7 where HSE employed chiropodists are located, in tabular form. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [38817/25]

\*876. To ask the Minister for Health the last time an external in-person fire safety audit was carried out at Naas General Hospital; and when the next external in person fire safety audit at this hospital is scheduled to be carried out. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [38818/25]

\*877. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the number of people awaiting an occupational therapy appointment in each of the local health offices in Cork; the number who have been waiting less than three months; three to six months; six to 12 months; more than 12 months; broken down in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [38859/25]

\*878. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the number of people awaiting a speech and language therapy appointment in each of the local health offices in Cork; the number who have been waiting less than three months; three to six months; six to 12 months; more than 12 months; broken down in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [38860/25]

\*879. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the number of people awaiting a psychology appointment in each of the local health offices in Cork; the number who have been waiting less than three months; three to six months; six to 12 months; more than 12 months; broken down in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [38861/25]

\*880. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the number of people awaiting a first appointment in each of the local health offices in Cork; the number who have been waiting less than three months; three to six months; six to 12 months; more than 12 months; broken down in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [38862/25]

\*881. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the total number of respite hours provided to families in Cork over each of the past 12 months; the total number that has been provided each month since March 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [38863/25]

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\*882. To ask the Minister for Health the number of overnight respite beds for children and adults respectively in Cork in 2019 and 2024 in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [38864/25]

\*883. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided for children's and adults respite in Cork respectively in each of the years 2019 to date by year in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [38865/25]

\*884. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the copper coil is not covered under the free contraception scheme; if she plans on making it free in the near future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [38866/25]

\*885. To ask the Minister for Health the clinical or policy grounds the copper coil was excluded from the initial rollout of the free contraception scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [38867/25]

\*886. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the recruitment of two consultant radiologists for the mid-west region is scheduled to be completed in 2026; the reason this recruitment process was not scheduled to be completed in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [38877/25]

\*887. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the recruitment of two consultant histopathologists for the mid-west region is scheduled to be completed in 2026; the reason this recruitment process was not scheduled to be completed in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [38878/25]

\*888. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the recruitment of a consultant oncologists for the mid-west region is scheduled to be completed in 2026; the reason this recruitment process was not scheduled to be completed in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [38879/25]

\*889. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the recruitment of a consultant cardiologists for the mid-west region is scheduled to be completed in 2026; the reason this recruitment process was not scheduled to be completed in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [38880/25]

\*890. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the recruitment of six consultant anaesthetists for the mid-west region is scheduled to be completed in 2026; the reason this recruitment process was not scheduled to be completed in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [38881/25]

\*891. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the recruitment of two consultant geriatricians for the mid-west region is scheduled to be completed in 2026; the reason this recruitment process was not scheduled to be completed in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [38882/25]

\*892. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the recruitment of four consultant surgeons for the mid-west region is scheduled to be completed in 2026; the reason this recruitment process was not scheduled to be completed in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [38883/25]

\*893. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the recruitment of four consultant physicians for the mid-west region is scheduled to be completed in 2026; the reason this recruitment process was not scheduled to be completed in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [38884/25]

\*894. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to address the shortage of 171 post-acute inpatient neurorehabilitation beds nationwide, and specifically the shortage of 32 beds in the HSE south west region; to outline a timeframe to address the critical shortage of neurorehabilitation beds to support the neurosurgical and trauma services in Cork in the absence of a current neurorehabilitation facility to serve the region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38887/25]

\*895. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to ensure migrant women, including those in direct provision, can access the free contraception scheme without barriers related to GP registration, language, documentation status and other related issues. — Sorca Clarke. [38890/25]

\*896. To ask the Minister for Health if the high tech medication repatha will continue to be provided by way of prescription through St. Lukes Hospital, Kilkenny, to patients that are already on the drug prescribed while under the care of the retired consultant (details supplied); if it is the responsibility of St. Lukes, Kilkenny, to resolve the problem and issue a prescription to a person; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [38905/25]

