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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*1. To ask the Taoiseach the level of trade between Indonesia and Ireland in the first seven months of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [46905/25]

*2. To ask the Taoiseach the level of trade between Bahrain and Ireland in the first seven months of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [46906/25]

*3. To ask the Taoiseach the total cost for running each of the various citizens assemblies since 2016; to provide a breakdown of the cost categories in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [44503/25]

*4. To ask the Taoiseach whether his office has a working voicemail/messaging system to track phone calls it may not pick up; and, if not, when did his Department's voicemail service discontinue and the reason for this. — Ciarán Ahern. [44538/25]

*5. To ask the Taoiseach the revenue generated by the tourism sector for each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [44607/25]

*6. To ask the Taoiseach the number of overseas visitors to Ireland for each of the past 5 years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [44608/25]

*7. To ask the Taoiseach the current status of the Accountability Board of the Civil Service; the last occasion on which it met. — Malcolm Byrne. [46378/25]

*8. To ask the Taoiseach to provide the details and addresses of all properties in the ownership of the Department that are absolved from paying commercial rates to the relevant local authority of the location that the property is in; to provide a similar list of properties for agencies or bodies under its remit that are also absolved from commercial rates, in tabular form. — Conor Sheehan. [46447/25]

*9. To ask the Taoiseach if any agreements or lists have been made or exchanged with independent TDs who now support the Government since he became Taoiseach, to include projects in their constituencies in the future National Development plan and/or the HSE Capital Plan; and if so, whether there are documents, notes, messages, communications of any kind that relate to this between him and/or his advisers, staff, party workers and any of those TDs or their advisers, staff and party workers. — Alan Kelly. [47261/25]

*10. To ask the Taoiseach further to Parliamentary Question No. 26 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested. — James Geoghegan. [47365/25]

*11. To ask the Taoiseach further to Parliamentary Question No. 27 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested. — James Geoghegan. [47383/25]

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

*12. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the Government's position on the EU-Mercosur trade agreement in light of its potential impact on Irish beef exports valued at €2.8 billion annually; and if Ireland will formally oppose the agreement at Council level. — Ken O'Flynn. [46945/25]

*13. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has assessed the risk that the concession of 99,000 tonnes of beef and 180,000 tonnes of poultry imports under the Mercosur agreement will depress farmgate prices for Irish producers; and to publish that assessment. — Ken O'Flynn. [46946/25]

*14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Ireland intends to use its voice at EU Council to oppose the EU-Mercosur agreement on grounds of its negative impact on Irish agriculture; and if he has raised this objection formally with the European Commission. — Ken O'Flynn. [46948/25]

*15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the consultation that has taken place with Irish farm organisations regarding the Mercosur deal; and if their concerns have been incorporated into Ireland's negotiating position. — Ken O'Flynn. [46949/25]

*16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has concerns about the future impact on CO2 emissions standards arising from Paragraph 8 of the Joint Statement on a United States-European Union Framework on an Agreement on Reciprocal, Fair and Balanced Trade ("With respect to automobiles, the United States and the European Union intend to accept and provide mutual recognition to each other's standards."); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [47094/25]

*17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps his Department is taking to ensure that the aircraft leasing sector continues to benefit from tariff free trade agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47124/25]

*18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if any assessment has been carried out of the impact of the EU-Mercosur agreement on Irish seafood exports. — Conor D. McGuinness. [47169/25]

*19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will outline the recent engagements he, his Department and the wider Government have had with the EU regarding the Mercosur trade deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47427/25]

*20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of emails his Department has received regarding the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018 over the past 12 months; the proportion of the emails received that have been supportive of the Bill; the proportion of emails received that have supported both goods and services being covered by the Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [44539/25]

*21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of emails his Department has received relating to Israel's war on Gaza over the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [44540/25]

*22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of calls his Department has received relating to Israel's war on Gaza over the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [44541/25]

*23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether his Department has a working voicemail/messaging system to track phone calls that are not answered; and, if not, when did his Department's voicemail service discontinue and the reason for that; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [44542/25]

*24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the request for help to facilitate the evacuation of a person (details supplied) in Gaza who was assured by the Irish Embassy in Tel Aviv that they would be evacuated; and if he will assure the person and their sponsor in Ireland that they will be evacuated. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44570/25]

*25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the role Ireland has in evacuating individuals from Gaza who are not citizens of Ireland but have family residing here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44664/25]

*26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will support the reinstatement of DNA testing in Ireland for intending parents, following surrogacy treatment abroad, on their return home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [44695/25]

*27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he is aware of the case of a person (details supplied) who is training to be an architect and was admitted to a Masters in Architecture at UCD in February, but is currently trapped in Gaza; if his Department will facilitate their evacuation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44726/25]

*28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if, given increasing public concern and anecdotal reports, he is aware of instances of individuals who have claimed asylum in the Republic of Ireland who are also travelling to and from the United Kingdom, including Northern Ireland, after having made similar claims in that jurisdiction; if there is any evidence that such individuals may be in receipt of social welfare or state supports from both jurisdictions concurrently; and the bilateral mechanisms currently in place between Irish and UK authorities to monitor and prevent potential cross-Border fraud of this nature, particularly following the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union. — Ken O'Flynn. [44730/25]

*29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if it is possible to provide space for both parents or guardians names and emergency contact details on a child's passport, especially for parents that may be separated and living apart; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [44750/25]

*30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to consider points made by a person (details supplied) regarding life and death in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44805/25]

*31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the process of evacuation for a student from Gaza (details supplied), the possibility of evacuating university students in Gaza who have been offered places in Irish universities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [44810/25]

*32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the details of the average turnaround times for passport applications submitted in Cork city and county since 1 May 2025; and whether he has considered expanding regional passport processing capacity. — Ken O'Flynn. [44825/25]

*33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the plans he is considering to give voting rights to the diaspora; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44841/25]

*34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to consider introducing and supporting an annual national weekend for our diaspora, whereby each county will be assisted in hosting a programme of events that will boost the local economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44842/25]

*35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to consider in conjunction with the IDA and Enterprise Ireland hosting and supporting an annual international conference for our diaspora, whereby business ideas can be discussed and companies encouraged to set up and invest in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44843/25]

*36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his assessment of the potential impact of Northern Ireland's invocation of the 'Stormont Brake' on cross-border trade and regulatory alignment; and if he will provide details of any contingency plans to safeguard the economic and logistical integrity of trade flows between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland under the Windsor Framework. — Ken O'Flynn. [44845/25]

*37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the tangible measures Ireland can take to fill the gap in international aid budgets now that leading donor countries have cut or indicated an intention to cut aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [45052/25]

*38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the progress that has been made to date towards achieving the target of 0.7% of gross national income being spent on official development aid; the steps his Department hopes to achieve in Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [45053/25]

*39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his Department will use Ireland's Presidency of the EU to place a focus on the gaps in international aid; if consideration will be given to convening an EU conference on the issue during the Irish Presidency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [45054/25]

*40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when the Government plans to publish the updated version of the Israeli Settlements (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill; whether any diplomatic representations have been received from the United States Congress in relation to the measure; and if he will clarify Ireland's position should the country be designated by U.S. authorities under anti-boycott legislation. — Ken O'Flynn. [45116/25]

*41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide a list of all unused properties, lands and buildings, under the ownership or control of his Department within County Kerry; the length of time they have been idle; the plans in place, if any, for future use; if these unused properties, lands and buildings can be used for affordable and social housing and low cost sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45181/25]

*42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the supports or scholarships that his Department provides regarding further and higher education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45284/25]

*43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the treatment of a person (details supplied); and if he will raise the matter with the Chinese authorities. — Paul Murphy. [45508/25]

*44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/ES-10/24, adopted on 18 September 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45657/25]

*45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of times reports, statements or other documents authored by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade have contained the term "sexual and reproductive health and rights" (SRHR) from the period 2016 to date in 2025, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [45708/25]

*46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a person who has been accepted on an academic course in Ireland will be evacuated from Gaza (details supplied) given the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [45838/25]

*47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to consider aiding in the evacuation of a person from Gaza (details supplied) who has been accepted to a university in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [45883/25]

*48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the criteria used by the State to correctly recognise the State of Palestine; if he would also apply to those criteria to the recognition of the State of Taiwan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [46146/25]

*49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of passports reported lost or stolen to his Department for each year from 2015 to 2024 and to date in 2025. — Malcolm Byrne. [46147/25]

*50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when a programme of events for the Irish Presidency of the European Union in 2026 will be published. — Malcolm Byrne. [46148/25]

*51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of engagements that he has had with his Ukrainian counterpart since coming to office; the nature of those exchanges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [46149/25]

*52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline Ireland's trading relationship with Canada; and the extent to which the CETA trade agreement is improving that relationship. — Malcolm Byrne. [46150/25]

*53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline Ireland's trading relationship with Japan; and the moves that are being undertaken to improve that relationship. — Malcolm Byrne. [46151/25]

*54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline Ireland's trading relationship with Poland; and the moves that are being undertaken to improve that relationship. — Malcolm Byrne. [46152/25]

*55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline Ireland's trading relationship with Taiwan; and the moves that are being undertaken to improve that relationship. — Malcolm Byrne. [46153/25]

*56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline Ireland's relationship with Iceland; if there are any plans to establish an embassy in Reykjavik; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [46154/25]

*57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline his perspective of the impact on trade between Ireland and the UK since the UK formally left the European Union on 31 January, 2020; to provide relevant charts for each of the years 2020 to 2024 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [46155/25]

*58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding Ireland's participation in the Hague Group; the details discussed at the meetings of the group over 15 and 16 July in Colombia; to provide details of Ireland's contribution to the discussion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [46258/25]

*59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of Irish citizens murdered by Israel in the course of their genocide against the Palestinian people of Gaza; the number of Irish citizens that remain in Gaza; the number of whom remain that have sought the assistance of his Department to leave Gaza; the number who have been killed while unable to leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46259/25]

*60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on the total funding allocated to County Louth under this Department from 2023 to date, per year in tabular form. — Erin McGreehan. [46346/25]

*61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide the details and addresses of all properties in the ownership of the Department that are absolved from paying commercial rates to the relevant local authority of the location that the property is in; to provide a similar list of properties for agencies or bodies under its remit that are also absolved from commercial rates, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [46439/25]

*62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his Departments position in cases in which a passport application is not correctly logged within a Garda station or where a Garda station does not answer due to being a part-time station; if he will provide assurances that applicants will not have their applications delayed due to such errors or the station being closed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [46544/25]

*63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the progress on the ratification of the UN High Seas Treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [46602/25]

*64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether he will raise with his German counterpart the vicious assault perpetrated by the German police on an Irish citizen protesting Israel's genocide in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46606/25]

*65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of male and female persons that applied for the post of personal assistant at the Irish Consulate General based in Miami. — Paul Donnelly. [46717/25]

*66. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he plans to expand Ireland house model in Singapore. — Paul Donnelly. [46718/25]

*67. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the dates in 2024 and to-date in 2025 where the Irish Ambassador based in Bangkok has visited Pattaya area of Thailand; and the purpose of each visit, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [46719/25]

*68. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to respond to concerns (details supplied) that his Department's diaspora survey did not include questions related to housing. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46742/25]

*69. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the Government will condemn the attacks by the rapid support forces in Sudan which has left thousands dead and hundreds more still missing; the action he will take on an international level to assist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [46757/25]

*70. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position Ireland will take in relation to the European Commission's recommendation for a council decision regarding the opening of negotiations on the amendment of the 2018 agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the EU and Morocco; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46767/25]

*71. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to safeguard Common Travel Area provisions and Northern Ireland peace-process commitments given recent UK policy shifts including refugee application suspension and ECHR departure advocacy. — Ken O'Flynn. [46825/25]

*72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he accepts that the €3 billion compensation package referenced in discussions on the Mercosur agreement amounts to a redundancy scheme for Irish farmers rather than a structural safeguard; and if he will categorically reject the agreement on that basis. — Ken O'Flynn. [46951/25]

*73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the assessment that has been made of the precedent the Mercosur trade agreement would set for future EU trade deals, particularly in respect of trading away European agricultural standards in exchange for geopolitical concessions. — Ken O’Flynn. [46952/25]

*74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to commit to publicly supporting the Gender Apartheid Campaign and the explicit inclusion of the gender apartheid as a crime against humanity in the new UN treaty which was currently under consideration (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [47041/25]

*75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the recent infringement by Burkina Faso on LGBTQ rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [47068/25]

*76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on a potential global agreement or convention to decriminalise homosexuality and enhance LGBTQ rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [47069/25]

*77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the meaning of reference to automotive standards in Paragraph 8 of the Joint Statement on a United States-European Union Framework on an Agreement on Reciprocal, Fair and Balanced Trade (“With respect to automobiles, the United States and the European Union intend to accept and provide mutual recognition to each other’s standards); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [47078/25]

*78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has raised concerns about reference to automotive standards with the European Commission or otherwise at the European level about Paragraph 8 of the Joint Statement on a United States-European Union Framework on an Agreement on Reciprocal, Fair and Balanced Trade (“With respect to automobiles, the United States and the European Union intend to accept and provide mutual recognition to each other’s standards.”); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [47079/25]

*79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has endorsed reference to automotive standards in Paragraph 8 of the Joint Statement on a United States-European Union Framework on an Agreement on Reciprocal, Fair and Balanced Trade (“With respect to automobiles, the United States and the European Union intend to accept and provide mutual recognition to each other’s standards.”); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [47092/25]

*80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will ensure that the issues outlined in detail in a publication (details supplied) is discussed at the Foreign Affairs Council and at the UN; whether measures have been introduced to counteract the persecution and displacement of Christian communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47227/25]

*81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the up-to-date position regarding the review of the EU-Israel Association Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47335/25]

*82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has put forward at EU level the urgent need to impose additional meaningful sanctions on Israel in view of the ongoing genocide being inflicted on the people of Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47336/25]

*83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Question No. 100 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47357/25]

*84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Question No. 101 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47375/25]

*85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether civil society will be consulted in relation to Ireland's upcoming EU Presidency; the process for this; when will it begin; the way in which Irish organisations can express an interest in participating; if financial resources will be made available to support civil society engagement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [47449/25]

*86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the range of sanctions imposed by the United States on the European Union have been finalised for all sectors; the measures that will be introduced to assist businesses that will be adversely affected by these sanctions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47458/25]

*87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the up-to-date position regarding the Mercosur trade deal; if he will ensure in all negotiations at EU level that food production in Europe is protected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47550/25]

*88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the progress to date in replacing the legacy legislation enacted by the previous British government; the likely timescale for agreement on new measures to deal with these very important issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47551/25]

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

*89. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to outline the remit of Inland Fisheries Ireland under legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45966/25]

*90. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if a report on the Munster Blackwater river biodiversity loss has been submitted to the Minister; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45967/25]

*91. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he has received a briefing on the recent Blackwater river fish kill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45968/25]

*92. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he has met with the acting CEO of Inland Fisheries Ireland in relation to the recent Blackwater river fish kill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45969/25]

*93. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment in light of the recent visit by the Minister of State to Mallow in response to an unexplained catastrophic fish kill, if he has received any reports explaining the reason for this environmental disaster either from agencies within his own Department or those not directly within his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45982/25]

*94. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on the current layout of the Community Benefit Fund relating to ORESS 2.1; and his views on whether it ensures that small scale fishermen groups and fishing community groups can access funding as easy as larger groups. — Conor D. McGuinness. [47170/25]

*95. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures he is taking to reduce the cost of energy for households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [44556/25]

*96. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the analysis that has been carried out on the impact of the Government's decision not to provide energy credits this winter; the impact this is projected to have on households in arrears; if he anticipates the numbers of households in arrears will rise this winter; the measures he is taking to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [44557/25]

*97. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures he is taking to ease the energy burden on households this winter given the decision to not supply energy credits; if he anticipates households will be able to withstand the increased annual cost in real terms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [44558/25]

*98. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to report on his engagements with the CRU since he took office; if he has discussed what powers they have to monitor and regulate hedging; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [44559/25]

*99. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the engagements he has had with the CRU regarding the speed of passthrough between wholesale and retail energy prices; to outline the reasons prices have fallen more slowly here than other states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [44560/25]

*100. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the analysis that has been carried out on the cost of energy for households between 2022 and to date in 2025; the measures he is taking to reduce them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [44561/25]

*101. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the energy market reforms he is considering to reduce the cost of energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [44562/25]

*102. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason Irish energy prices are so high compared to other EU states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [44563/25]

*103. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment given the International Court of Justice new advisory opinion (details supplied), and State's obligations under international human rights law, whether he is still undecided on his stance regarding the legal recognition of the right to a healthy environment at the Council of Europe. — Conor D. McGuinness. [44647/25]

*104. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to report on the salaries of the CEO and Directors of a scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [44670/25]

*105. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment regarding the Return scheme, the number of unclaimed deposits per month over the past 24 months; the total value of unclaimed deposits to date in 2025; the value of unclaimed deposits per month over the past 24 months; the total value of unclaimed deposits to date in 2025; the overall percentage reduction-increase in recycling of single use containers; the overall percentage reduction-increase of single use containers per month since the start of the return scheme; and the total number of single use containers used in 2020 , 2021, 2022 , 2023 and 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [44671/25]

*106. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 156 of 29 July 2025, if any parameters were put in place regarding the type of projects the €3.5 billion will be targeted towards; if this investment can be used to power data centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [44745/25]

*107. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 204 of 29 July 2025, to report on meeting with energy suppliers; the breakdown of the energy suppliers he has met with since taking office; the dates these meetings took place; whether energy price increases and decreases were discussed; if he discussed network charge passthrough to energy bills; if the impact on bills of PR 6 was discussed, in tabular form and to report on any more discussions that took place. — Pa Daly. [44746/25]

*108. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the assurances he will give to constituents in County Kerry in respect of a serious matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44784/25]

*109. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment in view of the most recent data showing that over 300,000 households are now in arrears on their energy bills and given mounting reports that families are being forced to choose between paying for electricity or groceries, if consideration will be given to reintroducing targeted energy credits,; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [44786/25]

*110. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the details of the funding that has been provided to Westmeath and Longford County Councils in the past 5 years to implement local climate action plans, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [44798/25]

*111. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reasons for the delay in transposing the Renewable Energy Directive III into national law, for which the European Commission has now launched infringement proceedings against Ireland; the steps he is taking to address this failure; if a detailed roadmap or legislative timeline for compliance with the Directive is now in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [44859/25]

*112. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of households in counties Longford and Westmeath which had electricity or gas disconnection in the past year due to non-payment. — Sorca Clarke. [44867/25]

*113. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason for the cancellation of the €250 universal energy credit in Budget 2026; if a cost–benefit analysis was conducted comparing universal versus targeted relief; and estimated number of households adversely impacted by the change. — Ken O’Flynn. [44912/25]

*114. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current Government strategy to support households facing rising energy costs in the absence of universal credits; and if further supports such as winter fuel allowances, insulation grants, or reduced VAT are under consideration for vulnerable households. — Ken O’Flynn. [44915/25]

*115. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the funding sources available for individuals or companies working on development new and innovative sources of renewable energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45064/25]

*116. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to indicate the progress made on each of the 10 actions set out in the Electricity Storage Policy Strategy published last year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45066/25]

*117. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to what extent the inability to dynamically share a contracted Maximum Export Capacity (MEC) between different technology types sharing a single connection point is limiting the development of hybrid renewable energy generation and electricity storage; the steps being taken to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45067/25]

*118. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department has examined the cap-and-floor mechanism announced by the UK Government in 2024 for the electricity storage sector; if consideration has been given to the introduction of a similar mechanism here in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45068/25]

*119. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of home energy upgrades that have been supported through SEAI retrofitting schemes in Longford and Westmeath in the past five years. — Sorca Clarke. [45080/25]

*120. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the breakdown of all Exchequer funding provided to the Tallaght district heating scheme; and the proportion this was of the total cost of the project in each of the years since its inception to date, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [45171/25]

*121. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the breakdown of all Exchequer funding provided to the Poolbeg Waste to Energy Project; and the proportion this was of the total cost of the project in each of the years since its inception to date, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [45172/25]

*122. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the breakdown of all Exchequer funding provided to the district heating at the glass bottle site; and the proportion this

was of the total cost of the project in each of the years since its inception to date, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [45173/25]

*123. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if eligibility rules have changed for applicants for SEAI grants for homes; if so, if successful applicants previous to the change in rules can still get access to old rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45263/25]

*124. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the amount of funding the State received from the European Just Transition Fund; the sectors that have received funding from the fund to date; the amount that has been received under each funding stream; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [45462/25]

*125. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the way in which a farmer (details supplied) can find out who owns the fishing rights on their land which bounds the River Suir; the way in which they can register their right to fish on their land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45465/25]

*126. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has developed or holds any strategic mapping or spatial planning data identifying areas where wind farms are viable; if so, whether such maps are available to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [45663/25]