\*897. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent staff, by job title in the pharmacy department of Beaumont Hospital in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38921/25]

\*898. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the proposed 64-bed critical care unit block at Beaumont Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38922/25]

\*899. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent consultants in emergency medicine and emergency medicine registrars based at Beaumont Hospital in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38923/25]

\*900. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to refurbish Howth health centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38924/25]

\*901. To ask the Minister for Health the number of physiotherapists, by grade based at Vernon Avenue health centre in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38925/25]

\*902. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent occupational therapists, by grade based at Killester health centre in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [38926/25]

\*903. To ask the Minister for Health if hip surgery will be arranged at WUH as a matter of urgency for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [38930/25]

\*904. To ask the Minister for Health to outline any engagement her Department has had with an organisation (details supplied) to encourage the use of European-made medications wherever possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [38931/25]

\*905. To ask the Minister for Health if wheelchairs will be provided to nursing home residents where needed, as the current situation is that people can access a wheelchair while living in the community but cannot access one once they are a resident in a nursing home; the steps that can be taken to procure a wheelchair for a nursing home resident; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [38932/25]

\*906. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting more than 3, 6 and 12 months for a publicly provided food allergy test; and the average waiting time for a public paediatric allergy diagnosis appointment in each county, in tabular from. — Ivana Bacik. [38939/25]

\*907. To ask the Minister for Health if a GP or consultant can sign a document (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38940/25]

\*908. To ask the Minister for Health the additional services being put in place for older people as part of the enhanced community care programme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38942/25]

\*909. To ask the Minister for Health if she will respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if she will confirm that this proposal has been received; if she is aware of the current shortages in Parkinson's disease nurse specialists in Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [38949/25]

\*910. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite a procedure that is long overdue in respect of a Kerry patient (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38952/25]

\*911. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider reducing the drugs payment scheme threshold from  $\notin$ 80 back to  $\notin$ 53 per month, in light of ongoing cost-of-living pressures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [39011/25]

\*912. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review and increase the income thresholds for medical card eligibility to reflect rising living costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [39012/25]

\*913. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [39023/25]

\*914. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to extend the medical card to persons with type 1 diabetes who are over the age of 16; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [39035/25]

\*915. To ask the Minister for Health the number of enforcement actions that have been taken by the HSE's National Environmental Health Service in relation to the illegal sale or distribution of vapes and e-cigarettes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [39037/25]

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\*916. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider introducing a ban on the sale of nicotine pouches, which are currently unregulated, in order to protect public health; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [39038/25]

\*917. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will conduct interviews for home care workers in the south Leitrim area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [39061/25]

\*918. To ask the Minister for Health the action her Department and HSE have taken on the proposed introduction of a national programme for the safe disposal of unused medications in the community in line with EU Directive 2001/83/EC; if she will commit to pursuing this matter further with a view to establishing a safe, consistent and accessible return system through community pharmacies nationwide as a matter of priority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [39080/25]

\*919. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement that has taken place between her Department and HSE with the community pharmacies with a view to introducing a national programme for the safe disposal of unused or expired medications by members of the public in line with EU Directive 2001/83/EC; if she is aware of the patient-safety, public-health and environmental risks posed by the lack of a funded national scheme for medicine return and disposal; and if she will commit to pursuing this matter further as a matter of priority with a view to establishing a consistent and accessible return system through community pharmacies nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [39081/25]

\*920. To ask the Minister for Health if there has been any engagement between her Department, HSE and a union (details supplied) on the proposed introduction of a national programme for the safe disposal of unused medications in the community in line with EU Directive 2001/83/EC; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [39082/25]

\*921. To ask the Minister for Health if she will commit to the establishment of an MS community worker in Sligo-Leitrim as it is the only region in the country lacking access to the community work service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [39083/25]

\*922. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE advanced nurse practitioners based in the minor injuries clinic in Nenagh in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [39095/25]

\*923. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE suicide crisis assessment nurses based in CHO3 in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [39096/25]