*127. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on his efforts to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to revise and improve the provision of grants and financing models for homeowners who wish to retrofit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45714/25]

*128. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on the merits of providing targeted support in the form of tax breaks for businesses that rent out clothes, to promote the circular economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45760/25]

*129. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on the merits of providing targeted support in the form of tax breaks for businesses that rent out clothes, to promote the circular economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45761/25]

*130. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will provide an update on the mechanisms available to homeowners whose properties have been damaged as a result of works carried out under SEAI approved retrofit schemes; the redress routes that are open to affected households in cases where contractors have carried out substandard and damaging works; if he will report on the monitoring and enforcement systems in place to ensure quality assurance and contractor accountability within SEAI retrofit programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [45830/25]

*131. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the criteria used to determine the order in which households on the life support category of the priority services register receive solar panel installation under the solar PV for the medically vulnerable scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [45846/25]

*132. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the staffing and resources available to the MARA are sufficient to enable the agency to adequately perform its statutory functions to validate, assess and issue MACs and MULs in a timely manner. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45869/25]

*133. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to urgently investigate the source of the pollution that caused the death of tens of thousands of fish in the River Blackwater and some of its tributaries, i.e. a toxic chemical spill or as a result of something else, as this wipeout will have a devastating impact on our tourism Industry; and to ensure that the cause is identified and never repeated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45908/25]

*134. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to identify which Minister of State has responsibility for Inland Fisheries Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45996/25]

*135. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if a report on the Munster Blackwater river biodiversity loss has been submitted to the Minister; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45997/25]

*136. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment has he received a briefing on the recent Blackwater River fish kill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45998/25]

*137. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he has met with the acting CEO of Inland Fisheries Ireland in relation to the recent Blackwater river fish kill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45999/25]

*138. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures he is taking to address the impact of data centres on energy bills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [46022/25]

*139. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures he is taking to address the warnings the Government received regarding the upward pressure data centre expansion is having on household energy bills (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [46023/25]

*140. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to report on his engagements with the CRU since taking office; the date and details of any meetings that took place; the issues discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [46024/25]

*141. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he has met with the Minister for Housing to discuss what impact the constrained grid is having on housing supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [46025/25]

*142. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he has considered legislating so that the CRU has the mandate to authorise the prioritising of certain grid connections on the basis of their social good, as they do in other countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [46026/25]

*143. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the land use review will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46035/25]

*144. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will clarify recent statements he has made regarding progress on climate targets in light of the 2.9% increase in greenhouse gas emissions in Q1 2025 compared to Q1 2024, as reported recently by the EPA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46038/25]

*145. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to outline his proposed policy response to the recently reported 2.9% increase in greenhouse gas emissions in Q1 2025 compared to Q1 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46039/25]

*146. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the 2.9% increase in greenhouse gas emissions in Q1 2025 compared to Q1 2024 as reported by the EPA recently renders Ireland at risk of non-compliance with the legally binding sectoral ceilings under the Climate Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46040/25]

*147. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he has engaged with or met the EPA following their recent report of a 2.9% increase in greenhouse gas emissions in Q1 2025 compared to Q1 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46041/25]

*148. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on his Department's identification of opportunities for additional peatlands for enhanced rehabilitation, as committed to in the National Peatlands Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46043/25]

*149. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on his Department's assessment of the contributing factors that led to three major peatland failures in 2020, as committed to in the National Peatlands Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46046/25]

*150. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the scoping study report on mapping peat depth and carbon storage as committed to in the National Peatlands Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46047/25]

*151. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to outline how a State-led FSRU would be compliant with the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46048/25]

*152. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the timeline and cost for the development of the State-led strategic gas emergency reserve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46049/25]

*153. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when his Department expects to finalise policy and legislation on the operation of a State-led strategic emergency gas reserve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46050/25]

*154. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide figures on the uptake of the low-cost loan scheme for 2025 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46051/25]

*155. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide updated figures on the installation of solar panels in homes, new and retrofitted, to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46052/25]

*156. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide updated figures on the homes retrofitted to B2 or above, with a year-by-year breakdown to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46053/25]

*157. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to outline the status of the Marine Protected Areas Legislation and whether a decision has been made to retain it as stand-alone legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46084/25]

*158. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will publish the work done by his Department to date on the Marine Protected Areas Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46085/25]

*159. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the status of the investigation into the mass fish mortality on the River Blackwater in north Cork; the preliminary Marine Institute test results; the suspected pollutant class; the affected river length; the estimated mortality; and if a compensation scheme for angling clubs and river stewardship groups is being prepared. — Ken O'Flynn. [46129/25]

*160. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if there are any changes to the SEAI grants for solar panels for houses built after 2020; the up-to-date position on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [46169/25]

*161. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to review the possibility of increasing the number of water refill stations available in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [46180/25]

*162. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the overall budget for Inland Fisheries Ireland for 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [46200/25]

*163. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the amount of Inland Fisheries Ireland's overall budget that was allocated for staffing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [46201/25]

*164. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the total funding allocated to County Louth under this Department from 2023 to date, per year in tabular form. — Erin McGreehan. [46358/25]

*165. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his reasoning for not including floor insulation in the better energy warmer homes scheme (details supplied); if he has any plans to include it going forward; the supports if any available to those who wish to install underfloor insulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [46360/25]

*166. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the immediate measures that will be taken to relieve households and businesses in Cork from disproportionately high energy costs, given the rising cost of electricity bills driven by grid charges. — Ken O'Flynn. [46379/25]

*167. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the means by which he is planning to synchronise local infrastructure investment in Cork to maximise benefits in energy resilience, cost relief, and renewable uptake, with the Celtic Interconnector due for completion in 2028. — Ken O'Flynn. [46382/25]

*168. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if there are specific development guidelines for the development of large-scale fossil-fuel-bio-fuel powered energy projects similar to the 2006 wind energy guidelines (details supplied); if not, whether his Department have any plans to develop or draft guidelines for such developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [46393/25]

*169. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the immediate investigatory and remediation measures that are being deployed in response to the largest-ever fish kill in the river Blackwater; and the means by which affected communities and ecosystems will be supported. — Ken O'Flynn. [46396/25]

*170. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the projected timeline for connection and activation of the Celtic Interconnector's subsea cable, with laying now underway; and the means by which the benefits will be communicated and leveraged for regional investment. — Ken O'Flynn. [46399/25]

*171. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide the details and addresses of all properties in the ownership of the Department that are absolved from paying commercial rates to the relevant local authority of the location that the property is in; to provide a similar list of properties for agencies or bodies under its remit that are also absolved from commercial rates, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [46433/25]

*172. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will report on the next steps to be taken in the process of transitioning Ireland's municipal waste collection market from its current side-by-side licensing system to a franchise tendering system; the timeline by which a decision will be made, either to retain the current model or change to a franchise system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [46553/25]

*173. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the work of the National Energy Affordability Taskforce and its work on drafting an energy affordability action plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [46560/25]

*174. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to outline any legal impediments to re-introducing the market revenue cap in the wholesale electricity market to guard against spikes in the gas markets increasing all electricity costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46600/25]

*175. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his plans to advocate for the Global Plastics Treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [46603/25]

*176. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the engagements he has had with electricity network operators since storm Éowyn this year to ensure that critical electricity infrastructure remains operational during and after damaging storms as many communities faced extensive outages in the aftermath of storm Éowyn; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [46623/25]

*177. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the timeline for consultation on Ireland's Social Climate Plan. — Emer Currie. [46671/25]

*178. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the percentage of the capital funding for works, under better energy warmer homes scheme that were spent in the first 7 months of 2025; and if he will provide figures for the corresponding period in 2024 and 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [46703/25]

*179. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of domestic electricity customers in arrears and the average value of the arrears; the number of commercial electricity customers in arrears; the number of domestic gas customers in arrears and the average value of the arrears; the number of commercial gas customers in arrears; the number of domestic electricity customers in arrears for more than 90 days; the number of domestic gas customers in arrears for more than 90 days; the number of domestic electricity disconnections; the number of domestic gas disconnections; the number of domestic electricity customer switches; the number of non-domestic electricity customer switches; for the months of June and July 2025, using the information provided to his Department's Retail Energy Policy and Regulation Division in the monthly market update by the Commission for Regulation of Utilities, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46727/25]

*180. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if a data centre is considered an islanded data centre, if it is powered by gas powered generators offsite connected via a private wire, as was suggested in recent media reports (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [46729/25]

*181. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will provide an update on his policy regarding the establishment of a strategic gas reserve; if private companies will be considered as part of the delivery or operation of this reserve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [46738/25]

*182. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if comprehensive environmental assessments have been undertaken on proposals from private companies to operate or host Ireland's strategic gas reserve; the status of such applications or assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [46739/25]

*183. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the criteria being used to determine whether the State, private companies, or a mixture of both should operate or develop strategic gas storage infrastructure; and if he will comment on the transparency of the decision-making process. — Shay Brennan. [46740/25]

*184. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to list the stakeholders, including private companies, community groups and industry, that have been consulted on the future of gas storage and liquid natural gas in Ireland in 2024 and 2025; and to confirm if feedback from these groups will inform final policy. — Shay Brennan. [46741/25]

*185. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason Irish households are paying 30% above the EU average for electricity, with annual bills €350 higher; and if this cost burden is being factored into the forthcoming energy poverty strategy, particularly given that 301,000 households were in arrears as of July 2025. — Ken O’Flynn. [46828/25]

*186. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to outline details of engagement during 2025 between the Government and ESB regarding the future development of Moneypoint power station; and to detail the plans that exist for the transformation of the facility into a renewable energy hub. — Joe Cooney. [46971/25]

*187. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the funding allocated under the solar PV scheme, by county, to date in 2025; the number of successful applicants in each county, in tabular form; if changes are being considered to the maximum grant of €1,800; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [46972/25]

*188. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the support measures being considered to assist households facing increased energy costs; and to outline what Government strategies are being implemented to stabilise energy prices and protect consumers. — Joe Cooney. [46974/25]

*189. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if assistance will be provided under the SEAI solar panel grant scheme to person (details supplied) experiencing significant electricity bills due to a medical condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [46978/25]

*190. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the consultation on plans designating renewables acceleration areas for one or more types of renewable energy sources under Article 15c of the RED III Directive is due to commence. — Roderic O’Gorman. [47096/25]

*191. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment which public authority or authorities will designate renewable acceleration areas for one or more types of renewable energy sources under Article 15c of the RED III Directive. — Roderic O’Gorman. [47097/25]

*192. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the coordinated mapping for the deployment of renewable energy under Article 15b of the RED III Directive is due to be completed; which public authority or authorities are carrying it out; and whether the results of the mapping will be published. — Roderic O’Gorman. [47098/25]

*193. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current installed and operational electricity storage capacity in megawatts and megawatt hours, by technology; the pipeline to 2030; the number and location of black-start capable sites; and the contingency plan to meet N-1 security during severe weather events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47190/25]

*194. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the State's current days-of-cover for petrol, diesel, kerosene and jet fuel; whether he intends to introduce a statutory minimum stockholding obligation; the proposed level and compliance regime; the implementation timeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47194/25]

*195. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the annual tonnage of e-waste and end of life vehicles recovered since 2021, including copper, aluminium and steel; the tonnage exported under waste shipment rules, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47210/25]

*196. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has examined waste heat recovery from potential electric arc furnace operations for district heating or industrial users; the proposed supports available under the heat retrofit or Exchequer funded schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47217/25]

*197. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the progress that has been made in light of the impact of storm Éowyn regarding the reduction of severe weather impacts on critical infrastructure and essential services including energy supplies; if he will outline the investment plans in place to strengthen such networks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47235/25]

*198. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 256 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47351/25]

*199. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 257 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47369/25]

*200. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will provide an update on offshore wind energy projects off the Irish coast; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47437/25]

*201. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on offshore wind energy projects off the Dublin coast; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47459/25]

*202. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of households in Dublin bay north that availed of the warmer homes scheme in 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47460/25]

*203. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of solar PV installations supported by SEAI in Dublin bay north in 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47461/25]

*204. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the external consultation that is planned in the run up to submitting a draft National Building Renovation Plan to the European Commission by 31 December 2025; and the specific arrangements that are being put in

place to ensure that the voices of those most impacted by energy poverty are heard.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [47468/25]

*205. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the consultation on plans designating renewables acceleration areas for one or more types of renewable energy sources under Article 15c of the RED III Directive is due to commence. — Roderic O’Gorman. [47470/25]

*206. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the public authority or authorities that will designate renewables acceleration areas for one or more types of renewable energy sources under Article 15c of the RED III Directive; and when will the necessary transposing legislation be put in place. — Roderic O’Gorman. [47471/25]

*207. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the coordinated mapping for the deployment of renewable energy under Article 15b of the RED III Directive is due to be completed and the public authority or authorities is/are carrying it out; and whether the results of the mapping will be published. — Roderic O’Gorman. [47472/25]

*208. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the average household electricity costs in 2023 compared with 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47477/25]

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

*209. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of entities designated as “critical entities” by sector under the CER regulations; the date on which the National Strategy for the Resilience of Critical Entities will be published; the number of compliance audits completed to date; the enforcement actions taken, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47189/25]

*210. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of personnel currently being trained to serve in the Joint Cyber Defence Command; the number of staff currently deployed within the command; and the number of personnel expected to be deployed once it becomes fully operational. — Erin McGreehan. [44505/25]

*211. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 58 of 12 June 2025, the number of Reserve Defence Force applications received each year from 2020 to date in 2025, in tabular form; and the actions currently being taken to support recruitment to the reserve. — Erin McGreehan. [44574/25]

*212. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the RTSD allocation was exhausted before the end of 2024; the number of reservists were left unpaid as a result; the steps that were taken to mitigate hardship; and the measures that are being introduced to prevent this from recurring in 2025. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [45106/25]

*213. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his views on the 21 consecutive day PRSI threshold and its impact on the operational reality of the modern RDF; and if his Department undertake a review to assess whether this interpretation is compliant with the intent of social insurance law and examine its potential exposure to retrospective employer PRSI and pension liabilities. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [45107/25]

*214. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to consider a request from an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45108/25]

*215. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide a list of all unused properties, lands and buildings, under the ownership or control of her Department within County Kerry; the length of time they have been idle; the plans in place, if any, for future use; if these unused properties, lands and buildings can be used for affordable and social housing and low cost sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45183/25]

*216. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the Reserve Training and Support Day allocation was exhausted before the end of 2024; if so, the number of reservists who were left unpaid as a result; the steps being taken to mitigate hardship; the measures being introduced to prevent this from recurring in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45199/25]

*217. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will acknowledge that the 21 consecutive day PRSI threshold no longer reflects the operational reality of the modern Reserve Defence Force; if his Department will undertake a review to assess whether this interpretation is compliant with the intent of social insurance law and examine its potential exposure to retrospective employer PRSI and pension liabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45200/25]

*218. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of deaths in service of Defence Forces personnel since 1 January 2000, by barracks, airbase, naval base or overseas, by cause of death, in tabular format. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [45397/25]

*219. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to the treatment of a person (details supplied); if he will confirm whether proper procedures and Defence Forces regulations, including TS INF 090/2018 Amendment 5, were adhered to during the assessment and retesting process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [45571/25]

*220. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the reason the Defence Forces have a policy of excluding candidate who have had LASIK eye surgery from joining; the number of serving members of the Defence Forces that have undergone laser eye surgery, including LASIK, during or prior to their service; and the reason the Defence Forces does not provide an option for candidates who have previously had LASIK eye surgery to sign a waiver acknowledging the potential risks, in order to allow them to enlist. — Albert Dolan. [45918/25]

*221. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide an update on the total funding allocated to County Louth under this Department from 2023 to date, per year in tabular form. — Erin McGreehan. [46345/25]

*222. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide the details and addresses of all properties in the ownership of the Department that are absolved from paying commercial rates to the relevant local authority of the location that the property is in; to provide a similar list of properties for agencies or bodies under its remit that are also absolved from commercial rates, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [46435/25]

*223. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his Department's plans to replace Ireland's primary overseas deployment following the UNIFIL drawdown concluding in 2027, including

candidate missions under UN, EU, or NATO-partnership frameworks; the projected deployment strength and cost profiles for 2026–2028; and the status of triple-lock reform proposals and timelines. — Ken O’Flynn. [46514/25]

*224. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of full time civilian groom staff working within the Defence Forces equitation school in the years of 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [46712/25]

*225. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when the runway at casement aerodrome was last resurfaced; when the runway is next scheduled to be resurfaced. — Paul Donnelly. [46713/25]

*226. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of meetings of the Government Task Force on Emergency Planning held since 2022; the exercises completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47201/25]

*227. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the offshore patrol vessel sea-days, Air Corps aircraft flight hours, maritime domain awareness coverage, and interoperability protocols with UK and EU partners achieved in each of the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47202/25]

*228. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 353 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47353/25]

*229. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 354 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47371/25]

*230. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the up-to-date position regarding the renewal of the UNIFIL mandate in Lebanon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47428/25]

*231. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the progress to date in improving recruitment and retention of personnel in the Permanent Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47429/25]

*232. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the likely cost to the exchequer of the full implementation of welfare provisions in the working time directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47502/25]

*233. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence whether it is his intention to require the Defence Forces to pay for welfare provisions from existing resources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47503/25]

*234. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence whether it is the intention to pay for the implementation of welfare provisions from pay deductions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47504/25]

*235. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current capacity of the reserve Defence Forces, including total strength and training days completed in each of the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47521/25]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*236. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans to invest in sustainable aviation fuel infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47127/25]

*237. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of antisocial behaviour incidents reported on public transport services in Dublin Bay North in 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47465/25]

*238. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated completion date for the LUAS Finglas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [44433/25]

*239. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to link the LUAS Finglas project with Ballymun and Santry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [44434/25]

*240. To ask the Minister for Transport in the context of additional funding for MetroLink being provided in the new National Development Plan, the updated estimated date for the completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [44435/25]

*241. To ask the Minister for Transport if local authorities are required to re advertise the community involvement scheme every two years, including requesting existing applications to re-apply. — Mattie McGrath. [44455/25]

*242. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the progress of the review of the large public service vehicle licensing system that his Department are undertaking; his plans to streamline the current inspection process and eliminate duplication across various testing regimes, including the Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness Test; and if he will indicate a date in which the review will be complete. — Frankie Feighan. [44456/25]

*243. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will introduce a financial support scheme to assist commercial bus operators with the costs of upgrading their tachograph systems to comply with EU law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [44457/25]

*244. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a timeframe on when digital payments will be introduced across all public transport in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [44458/25]

*245. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on plans to support of high speed rail link between Cork and Dublin, in line with the new National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [44470/25]

*246. To ask the Minister for Transport the increase in the number of passengers travelling on Iarnród Éireann rail line services in 2024, by route; the plans for further investment in rail services in the National Development Plan to meet demand on existing and re-opened lines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [44511/25]

*247. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for the current N28 after the M28 becomes operational in 2028; his plans for a sustainable travel corridor on this route, connecting Carrigaline, Ringaskiddy and other areas with Douglas and the City Centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [44515/25]

*248. To ask the Minister for Transport the amounts paid to vehicle owners for damage caused to vehicles on public roads from potholes, poor surface and other reasons; the amounts paid in 2022, 2023, 2024 in each local authority area; the amounts from the national figure for example number of claims paid less than €250, €500, €750, €1,000, €1250 and so on, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [44543/25]

*249. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 51 of 26 March 2025, if the review of processes by his Department relative to the Irish coast guard building programme has been completed; the outcome of the review process and the current position of all projects on the building programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [44544/25]

*250. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider the creation of a direct route from the M3 Parkway to Connolly station and Pearse station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [44565/25]

*251. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of difficulties in accessing the blue parking badge for people with additional needs who are mobile but cannot walk unaided; if he will review the criteria for this scheme to ensure those who need it can access it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44619/25]

*252. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a person (details supplied) was refused the blue parking badge on the grounds that they can walk unaided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44620/25]

*253. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the derogatory wording used in RSA advisory materials regarding wheelchair users on public roads (details supplied) will be amended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [44624/25]

*254. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new driving testers appointment within the country and per county; to confirm whether these are new testers or whether they have been taken from other testing area's (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44625/25]

*255. To ask the Minister for Transport for a timeline on when he will be upgrading the N2/A5 route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [44672/25]

*256. To ask the Minister for Transport in view of the publication of the National Development Plan, if he will ensure that there is additional funding for road maintenance in the non-national road network in counties with no rail service or ferry service and poor soil, such as Cavan and Monaghan, who are heavily reliant on the road network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [44673/25]

*257. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding allocated to all local authorities for repair and maintenance of regional and local road network, in each year from 2020 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [44674/25]

*258. To ask the Minister for Transport the percentage of roads in Ireland that constitute regional roads; the percentage of roads in each local authority in the country that constitute regional roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [44675/25]