\*924. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding provided by HSE in 2024 and 2025 for the development of peri and post operative services to support patients receiving deep brain stimulation. — Alan Kelly. [39097/25]

\*925. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position regarding a new entrance or improvement works at a local premises for a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [39107/25]

\*926. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE public health nurses based at Greystones health centre in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [39121/25]

\*927. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant vascular surgeons based at St. Vincent's University Hospital in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [39122/25]

\*928. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychologists, by grade based at bray primary care centre in each the years of 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [39123/25]

\*929. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the number of persons who were waiting for HSE home support in County Kildare for June in each of the years 2022 to 2025 respectively, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [39124/25]

\*930. To ask the Minister for Health whether the shingles vaccine will be made available to the public; if so, when (details supplied). — Máire Devine. [39153/25]

\*931. To ask the Minister for Health the paediatric dental waiting lists in Nenagh Hospital, by year from 2020 to 1 July 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [39155/25]

\*932. To ask the Minister for Health if treatment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [39156/25]

\*933. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 193 of 14 May 2025, what the revenue generated by each hospital from parking charges was used for in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [39162/25]

\*934. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dentists and dental nurses, by grade based at Dublin Dental Hospital in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025. in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [39174/25]

\*935. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria that must be met before HSE pest control services within Dublin region attends a private house to carry out pest control works. — Paul Donnelly. [39175/25]

\*936. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE staff, by job title working in North Dublin Integrated Care Programme for Older Persons Community Specialist Team; the location where this team are based; and the areas that this team covers in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [39176/25]

\*937. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of NAS PURPLE (life threatening cardiac or respiratory arrest) calls responded to by NAS in under 19 minutes in counties Cavan, Monaghan, Louth and Dublin, by month over the past 12 months, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [39183/25]

\*938. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of NAS RED (life threatening other than cardiac or respiratory arrest) calls responded to by NAS in under 19 minutes in counties Cavan, Monaghan, Louth and Dublin, by month over the past 12 months, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [39184/25]

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\*939. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of NAS AMBER (Serious Not Life Threatening) calls responded to by NAS in under 19 minutes in counties Cavan, Monaghan, Louth and Dublin, by month over the past 12 months, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [39185/25]

\*940. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of NAS PURPLE (life threatening cardiac or respiratory arrest) calls responded to by NAS in 49 minutes or greater in counties Cavan, Monaghan, Louth and Dublin, by month over the past 12 months, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [39186/25]

\*941. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of NAS RED (life threatening other than cardiac or respiratory arrest) calls responded to by NAS in 49 minutes or greater in counties Cavan, Monaghan, Louth and Dublin, by month over the past 12 months, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [39187/25]

\*942. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of NAS AMBER (Serious Not Life Threatening) calls responded to by NAS in 49 minutes or greater in counties Cavan, Monaghan, Louth and Dublin by month, over the past 12 months, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [39188/25]

\*943. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE staff by job title working at the STI Clinic at Ennis General Hospital; and the vacancies currently by job title at this clinic. — Joe Cooney. [39193/25]

\*944. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE community orthoptist posts filled within CHO3, in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Joe Cooney. [39194/25]

\*945. To ask the Minister for Health if the national treatment purchase fund is an option in the case of a person (details supplied), given the lengthy wait time for an appointment. — Paul McAuliffe. [39195/25]

\*946. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that have been admitted to Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown for more than 42 continuous days or more in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Roderic O'Gorman. [39213/25]

\*947. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dietitians by grade that are based at the Mater Hospital in 2024 and to date in 2025 in tabular form. — Roderic O'Gorman. [39214/25]

\*948. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE emergency medicine registrars based at urgent care centre at CHI Blanchardstown in 2024 and to date in 2025 in tabular form. — Roderic O'Gorman. [39215/25]

\*949. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE paediatric speech and language therapists based at Hartstown Health Centre in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Roderic O'Gorman. [39216/25]

\*950. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dental nurses by grade based at Roselawn health centre in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Roderic O'Gorman. [39217/25]