*259. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of kilometres of regional roads that exist in Ireland; and the number of kilometres of regional road that exist in each local authority in the country. — Peadar Tóibín. [44676/25]

*260. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of regional and local roads decommissioned over the past ten years, and to date in 2025. — Peadar Tóibín. [44692/25]

*261. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which his Department has integrated planning for shared mobility hubs into metropolitan area transport strategies and other relevant plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maeve O'Connell. [44706/25]

*262. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which his Department is implementing promotional campaigns to support the uptake of shared mobility modes. — Maeve O'Connell. [44707/25]

*263. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which his Department is developing a brand identity for publicly built and procured shared mobility hubs. — Maeve O'Connell. [44708/25]

*264. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made by his Department in preparing guidance for local authorities on the development of inclusive shared mobility hubs in line with universal design principles. — Maeve O'Connell. [44709/25]

*265. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which his Department is working with shared mobility providers to promote safe usage of shared micromobility modes. — Maeve O'Connell. [44710/25]

*266. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which his Department is supporting small businesses and employment opportunities through the development of shared mobility hubs. — Maeve O'Connell. [44711/25]

*267. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which his Department is supporting the use of shared mobility hubs with a focus on disadvantaged groups and micro-enterprises. — Maeve O'Connell. [44712/25]

*268. To ask the Minister for Transport the data his Department has available showcasing the effectiveness of shared mobility hubs. — Maeve O'Connell. [44713/25]

*269. To ask the Minister for Transport to advise where shared mobility hubs will be developed; and the criteria for deciding a location's eligibility. — Maeve O'Connell. [44714/25]

*270. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will take action to ensure that the pension scheme for retired Aer Lingus workers is restored to its pre-2015 level; if he is aware of the financial hardships the reductions have caused these pensioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [44725/25]

*271. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to issues in correspondence (details supplied); the actions he will take to restore confidence in structures and governance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44787/25]

*272. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of an application for a person (details supplied) to exchange an overseas driving licence for an Irish licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44792/25]

*273. To ask the Minister for Transport to examine details of concerns in relation to CIE's current pension ballot process (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [44795/25]

*274. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has received complaints, internal correspondence, or protected disclosures concerning potential breaches of corporate governance, conflicts of interest, or procedural irregularities during the recent appointment of a chief executive at a State-owned port company under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [44811/25]

*275. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department was formally informed by members of the board of a State owned port company of any divergence of views, allegations of conflict of interest, or concerns regarding adherence to statutory or advertised criteria during the recruitment of a new chief executive; and the actions, if any, that were taken in response. — Ken O'Flynn. [44812/25]

*276. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm whether the candidate ultimately appointed as chief executive of a State owned port company met the advertised requirements, specifically the need for substantial commercial experience at or near CEO level within a complex, customer facing B2B organisation with a significant infrastructure asset base; and if his Department undertook any independent review of compliance with the eligibility framework. — Ken O'Flynn. [44813/25]

*277. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Department maintains specific protocols or published guidance for identifying and managing potential or perceived conflicts of interest involving members of selection panels in semi-State executive recruitment processes; and whether such protocols were followed during the recent executive appointment at a State owned port company. — Ken O'Flynn. [44814/25]

*278. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has received and reviewed the most recent external governance evaluation of a State port company where serious internal disagreement was recorded during a senior executive recruitment process; and if he will publish or present to the Oireachtas Transport Committee the findings of the review alongside any available records of internal board performance self-assessments conducted during the same period. — Ken O'Flynn. [44815/25]

*279. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review correspondence (details supplied); the steps being considered to address the matter raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44828/25]

*280. To ask the Minister for Transport If he will extend the SPSV licencing period for standard taxi vehicles first registered in 2016, as due to prior extensions given to older vehicles

SPSV standard taxi vehicles with a 2014 first registration date are eligible to continue being used as a taxi until 2027. — Brian Stanley. [44833/25]

*281. To ask the Minister for Transport to examine the case for additional bus stop at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44846/25]

*282. To ask the Minister for Transport whether planning guidelines will be updated to allow the installation of private chargers, for an on-street or public parking space, for electric vehicles; if he intends to introduce a programme to allow drivers to access public charging in their area at a rate similar to domestic electricity prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44854/25]

*283. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide statistics on the number of major national or regional transport projects currently delayed due to judicial reviews; and if he plans to introduce legal reforms or expedited processes to prevent long-term stalling of essential infrastructure projects. — Ken O'Flynn. [44914/25]

*284. To ask the Minister for Transport to urgently re-examine the need for a foot bridge connecting Killarney Railway station and Killarney Bus station (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44928/25]

*285. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of drivers disqualified in court, by month, to date in 2025; the number who failed to surrender their licence/learner permit to the Road Safety Authority as required by law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [44977/25]

*286. To ask the Minister for Transport when the sustainable aviation fuel policy roadmap will be published given its importance in supporting decarbonisation efforts across the aviation sector and meeting Ireland's climate targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45019/25]

*287. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps his Department will take to ensure that a fully quorate representative committee, constituted strictly in accordance with the scheme's governing statutory instrument (detail supplied) is restored as a matter of priority. — Sorca Clarke. [45040/25]

*288. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Pension's Authority is investigating the current concerns surrounding the governance arrangements of the CIÉ Superannuation Scheme 1951 as raised by members of the scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [45041/25]

*289. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will instruct the Pension's Authority to investigate the current concerns surrounding the governance arrangements of the CIÉ Superannuation Scheme 1951 as raised by members of the scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [45042/25]

*290. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of extending the young adult travel card at the current 50% discount for the 26-29 (inclusive) year old age cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [45049/25]

*291. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of extending the young adult travel card at a new 25% discount for the 26-29 (inclusive) year old age cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45050/25]

*292. To ask the Minister for Transport if new double decker buses being procured by Dublin Bus will have adequate floor space on the ground floor for two wheelchairs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45057/25]

*293. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on his proposals to revise the National Aviation Policy, as per the Programme for Government; the timeline for this; and at what point he proposes to engage with the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45060/25]

*294. To ask the Minister for Transport when his Department will publish its Demand Management Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45062/25]

*295. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide clarity on planning dimensions for a footpath under BusConnects (details supplied). — Emer Currie. [45144/25]

*296. To ask the Minister for Transport when the commitment announced in budget 2025 to provide free public transport for children under nine years of age will be implemented. — Albert Dolan. [45169/25]

*297. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a list of all unused properties, lands and buildings, under the ownership or control of his Department within County Kerry; the length of time they have been idle; the plans in place, if any, for future use; if these unused properties, lands and buildings can be used for affordable and social housing and low cost sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45187/25]

*298. To ask the Minister for Transport the total cost incurred by his Department and TII in 2024 and to date in 2025, for the repair and maintenance of the national road and rail network; the breakdown of these costs, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [45191/25]

*299. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will allocate the necessary funding to upgrade the N72 road between Fermoy, County Cork and Tallow, County Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45210/25]

*300. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of disqualifications imposed on Irish licence holders in 2024 and to date in 2025 that were not possible to enforce as no match could be found to link the disqualification to the appropriate driver record resulting in a Shell record being created on the NVDF database; the number that have been removed from the Shell record as no match could be found within the disqualification period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45224/25]

*301. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of disqualifications imposed on learner permit holders in 2024 and to date in 2025 that were not possible to enforce as no match could be found to link the disqualification to the appropriate driver record resulting in a Shell record being created on the NVDF database; the number that have been removed from the Shell record as a

match could not be found within the disqualification period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45225/25]

*302. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of Irish licence holders who incurred penalty points in 2024 and to date in 2025 resulting in a Shell record being created as it was not possible to match the penalty points to the appropriate driver record; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45226/25]

*303. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the plans for the 15a bus service to be cancelled, affecting many people along the route; and if he will request his Department to investigate this issue and ensure that residents are not negatively impacted. — Paul Murphy. [45235/25]

*304. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason widows and orphans were omitted from the CIÉ regular wage scheme from 1945 until 2003; his views on the assertion by some CIÉ retirees that the omission ensured CIÉ retirees could get the full pension benefit that other public servants had pre-2003; and if any assessment has been made as to the cost of addressing this perceived historic anomaly?. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45251/25]

*305. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost of the cycle lane on route R448, Moone to Timolin, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [45293/25]

*306. To ask the Minister for Transport the locations of cycle lanes provided, or under construction, by TII since the beginning of 2025; the cost of these lanes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [45294/25]

*307. To ask the Minister for Transport the safety guidelines in use for the provision of cycle lanes in the State; when these regulations were last updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [45295/25]

*308. To ask the Minister for Transport the original allocations and payments made by Transport Infrastructure Ireland to local authorities for national roads from 2020 to date in 2025 by local authority, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [45358/25]

*309. To ask the Minister for Transport the original allocations and payments made by Transport Infrastructure Ireland to local authorities for regional roads from 2020 to date in 2025 by local authority, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [45359/25]

*310. To ask the Minister for Transport the original allocations and payments made by Transport Infrastructure Ireland to local authorities for greenway projects from 2020 to date in 2025 by local authority, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [45360/25]

*311. To ask the Minister for Transport the most recent time Irish Rail marked and or resurfaced the carpark to the front of a station (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [45363/25]

*312. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown of funding allocated to greenways in each of the years 2020 to 2025, by county, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [45365/25]

*313. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown of funding drawn down for greenways in each of the years 2020 to 2025, by county, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [45366/25]

*314. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress on development of greenways; the breakdown of progress for each greenway in development; whether they were delivered on time, are in progress or face delays, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [45367/25]

*315. To ask the Minister for Transport the financial supports available to taxi drivers, particularly taxi drivers renting their vehicles and wishing to purchase their own vehicle with the assistance of a grant; if additional funding will be made available to allow for the reopening of the eSPSV and WAV grant schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [45368/25]

*316. To ask the Minister for Transport the current waiting times for driving tests in each centre in counties Longford and Westmeath; and the number of applicants currently waiting beyond ten to 12 weeks in each test centre, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [45400/25]

*317. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Pension's Authority is currently investigating the current concerns surrounding the governance arrangements of the CIÉ Superannuation Scheme 1951, as raised by members of the scheme (details supplied); if not, if he will instruct the Pension's Authority to investigate the current concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [45411/25]

*318. To ask the Minister for Transport to support a request by Kerry County Council to Transport Infrastructure Ireland to allocate a sustainability payment to the farmers and landowners along the south Kerry Greenway in recognition of their input to this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45413/25]