\*951. To ask the Minister for Health how a person can access general practitioner (GP) services in circumstances where all local GPs with GMS contracts have closed patient lists and are not accepting new patients; the options available to individuals such as a person (details supplied); if the HSE has a protocol in place to ensure continuity of care in such cases; and the steps her Department is taking to ensure all patients have meaningful access to essential primary care services regardless of GP list closures. — Michael Lowry. [39224/25]

\*952. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waitlist in each HSE region for orthognathic surgery; when it is expected the patients will be dealt with; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [39242/25]

\*953. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to make the shingles vaccine available free of charge to people with compromised immune systems; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [39258/25]

\*954. To ask the Minister for Health If she will address the current uncertainty facing staff at a healthcare facility (details supplied); the arrangements that have been made to retain the existing staff currently employed at the unit; the steps the HSE is taking to ensure continuity of employment and service delivery during this transition; and if she will ensure that the HSE engages immediately and directly with all affected staff to clarify their employment status and to support a smooth transfer process. — Michael Lowry. [39259/25]

\*955. To ask the Minister for Health if she will examine the case of an older person awaiting an audiology appointment due to rapid hearing loss (details supplied); when they can expect an appointment given their circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [39281/25]

\*956. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for a routine audiology/hearing appointment, by regional health area and integrated healthcare area; the average waiting time for a routine audiology/hearing appointment by hospital, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [39282/25]

\*957. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for an urgent audiology/hearing appointment by regional health area and integrated healthcare area; the average waiting time for a urgent audiology/hearing appointment by hospital, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [39283/25]

\*958. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting longer than three, six, nine or twelve months for a routine audiology/hearing appointment by regional health area and integrated healthcare area and by hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [39284/25]

\*959. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting longer than three, six, nine or twelve months for an urgent audiology/hearing appointment by regional health area and integrated healthcare area and by hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [39285/25]

\*960. To ask the Minister for Health if officials from her Department will meet with a delegation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [39307/25]

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\*961. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to ensure broad and meaningful consultation on alcohol harm and its inclusion in the new national drugs strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [39308/25]

\*962. To ask the Minister for Health if reducing and preventing alcohol harm is to be clearly named as a priority area with clear key objectives and actions in the next national drug strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [39309/25]

\*963. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider the introduction of a fast-track hospital readmission protocol for recently discharged patients, particularly elderly or terminally ill individuals to allow direct admission in order to avoid long delays in emergency departments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [39344/25]

\*964. To ask the Minister for Health the supports available for children aged 9 years diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [39361/25]

\*965. To ask the Minister for Health if the cross-Departmental working group on banning sunbeds has been established and convened; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [39447/25]

\*966. To ask the Minister for Health the membership, terms of reference and timeline for work of the cross-Departmental working group on banning sunbeds. — Pádraig Rice. [39448/25]

\*967. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the progress of each of the action points in A Healthy Weight for Ireland 2016-2025: Obesity Policy and Action Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [39449/25]

\*968. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients occupying a hospital bed who cannot be discharged due to the fact they do not have a home to go to; the breakdown of this number, by the number of patients and the name of the hospital and county with patients in this category, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39450/25]

\*969. To ask the Minister for Health if she will examine issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding access to sensory rooms in hospitals; if she will outline the sensory-friendly facilities currently available in County Cavan, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39451/25]

\*970. To ask the Minister for Health if all persons diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy will be entitled to access the drug Givinostat. — Alan Kelly. [39474/25]

\*971. To ask the Minister for Health if an early access program or a compassionate usemanaged access program will be established to allow quicker access to Givinostat for people with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. — Alan Kelly. [39475/25]

\*972. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of purchasing the drug Givinostat. — Alan Kelly. [39476/25]

\*973. To ask the Minister for Health if the drug Givinostat, prescribed for Duchenne muscular dystrophy, will be covered by the drug payment scheme. — Alan Kelly. [39477/25]

\*974. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any review into the care provided for women that suffer from endometriosis; the actions she will take to ensure that existing care policies are improved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39490/25]