*319. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request Transport Infrastructure Ireland to reply to queries from Kerry County Council and public representatives in Kerry, who have requested funding to design and provide a new roadway through Cahersiveen town (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45414/25]

*320. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the NTA funding profile if the Lehenaghmore Road improvement scheme, by quarter through completion; the KPI targets for bus journey-time reliability and cycle counts at Forge Hill/Matthew Hill; and the contingency arrangements to maintain access for residents and businesses during phased works (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [45419/25]

*321. To ask the Minister for Transport the expected ridership in year one of the TFI Local Link route 530, Fermoy to Mallow starting 18 August and route 255 Kinsale to Cork west on 25 August; the integration with Cork BusConnects corridors and TFI 90-minute fare policy; and the metrics for first-last-mile connectivity in rural Cork for bike parking and on-demand links. — Ken O'Flynn. [45423/25]

*322. To ask the Minister for Transport the projected ridership levels for Quarter 4 2025 of the TFI Local Link route 530 between Mallow and Fermoy; and if a follow-up survey on rural access to education and healthcare will be published to assess impact in the north Cork region. — Ken O'Flynn. [45440/25]

*323. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will take into consideration the huge demand and interest in a new bus route in County Kerry by providing a bus service from Beaufort via Churchtown, St. Mary's of the Angels, Meanus and onto Killorglin and vice versa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45459/25]

*324. To ask the Minister for Transport to ensure that full compliance by the DAA will be adhered to with north runway planning conditions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [45461/25]

*325. To ask the Minister for Transport when the route selection report for the N24 Waterford to Cahir scheme will be published given it was due to be published in Quarter 2 2025; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45515/25]

*326. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of commercial flights that departed from each of the airports in Dublin, Cork, Shannon, Knock and Kerry in 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [45516/25]

*327. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to ensure the leap card is available via mobile phones into the future. — Alan Kelly. [45689/25]

*328. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the amended contract arrangements for standby crews, to active on-duty search and rescue, under the control of the Irish aviation authority (details supplied); his views on whether this change is contrary to laws regarding fair working conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45778/25]

*329. To ask the Minister for Transport in view of the outcome of the review of the national development plan, will TII provide details of schemes that can be progressed over the coming years which are dependent on the availability of sufficient funds and in particular a project in county Laois (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45810/25]

*330. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of CIÉ habitual properties in County Kilkenny; the number being resided in; the number that are vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [45818/25]

*331. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of CIÉ habitual properties in County Kilkenny that were sold in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [45819/25]

*332. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of CIÉ habitual properties in County Carlow; the number being resided in; the number that are vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [45820/25]

*333. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of CIÉ habitual properties in County Carlow that were sold in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [45821/25]

*334. To ask the Minister for Transport when the second phase of the proposed speed limit changes will be introduced, including the introduction of a 30km/h speed limit in urban areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [45837/25]

*335. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider running a kerb charger pilot to enable people who do not have driveways to safely charge their electric cars. — Paul Murphy. [45843/25]

*336. To ask the Minister for Transport the current average waiting time for a driving test with an Irish-speaking tester in County Meath; the corresponding average wait times nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45909/25]

*337. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of PPS numbers lost or misplaced by the National Driver Licence Service over the past 20 years; the measures in place to address such administrative errors, which cause significant stress, inconvenience and expense to licence holders; and the immediate steps that will be taken to resolve a current case raised by this Deputy (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [45910/25]

*338. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the lack of standardisation in how taxis accept payment (details supplied); if a standardisation process can be considered to all customers, certainty prior to getting into the car; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45928/25]

*339. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of exemptions he has granted this year for the landing of Lufthansa aircraft carrying munitions of war at Dublin Airport under Article 5 of the Air Navigation (Carriage of Munitions of War, Weapons and Dangerous Goods) Order, 1973. — Paul Murphy. [45929/25]

*340. To ask the Minister for Transport the allocations of funding for roads and infrastructure maintenance for each local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45971/25]

*341. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of the national road network that Cork County Council has responsibility for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45972/25]

*342. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to address the phenomena of ‘ghost buses’; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [46005/25]

*343. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of ongoing problems with the TFI app (details supplied); the measures he is taking to address these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [46006/25]

*344. To ask the Minister for Transport his views regarding the voting system that recently took place in relation to a pension scheme for a State agency (details supplied) under the Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [46008/25]

*345. To ask the Minister for Transport for the percentage of appeals granted by the Dublin Street Parking Services and the NTA, in tabular form. — Jen Cummins. [46032/25]

*346. To ask the Minister for Transport to confirm that the proposed 81 bus route, which will replace the existing 15A route, will be rolled out in conjunction with the implementation of the A-Spine of the BusConnects network; that the 15A route will remain in-situ until that time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [46094/25]

*347. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding provided to the NTA for the purchase of new electric buses in 2023, 2024 and 2025; whether he intends on increasing this funding for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [46095/25]

*348. To ask the Minister for Transport the current waiting times for availing of a driving test at the various test centres nationwide as of the 1 August 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [46160/25]

*349. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if he will address the concerns raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [46209/25]

*350. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that the recently introduced E1 bus service does not include a passenger shelter; if he will reconsider this decision to ensure safe and comfortable waiting conditions for passengers; if he is aware that at present, there is no live feed or digital display showing bus timetables and arrival times; when such a system will be installed; if he is aware that overcrowding has become a frequent issue at the terminus (details supplied); if he will consider taking measures to either enlarge the terminus or manage bus scheduling more effectively to avoid oversubscription; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [46210/25]

*351. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of applicants currently waiting to sit the bus driving test in County Meath and nationwide; the average waiting time for applicants to be given a bus test date; and the measures being taken to increase the number of bus testers both in Meath and across the country, given the urgent demand for qualified bus drivers to serve the increasing number of school transport routes and replace those that have been cancelled by Bus Éireann recently. — Peadar Tóibín. [46215/25]

*352. To ask the Minister for Transport the nature of the refurbishment works that were carried out at Drumcondra train station in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [46226/25]

*353. To ask the Minister for Transport when he is next scheduled to meet with the Chief Executive of Iarnród Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [46227/25]

*354. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide funding for the development of Waterford airport and the timeframe for funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [46257/25]

*355. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of learner drivers that failed to show for their scheduled driving test appointment in July 2025 and August 2025, by driving test centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46268/25]

*356. To ask the Minister for Transport the model of bike share scheme he will introduce to replace the TFI bike scheme in Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [46274/25]

*357. To ask the Minister for Transport whether funding is available for traffic calming measures at a location (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [46290/25]

*358. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for alleviating increased traffic at a location (details supplied) in view of the planned increase in population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [46307/25]

*359. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide assurances that the Cork city bikes scheme will remain publicly accountable and accessible to all users, particularly in view of proposals to transition to a privately operated dockless model; the way in which affordability and equitable access will be safeguarded under the new system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [46308/25]

*360. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to expand the Cork city bikes scheme to suburban areas such as Douglas, Blackpool, Ballyphehane, and Ballincollig; the way in which the proposed changes to the scheme will affect service coverage in these communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [46309/25]

*361. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will provide a report on conducted or commissioned evaluations of dockless bike sharing systems in other cities including their impact on street clutter, regulation and user cost; if these findings will inform the future of the Cork city bikes scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [46310/25]

*362. To ask the Minister for Transport whether local stakeholders, including Cork city council and community groups were consulted in the decision to transition the Cork city bikes scheme to a dockless model; the consultation reports or feedback received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [46311/25]

*363. To ask the Minister for Transport, if he will contact the NTA regarding introducing a shuttle service between local suburbs in the Kinsealy, Malahide area and the village, making the rail station more accessible for persons who do not live directly in the village and will offer a positive alternative for car owners. — Ann Graves. [46332/25]

*364. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for the NTA/Dublin Bus to increase the frequency for the 142 and 41X bus routes from Holywell. — Ann Graves. [46333/25]

*365. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to provide a public transport service for residents in an area (details supplied). — Ann Graves. [46334/25]

*366. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the 33B bus route from Portrane to the Pavilions in Swords to be increased in frequency to every 20 minutes and trains in to the city centre increased to every 25 minutes. — Ann Graves. [46335/25]

*367. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the total funding allocated to County Louth under this Department from 2023 to date, per year in tabular form. — Erin McGreehan. [46351/25]

*368. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of cases in which Bus Éireann services are skipping stops in smaller villages along their route where the bus is running behind schedule; if he will instruct Bus Éireann to ensure that all stops along their service routes are fulfilled, regardless of any delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [46364/25]

*369. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the details and addresses of all properties in the ownership of the Department that are absolved from paying commercial rates to the relevant local authority of the location that the property is in; to provide a similar list of properties for agencies or bodies under its remit that are also absolved from commercial rates, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [46448/25]

*370. To ask the Minister for Transport to clarify the shared transport mobility hub which will replace the TFI bike scheme in Cork; how this will operate in practice; the relevant costs for cyclist compared to the current scheme; that cyclist will not be penalised in terms of additional cost resulting from the change in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [46458/25]

*371. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on an organisation (details supplied). — Albert Dolan. [46487/25]

*372. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with CIÉ on the disclosure of membership, remit and role of a body (details supplied). — Albert Dolan. [46488/25]

*373. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has had discussions with CIÉ regarding the restoration of a fully quorate, statutory committee per scheme rules and statutory pension governance requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [46489/25]

*374. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Glanmire to Cork city cycle route phase 2; if a contract has been awarded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [46552/25]

*375. To ask the Minister for Transport the eligibility criteria for the residential insulation grant scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46568/25]

*376. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of staff employed on 1 September 2025 at McDonagh train station, Kilkenny; the number of staff employed on 1 September 2020; the number of trains on a daily basis; the number of trains on a weekly basis; the percentage of passenger increase and decrease in the period September 2020 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [46605/25]

*377. To ask the Minister for Transport to report on NTA and Bus Éireann punctuality and planned service changes for Routes 223-225 and associated local link additions; and to commit to an autumn performance plan covering the Ringaskiddy–DePuy catchment, Glanmire, and Mallow links. — Ken O’Flynn. [46611/25]

*378. To ask the Minister for Transport the new arrangements and contracts for the city bike scheme that operates in Cork city; the reason for changing the arrangements of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [46635/25]

*379. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with Dublin Port Company on the Alexandra Basin Redevelopment project, particularly regarding the proposed cruise berths; and if he will provide an update on expected timelines for delivery. — Emer Currie. [46662/25]

*380. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding provision is being considered to support the delivery of new cruise berths at Dublin Port as part of the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46665/25]

*381. To ask the Minister for Transport for an additional bus stop at a location (details supplied) on Bus Eireann Route No. 40; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [46674/25]