\*975. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who are more than three months overdue for their annual post-surgery mammogram for breast cancer survivors. — Seán Crowe. [39491/25]

\*976. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which she plans to commence the evaluation of the current National Cancer Strategy; if this review will be carried out by her Department, the HSE or another body; if she will engage with key stakeholders as part of this process; if a new National Cancer Strategy will be published by the end of 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [39493/25]

\*977. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to change the fact that the same HIQA inspectors inspect the same nursing homes year-after-year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [39513/25]

\*978. To ask the Minister for Health if she has considered, in the context of a ban on sun beds, those who suffer from psoriasis who have found that occasional use of sunbeds is one of the few things that genuinely helps manage their flare-ups, and when their skin is bad, they frequently feel too self-conscious to go out, socialise, or take part in everyday activities and that sunbeds provide relief-not just physically, but mentally (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [39514/25]

\*979. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently expand the available sources for products (details supplied) to allow women in Kerry greater choice in where they can source the mastectomy products; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [39527/25]

\*980. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE imposed changes in the funding arrangement for the services provided by a company (details supplied), as was claimed in a letter issued by said provider to its employees on 30 November 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [39543/25]

\*981. To ask the Minister for Health if HSE occupational therapists have stopped assisting with home adaptation applications; the reason this decision was taken; when was this decision was taken; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39548/25]

\*982. To ask the Minister for Health if the medical ulcer service at St. James's Hospital, Dublin is still available to patients that have been treated there in the past; if she is aware of a funding issue relative to this service that has caused senior posts and other positions to remain vacant; the number of outpatients that availed of the service and if they have been referred elsewhere; and if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [39568/25]

\*983. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the way in which maternity services are delivered across the country, as recommended by the expert review group overseeing maternity services at Portiuncula hospital; if so, the timeline she is working towards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [39577/25]

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\*984. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people accessing products via the medical cannabis access programme, for each product, by condition, by year, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [39582/25]

\*985. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people accessing products under the ministerial licence for cannabis products, for each product, by condition, by year, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [39583/25]

\*986. To ask the Minister for Health the status of all products which are, or were, available under the medical cannabis access programme, in tabular form; the year a product was added to the scheme; the year a product was removed from the scheme; the year a product became available in Ireland; whether any products which are on the scheme remain unavailable in the State; if so, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39584/25]

\*987. To ask the Minister for Health the average processing time for access to medical cannabis products under the access programme and under Ministerial licence, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [39585/25]

\*988. To ask the Minister for Health if a procedure to deal with a dislocated hip will be arranged at University Hospital Waterford will be expedited as a matter of urgency for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [39590/25]

\*989. To ask the Minister for Health when the Covid vaccine injury compensation scheme will be operational. — Peadar Tóibín. [39591/25]

\*990. To ask the Minister for Health the details of equipment and machinery, such as for diagnostic scans, that have reached their end of life, across each statutory and section 38 hospital; the date at which the equipment reached end of life; the breakdown rate of these machines; the productive hours lost as a result of those breakdowns; the number of days where each machine was non-operational due to breakdown; the cost of maintenance to date per machine as a result of breakdowns and as a result of vendors not covering maintenance due to machinery being no longer under warranty, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39593/25]

\*991. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to equipment and machine for diagnostic scans, the number and details of machines which are idle or underutilised due to staffing and the WTE requirement to ensure they are operational at full capacity, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [39594/25]

\*992. To ask the Minister for Health to list all national strategies, action plans or documents that may be described as such, which are currently in operation and under the remit of her Department. — Malcolm Byrne. [39610/25]

\*993. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be admitted to Beaumont Hospital to undergo back surgery, and if she will expedite the matter. — John McGuinness. [39618/25]

\*994. To ask the Minister for Health if she will financially support the roll out of an organisations service (details supplied) who wish to employ nine senior physiotherapists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [39639/25]

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\*995. To ask the Minister for Health the details of recruitment to the primary care child and adolescent services of the Dublin north west integrated health area from January 2023 to July 2025 for the disciplines of occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and psychology; the date each post was advertised; the contract type that is, temporary or permanent; the grade of post that is, staff, senior or principal; if the post was accepted or not; if the post was delayed from being filled or eliminated by the Pay and Numbers Strategy; the staffing provision for each discipline at the end of each year from 2022; and the population size served by the Dublin north west HSE catchment. — Liam Quaide. [39644/25]

\*996. To ask the Minister for Health the addiction services currently available in County Donegal for young people and children aged under 18; the number of patients served; the current waiting list for these services; the services they provide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [39652/25]

\*997. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dentists based at Letterkenny primary care centre in the years of 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, by grade, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [39653/25]

\*998. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE physiotherapist by grade based at Bundoran health centre in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [39654/25]

\*999. To ask the Minister for Health the locations within CHO1 where HSE funded audiologists are based in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [39655/25]

\*1000. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant orthopaedic surgeons and orthopaedic registrars based at Letterkenny University Hospital in 2023,2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [39656/25]

\*1001. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE plans to establish a minor injuries clinic in Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [39661/25]

\*1002. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant in orthopaedic surgeons and orthopaedic registrar's based at Letterkenny University Hospital in the years of 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [39662/25]

\*1003. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public dentists working within the school dental scheme in Offaly, in each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [39691/25]

\*1004. To ask the Minister for Health the average age of a child and their school class when they receive their first dental examination and screening through the school dental scheme in Offaly; how this compares to the national average age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [39692/25]

\*1005. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public dentists that are available to service the area of (details supplied); the number of hours/days they work from that area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [39693/25]

\*1006. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to increase the number of public dentists serving Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [39694/25]

\*1007. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are awaiting an appointment with a public health dentist at each Health Service Executive dental clinic in Offaly; the duration of these wait times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [39695/25]

\*1008. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the difficulty individuals have in completing their CORU registration on time, given the length of the process and the many bureaucratic steps involved; if she agrees that this presents a barrier to bringing much needed social care workers into the system; if any consideration has been given to extending the November 2025 deadline into 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [39697/25]

\*1009. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds currently unopened in Heather House. — Thomas Gould. [39715/25]

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

\*1010. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the success of the Mitchell scholarship programme, given its huge popularity with future leaders in the US; if he is conscious of the need to support this fund; and if he will explore endowment options with the US-Ireland Alliance. — Barry Ward. [38783/25]

\*1011. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will intervene to assist a student who appears to be eligible for HEAR but has been refused it (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38653/25]

\*1012. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will detail the total number of CCTV cameras owned by his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage; the total number of CCTV cameras owned by bodies under the aegis of his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38686/25]

\*1013. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the main policy achievements of his Department since 23 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38756/25]

\*1014. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the rationale for excluding the BA (Hons) in psychology course at the National College of Ireland from eligibility under the free fees initiative (FFI), given that all other undergraduate courses at the institution are deemed eligible and that the psychology degree is accredited by the Psychological Society of Ireland; and if he will consider extending FFI coverage to this programme in the interest of fairness and access to accredited psychology education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [38766/25]

\*1015. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if SOLAS is in receipt of sufficient funding from the State to ensure adult education teachers

can retain employment and do not lose hours and that adult learners access to education is not impacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Brabazon. [38793/25]

\*1016. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has visited a training centre (details supplied) since his appointment as Minister; if so, the purpose of the visit. — Donna McGettigan. [38797/25]

\*1017. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science If he has visited a campus (details supplied) since his appointment as Minister; if so, the purpose of the visit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [38798/25]

\*1018. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to encourage greater participants by South African students in third level institutions and continuing educational opportunities in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [38799/25]

\*1019. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of purpose-built student accommodation units available in Cork city in September 2025. — Thomas Gould. [38873/25]

\*1020. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the actions he will take to address the uncertainty which has arisen in relation to the funding and employment conditions for adult education teachers (details supplied); the actions he will take to address the shortfalls in funding provided by SOLAS and his Department which has caused uncertainty as to whether many adult education teachers will return to their posts in September; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [38885/25]