*382. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will consider the introduction of a grant scheme to assist car-share and car-rental operators in acquiring ZE vehicles. — Emer Currie. [46691/25]

*383. To ask the Minister for Transport when free travel for children under nine years of age is expected to be implemented. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46695/25]

*384. To ask the Minister for Transport the capital budget allocation for the Irish Coast Guard in 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [46721/25]

*385. To ask the Minister for Transport when free travel for children under nine years of age will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [46732/25]

*386. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement that took place between Kildare County Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland in relation to the provision of cycle route pilot scheme on the R448 at Moone/Timolin; where the demand for this infrastructure originated; the extent of public funding committed to the completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [46761/25]

*387. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there was no public demand for works currently being carried out on the R448 near Moone/Timolin; if his attention has been further drawn that there are serious public concerns in relation to the project, its possible safety impact; and if he accepts that there is strong local opposition to proceeding with this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [46762/25]

*388. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department is planning to deliver an additional town bus for Carlow Town, CW 3; when it will be delivered and operational; the route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [46803/25]

*389. To ask the Minister for Transport when he expects the provision for free public transport for children under 9 years of age to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [46805/25]

*390. To ask the Minister for Transport in light of significant truck driver shortages reported in Cork, up to 40 vacancies locally, the measures that will be taken to fast-track HGV licensing, streamline cross-departmental employment permits, and support sectoral recruitment in Cork's haulage industry. — Ken O'Flynn. [46809/25]

*391. To ask the Minister for Transport the rationale for the decision to end the TFI bike share programme in Cork city; his plans to replace the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [46820/25]

*392. To ask the Minister for Transport in light of reported HGV driver shortages including up to 40 vacancies in Cork and the burdensome licensing and permitting processes, if he will commit to inter-departmental reforms to expedite licensing and recruitment. — Ken O’Flynn. [46823/25]

*393. To ask the Minister for Transport the regulations in place that set the national standards for pedestrian crossings; if any of these standards could preclude the design of pedestrian crossings whereby crossings are painted in the pride colours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46834/25]

*394. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason search and rescue crew members, who perform duties for a continuous 24-hour period, have their recorded working hours reduced to 16.5 hours; if this practice is consistent with national and EU legislation on working time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46835/25]

*395. To ask the Minister for Transport to urgently address the situation for commercial bus operators (details supplied) and allow for the expansion of free fares on State-run bus services for children under the age of nine years from September 2025 to be extended to commercial operators (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [46865/25]

*396. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the free travel scheme for children under nine-years of age, which was announced in Budget 2025, does not apply to Irish Rail services where tickets are still being charged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [46870/25]

*397. To ask the Minister for Transport to consider increasing the frequency of a bus service both to and from the Dublin city centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46871/25]

*398. To ask the Minister for Transport the specific date of implementation for free public transport for children under nine-years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [46886/25]

*399. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider including commercial bus operators in the planned expansion of free public transport for children under nine-years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [46887/25]

*400. To ask the Minister for Transport if the National Transport Authority will fund the installation of a next bus display indicator screen at Dublin Bus pole number 6320; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [46904/25]

*401. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of any engagement between his Department and Clare county council between 2017 and to date in 2025 in relation to progressing the proposed Ennis northern inner relief road project. — Joe Cooney. [46942/25]

*402. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers carried by Iarnród Éireann on the Ennis-Limerick-Ennis and Ennis-Galway-Ennis services in 2025 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [46943/25]

*403. To ask the Minister for Transport the average wait time for a national car test (NCT) at each NCT centres across Ireland in August 2024 and in August 2025, in tabular form; and to provide overall NCT staff numbers nationally for the same dates. — Joe Cooney. [46944/25]

*404. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the progress of rural public transport initiatives in County Clare, including bus and rail services. — Joe Cooney. [46967/25]

*405. To ask the Minister for Transport if a response will issue to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [46975/25]

*406. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps being taken to simplify the process for Irish and US citizens to exchange driver's licences without the need for retesting. — Paula Butterly. [46984/25]

*407. To ask the Minister for Transport if the new taskforce for school transport will examine investing in the purchase of an adequate number of school buses; if training will be provided for bus drivers for the school transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [47032/25]

*408. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on progress made in terms of introducing free public transport for children under the age of nine, as announced in Budget 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [47039/25]

*409. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on correspondence received from workers at Irish Rail (details supplied) regarding matters pertaining to the CIE superannuation scheme (1951); if he shares the concerns detailed in correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [47070/25]

*410. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a detailed breakdown of the factors contributing to the €41 million cost overrun in the national train control centre project; and the steps being taken to prevent similar overruns in future transport infrastructure projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47072/25]

*411. To ask the Minister for Transport the oversight mechanisms that were in place during the planning and construction phases of the national train control centre; and whether any independent review of project governance has been commissioned following the budget overrun; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47073/25]

*412. To ask the Minister for Transport the revised timeline for completion and operationalisation of the national train control centre; and the contingency plans that are in place to mitigate the impact of the delay on rail services and commuter planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47074/25]

*413. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the implications of the delay in the national train control centre for the rollout of DART+ and other commuter rail expansions; and whether interim solutions are being considered to support service improvements. — Grace Boland. [47075/25]

*414. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details of how the national train control centre aligns with Ireland's climate and transport strategy goals, including modal shift targets

and rail electrification plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47076/25]

*415. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the Horse-Drawn Carriages Bill; when it will be presented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [47077/25]

*416. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the process of implementing the public transport security force referenced in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47084/25]

*417. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has concerns about the future impact on road safety standards arising from Paragraph 8 of the Joint Statement on a United States-European Union Framework on an Agreement on Reciprocal, Fair and Balanced Trade (“With respect to automobiles, the United States and the European Union intend to accept and provide mutual recognition to each other’s standards.”); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [47093/25]

*418. To ask the Minister for Transport further to the deployment of counter-drone technology at Dublin airport, if he will provide a comprehensive account of the number and nature of drone incidents detected since the introduction of these measures, including any available data on the frequency, location and outcomes of such incidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47103/25]

*419. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the protocols currently in place for responding to drone incursions at Dublin Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47104/25]

*420. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm whether the DAA is required to report drone incidents to his Department or other relevant authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47105/25]

*421. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the work the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Task Force has undertaken to date; if he will provide the task force’s terms of reference; outline its key deliverables, and the expected timeline for reporting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47106/25]

*422. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports provided to address technological challenges faced by the aircraft leasing industry, particularly in relation to cargo and the adoption of new technologies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47126/25]

*423. To ask the Minister for Transport whether sustainable transport and the use of sustainable aviation fuel will be central priorities during Ireland’s upcoming EU Presidency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47128/25]

*424. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question 407 of 29 July 2025, if his officials are involved in developing with NTA, Irish Rail, Louth County Council or any other stakeholders, a business case or proposal of any description for a new train station in North Drogheda (details supplied); if this is not the case will work on this concept be progressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [47136/25]

*425. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a list of Dublin Bus or Go-Ahead routes, other than the 33 service, which originate outside Dublin city zone 1; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47142/25]

*426. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to review the zoning structure for Dublin bus and rail services to ensure fairness for commuters living in outer suburban or commuter belt towns such as Skerries, Rush, Lusk and Balbriggan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47143/25]

*427. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is appropriate funding for the Northern commuter rail line to be electrified all the way to Drogheda; the expected timeline for completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47144/25]

*428. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made on the overall DART+ Coastal North programme, including electrification works, station upgrades, and increased service frequency for the Northern commuter line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47145/25]

*429. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the current capital allocation for rail electrification projects, specifically the northern commuter line; if the budgeted amounts remain sufficient in light of inflationary pressures in construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47146/25]

*430. To ask the Minister for Transport the total kilometres of electrified rail in service; the projects approved and funded to 2030; the current and target share of rail freight tonnage; the locations of planned intermodal depots; the stock of critical rail spares including transformers, substations and pantographs, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47199/25]

*431. To ask the Minister for Transport the fuel storage capacity for marine and ground fuels for each Tier-1 and Tier-2 ports; the availability of tugs, emergency power and communications and the business continuity plans in place for prolonged grid or IT outages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47200/25]

*432. To ask the Minister for Transport the Irish Coast Guard's search and rescue response-time performance and aircraft availability for each of the past three years; the current coverage; the progress on interoperability with UK and EU partners for mass-casualty search and rescue or maritime migration contingencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47203/25]

*433. To ask the Minister for Transport the Tier-1 and Tier-2 ports that have been assessed for hosting or serving an electric arc furnace and scrap pre-processing facility; the availability of deep-water berths, covered scrap handling and rail sidings; the planned upgrades that would facilitate circular-steel production, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47215/25]

*434. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of those currently waiting for Cat C, Cat C1, and Cat BE testing in all test centres in County Clare; the number tested in each of those categories for July 2025 and August 2025; the number of tests scheduled for September 2025, by category, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [47229/25]

*435. To ask the Minister for Transport the date of implementation for free bus transport for children under-9 years; if he will consider including commercial bus operators in the scheme in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [47258/25]

*436. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has engaged with commercial bus operators and considered their inclusion in future fare reduction schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [47259/25]

*437. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration was given to extending the new child 5–8 Leap card beyond eight years of age; and the reasoning behind choosing the 5-8 age group for this scheme. — Sorca Clarke. [47264/25]

*438. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details of the review of key programmes and projects in the transport sector in the context of the capital funding envelope; when a decision on a programme of delivery with this level of capital investment will be made, especially with respect to the Metrolink Southwest and the post-2042 Luas lines in the NTA strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [47268/25]

*439. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the number Leap card validators at Broombridge Luas and rail access points to cut down on queuing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [47274/25]

*440. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on increasing bus and rail services in Dublin west for winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [47275/25]

*441. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the installation of the next generation automatic vehicle location system on bus services nationally and in Dublin west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [47276/25]

*442. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the implementation to date on the rollout of new automatic vehicle location technology on bus services nationally and in Dublin west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [47277/25]

*443. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of buses in operation in Dublin overall, by diesel hybrid and diesel in each of the years 2021 to 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [47278/25]

*444. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the implementation of contactless payment systems on public transport as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [47279/25]

*445. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the cost of contactless payment systems on public transport as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [47280/25]

*446. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason driving test centre waiting times (details supplied) are lagging behind the national average of 10.4 weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [47297/25]

*447. To ask the Minister for Transport the specific actions being taken to reduce the waiting times for a driving test at a centre (details supplied) in line with the national average of 10.4 weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [47298/25]

*448. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a test centre (details supplied) is still included in official statistics despite not being operational since 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [47299/25]