\*1021. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if HGV traineeships operated by ETBs will be funded and go ahead this year in light of a recent submission to the Oireachtas Transport Committee (details supplied); if this funding issue is due to a lack of funding of SOLAS by his Department or whether it is due to SOLAS failing to receive EU education funds in this area; if funding is secured for future years of this traineeship course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [38886/25]

\*1022. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to investigate a master's course issue (details supplied) as a student is now at a significant loss; if his Department will have this course reinstated; if the student will be reimbursed; the other options available to the student; if he accepts that this is unacceptable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [38954/25]

\*1023. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will act to ensure that a university swiftly acquires accreditation for a course (details supplied), and that current students will not be penalised for administrative or procedural delays beyond their control; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [38962/25]

\*1024. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider reviewing the income threshold currently being applied to the higher education access route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [39029/25]

\*1025. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if places can be granted on postgraduate courses (details supplied) which usually admit a higher

number of places but have had to reduce due to cutbacks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39079/25]

\*1026. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures he is taking to address the funding shortfall of Solas that has resulted in adult education teachers being told they have no jobs to return to in September; to outline his plans to protect those teaching positions and the course availability for students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [39190/25]

\*1027. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the roll out of the Global Talent Initiative; if it will involve the provision of additional funding to higher education institutions to attract new staff; if the disciplines that academic staff will be targeted in have identified yet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [39212/25]

\*1028. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware that the biomedical science degree programmes at University College Dublin are currently not accredited by CORU, the national regulator for health and social care professionals; the steps being taken to ensure that current students are not disadvantaged by this lack of accreditation; if he will engage with UCD and CORU to ensure that an application for accreditation is submitted without delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [39329/25]

\*1029. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider establishing an office of national student ombudsman to deal with complaints about and investigations into student safety at universities, including gender-based violence, and procedures to address misconduct and academic staffing levels, similar to that which exists in Australia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [39337/25]

\*1030. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to urgently examine the case for allowing the second year of a master programme to proceed (details supplied); so that students may complete their studies and the funded year under the HCI Pillar 3 is not a complete waste of funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [39443/25]

\*1031. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures he plans to introduce to support those wishing to pursue graduate entry medicine, a path that remains highly inaccessible for very many people, in light of widespread and well-documented shortages of GPs; whether he will consider a return of service bursary, similar to the Scottish model, for those willing to work in rural areas after their training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [39482/25]

\*1032. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if information will be provided on the Standardisation of Youthreach Calendar Year Sectoral Survey of ETBs (details supplied), which was sent to all of the 16 ETBs, on 27 June 2025; the reason many staff employed in the Youthreach coordinator and resource grade who are the intended target group did not receive the link to complete this survey by close of business on 4 July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [39503/25]

\*1033. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of increasing apprentice wage to the minimum wage. — Darren O'Rourke. [39507/25]

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\*1034. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason there are significant discrepancies in how different ETBs are handling the allocation of hours and contracts for adult educators; his plans to ensure fair and consistent treatment of adult educators across all ETBs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [39511/25]

\*1035. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current status of the introduction of the Test Event Notification and Results Capture System (TENRCS) for apprenticeship programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [39528/25]

\*1036. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the funding committed by SOLAS towards Test Event Notification and Results Capture System electronic marking system for adult and apprenticeships programs, the breakdown of the spend; the amount allocated to the company procured to design, test and install the program; the estimated overall cost in addition to SOLAS working hours and travel and subsistence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [39529/25]

\*1037. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to examine the provision of the personal assistants initiative for persons with a disability in third level institutions to ensure consistency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [39530/25]

\*1038. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update as of July 2025 on the Programme for Government commitment to develop and promote projects which build links and understanding with other EU capitals and regions in the fields of culture, education, research and innovation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [39531/25]

\*1039. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update as of July 2025 on the Programme for Government commitment to continue to provide and broaden funding for research bodies or institutions which have an independent cross-border studies agenda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [39532/25]

\*1040. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update as of July 2025 on the Programme for Government commitment to create research fellowships to strengthen Ireland's appeal to top-tier academic and research talent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [39533/25]

\*1041. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update as of July 2025 on the Programme for Government commitment to ensure that distinct funding programmes for research in the humanities and social sciences are maintained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [39534/25]

\*1042. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update as of July 2025 on the Programme for Government commitment to implement the Autism Innovation Strategy and ensure the development of a successor strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [39537/25]

\*1043. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to list all national strategies, action plans or documents that may be described as such, which are currently in operation and under the remit of his Department. — Malcolm Byrne. [39609/25]

\*1044. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are plans for capital investment into further and higher education facilities within Donegal within the next 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [39666/25]

\*1045. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to revise the SUSI grant qualifying criteria to allow students, who are under 23 years-of-age and are financially independent from their parents and guardians to be eligible to receive the SUSI grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [39674/25]

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

\*1046. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the percentage of the capital and current funding of his Department that has been spent in the first six months of 2025; and if he will provide the same figures for the corresponding period in 2024, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [38674/25]

\*1047. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will detail the total number of CCTV cameras owned by his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage; the total number of CCTV cameras owned by bodies under the aegis of his Department; the specific video file format used in the recording and dissemination of the recorded footage, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [38691/25]

\*1048. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the main policy achievements of his Department since 23 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38761/25]

\*1049. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will support an application under the CLAR 2025 scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [38893/25]

\*1050. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update as of July 2025 on the Programme for Government commitment to publish and implement Our Rural Future 2025 – 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38895/25]

\*1051. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update as of July 2025 on the Programme for Government commitment to establish a rural communities initiative, similar in style to the previous RAPID programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38896/25]

\*1052. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on the work within the scope of his Department, with regard to the Programme for Government commitment to promote and support remote work in rural Ireland, as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38897/25]

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\*1053. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to expand the remit of connected hubs to unlock new opportunities in rural communities, enabling remote work, e-health, remote learning and digital engagement, as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38898/25]

\*1054. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to increase the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38899/25]

\*1055. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to carry out a comprehensive review of the eligibility criteria of CLÁR within six months with a view to expanding the programme to rural areas which are currently ineligible, as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38900/25]

\*1056. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to require the local community development committees to recruit social development managers to prioritise very disadvantaged areas, as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38901/25]

\*1057. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to enhance support for Mná Tí at Gaeltacht summer colleges, as of July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [38904/25]

\*1058. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the action his Department is taking to encourage young people to remain living and working in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [39026/25]

\*1059. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the total costs to date of the construction and operation, the current number of full- and part-time employees, and the full nature of the work of the hi-tech health facilities at the two Údaras na Gaeltachta industrial estates of GTeic An Spidéal, Páirc na Meán, An Spidéal, County Galway, H91CH01, and An Tulach 1, Eastat Tionscail na Tulaigh, Tully, Ballynahown, County Galway, H91AK24. — Catherine Connolly. [39135/25]

\*1060. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the capital allocations for the Gaeltacht programme area in 2024 and 2025; to provide a list of the projects funded in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [39166/25]

\*1061. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide an update on expenditure of increased funding of over  $\in$ 1.5 million for the development of Irish language and cultural centres across the whole island announced in Budget 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [39167/25]

\*1062. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the funding for current and capital grant support available for development of Irish language and

cultural centres; and the process by which interested parties can apply for funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [39168/25]

\*1063. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of WTE forensic accountants employed by Charities Regulator in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [39173/25]

\*1064. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his views on the adequacy of the existing budget to support the Irish language and Gaeltacht communities; if an increase in this budget can be considered in the context of forthcoming Budget negotiations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [39385/25]

\*1065. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to list all national strategies, action plans or documents that may be described as such, which are currently in operation and under the remit of his Department. — Malcolm Byrne. [39614/25]