*449. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that will be introduced to assist in the recruitment and retention of lorry drivers for the haulage industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47329/25]

*450. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that will be implemented to reduce waiting times for applicants seeking driving tests for heavy goods vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47330/25]

*451. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of Leap card fare revenue collected in each year since 2016 across all TFI services in respect of credit on cards that was expended on public transport journeys, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [47343/25]

*452. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people that availed of TaxSaver commuter tickets in each year since 2016 broken down by year, in tabular form; to provide a breakdown by ticket type if available and the amount of fare revenue raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [47344/25]

*453. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 547 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47366/25]

*454. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 548 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47384/25]

*455. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the proposed development of a greenway at Shannonbridge, County Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47397/25]

*456. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made on the A5 upgrade project, including funding commitments from both jurisdictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47410/25]

*457. To ask the Minister for Transport the expected timeframe for delivery of MetroLink; the current status of the planning process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47411/25]

*458. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the A5 North-West Transport Corridor, including the State's funding commitment via the Shared Island Fund, alignment with the N2/ Donegal TEN-T upgrades, current approvals and delivery timeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47414/25]

*459. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress on implementing the hourly Belfast–Dublin “Enterprise” service, including rolling-stock, timetabling, infrastructure constraints and North–South coordination supported by the Shared Island Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47415/25]

*460. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Carlingford Lough Greenway completion (cross-border boardwalk near Newry), including funding drawdown, agreed delivery milestones with local authorities North and South; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47416/25]

*461. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress of the all-island sports club EV charging programme, including the number of sites approved, grant terms, interoperability standards and delivery schedule across both jurisdictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47417/25]

*462. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on a grant application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47485/25]

*463. To ask the Minister for Transport the annual cost of maintaining wheelchair access in train stations and other public transport infrastructure, in particular with respect to elevators; and to comment on the estimated cost of ensuring that all out of order lifts are fully repaired on the day that they are reported. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47491/25]

*464. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of creating an on-demand, free service for all individuals with impaired mobility and who cannot access scheduled public transport. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47492/25]

*465. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress on establishing strategic spares for the rail network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47965/25]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*466. To ask the Minister for Finance the Government’s overall policy in relation to the protection of households and businesses from aggressive debt collection practices by financial institutions such as a firm (details supplied); and the steps being taken across Government to ensure that debt recovery is conducted in a fair, proportionate and transparent manner consistent with the rights of debtors. — Ken O’Flynn. [46994/25]

*467. To ask the Minister for Finance whether Ireland will support European Commission recommendations on updates to the Tobacco Taxation Directive. — Pádraig Rice. [47102/25]

*468. To ask the Minister for Finance the Government’s key priorities in the MFF negotiations, particularly in the areas of environmental funding specially biodiversity, social funding through the European Social Fund and through initiatives such as Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme (CERV) and on humanitarian and development aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [47445/25]

*469. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which Irish civil society will be consulted and involved in shaping Ireland’s position on the EU Multiannual Financial Framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [47446/25]

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*471. To ask the Minister for Finance whether the Government supports the European Commission's proposal to merge existing funds and introduce a new three-pillar MFF structure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [47447/25]

*472. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which the Government will ensure that restructuring of the EU Budget into a new three-pillar MFF structure does not disrupt established funding streams for societal actors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [47448/25]

*473. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide the estimated cost of the help to buy scheme for 2025-2029; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [44436/25]

*474. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide the general Government revenue and expenditure projections out to 2030 that underpin the summer economic statement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [44437/25]

*475. To ask the Minister for Finance to estimate the expected revenue yield from vacant homes tax if the local property tax multiplier was increased to 10 and 12 respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [44438/25]

*476. To ask the Minister for Finance the means by which he intends to bring more vacant homes liable for the vacant property tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [44439/25]

*477. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide a progress report on the establishment of a State savings scheme that would be modelled on the French 'livret a' scheme and leverage private deposits in Irish banks into financing the delivery of social and affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [44446/25]

*478. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider increasing the capital acquisitions tax thresholds in Budget 2026; if he will particularly examine the inequitable treatment of childless individuals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [44490/25]

*479. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide details of all groups that put in submissions for suggestions on insurance reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [44521/25]

*480. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of the revenue that would be raised by introducing an additional USC rate, of an additional 3% on incomes above €140,000. — Pearse Doherty. [44545/25]

*481. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of the revenue that would be raised by increasing commercial stamp duty to 12.5%. — Pearse Doherty. [44546/25]

*482. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of the revenue that would be raised by restricting PRSI exemption for share bases remuneration to SMEs. — Pearse Doherty. [44547/25]

*483. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of the revenue that would be raised by applying an additional 1% stamp duty to all share buybacks. — Pearse Doherty. [44548/25]

*484. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of the revenue that would be raised by reducing the standard fund threshold to 1.5 million. — Pearse Doherty. [44549/25]

*485. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised by applying a €3,000 tax on private jet departures. — Pearse Doherty. [44550/25]

*486. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised by amending the help-to-buy scheme to reduce the LTV ratio 85% with a maximum relief of €25,000. — Pearse Doherty. [44551/25]

*487. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised by applying CGT to SPV disposing of Irish property. — Pearse Doherty. [44552/25]

*488. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised by applying CT to all SPV that hold a beneficial interest in any Irish property. — Pearse Doherty. [44553/25]

*489. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised by applying a 0.1% charge on all assets set out in Form S110 held by qualifying companies under Section 110. — Pearse Doherty. [44554/25]

*490. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [44597/25]

*491. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason there is no existing tax credit available to support disabled individuals, such as wheelchair users, with the significant costs involved in purchasing essential mobility equipment, like a new wheelchair; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [44622/25]

*492. To ask the Minister for Finance the plans the Department has for the two Revenue Customs vessels, The Suirbhéire and The RRC Fáinne, once they cease operations. — Erin McGreehan. [44693/25]

*493. To ask the Minister for Finance if his officials have considered the policy impact of applying the professional services withholding tax exemption to services provided by clinical professionals conducting autism assessments; his views on whether such an exemption would be warranted in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [44734/25]

*494. 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. [44763/25]

*495. To ask the Minister for Finance his response to the imposition of new US tariffs on EU exports, particularly pharmaceuticals; if an assessment has been made of the impact on Ireland’s corporate tax receipts and foreign direct investment strategy; and if he will provide details of any measures to diversify Ireland’s tax base and reduce overdependence on a small number of multinational contributors. — Ken O’Flynn. [44844/25]

*496. To ask the Minister for Finance to publish any internal Departmental analysis regarding potential changes to capital gains tax and its projected impact on SMEs, family farms and intergenerational wealth transfer. — Ken O’Flynn. [44882/25]

*497. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is considering a temporary reinstatement of the 9% VAT rate for food-led hospitality businesses in response to the current wave of closures and industry distress; and if not, the reason. — Ken O’Flynn. [44889/25]

*498. To ask the Minister for Finance whether the Government is considering a targeted liquidity loan scheme or tax deferral programme for viable small businesses under pressure from rising costs, particularly in the food, hospitality, and personal services sectors; and what the eligibility criteria for any such scheme would be. — Ken O’Flynn. [44891/25]

*499. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners are currently processing an increased number of insolvency-related filings in the hospitality sector; and to provide the number of such filings received in Q2 2025 compared to the same period in 2024. — Ken O’Flynn. [44892/25]

*500. To ask the Minister for Finance whether there are proposals in development to adjust Group B and Group C thresholds under the capital acquisitions tax regime in Budget 2026, in order to address fairness concerns raised by carers and childless individuals; and whether he has published, or intends to publish, cost modelling on the impact of such reforms. — Ken O’Flynn. [44974/25]

*501. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an estimate, based on available Revenue Commissioners data, of the amount of tax revenue foregone annually due to the charitable tax exemption status afforded to Catholic dioceses and religious orders that are registered charities; for a breakdown, where possible, by tax type, including but not limited to income tax, corporation tax, capital gains tax, DIRT, stamp duty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [44986/25]

*502. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost of increasing the rent tax credit with the credit equivalent to 8.3% of an individual’s annual rent with a minimum credit of €1,250 and a maximum credit of €2,500, per year, clarifying both the full cost and the net cost if the Government has any funding allocated for rent relief in 2026. — Pearse Doherty. [45027/25]

*503. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost of increasing the rent tax credit with the credit equivalent to 8.3% of an individual’s annual rent, with a minimum credit of €1,500 and a maximum credit of €2,500, per year, clarifying both the full cost and the net cost if the Government has any funding allocated for rent relief in 2026. — Pearse Doherty. [45028/25]

*504. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue that would be raised by introducing a 25% or 50% cap respectively on corporation tax relief utilised in a single year by NAMA-participating banks, in first and full year terms; and if it has been introduced in the year 2024. — Pearse Doherty. [45029/25]

*505. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue raised by introducing a 25% or 50% cap respectively on corporation tax relief utilised in a single year by all banks, in first- and full-year terms; and had it been introduced in the year 2024. — Pearse Doherty. [45030/25]

*506. To ask the Minister for Finance if he could provide a timeline for the housing measures promised (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [45031/25]

*507. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised by increasing the IREF withholding tax to 25%, 30%, 33%, 35% and 40%, respectively. — Pearse Doherty. [45097/25]

*508. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue raised by applying the IREF withholding tax to REITs instead of the investment undertaking withholding tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [45098/25]

*509. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 284 of 5 February 2025, to outline all circumstances under which the non-resident can make a claim to the Revenue Commissioners for the IREF withholding tax to be reduced under the terms of a double taxation treaty. — Pearse Doherty. [45099/25]

*510. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of claims to the Revenue Commissioners for the IREF withholding tax to be reduced each year since 2016; the number rejected and accepted; and the withheld tax foregone each year, in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [45100/25]

*511. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue raised by removing any ability by unit holders of IREF to reduce their withholding tax. — Pearse Doherty. [45101/25]

*512. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing legislation (details supplied) that will ensure mortgage holders are making repayments that accurately reflect their loan to value ratio; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [45143/25]

*513. To ask the Minister for Finance if he intends to increase the income limit for a full tax exemption for tax payers aged over 65, given this has remained at €18,000 for several years, while the State pension has increased by more than €3,000 in the last decade, and other tax bands and credits have increased in the last number of budgets too; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [45161/25]

*514. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of the Government mechanisms that are in place to measure the effectiveness of renter's relief in reducing student hardships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [45243/25]

*515. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department is working on setting up a double taxation agreement with Brazil; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [45250/25]

*516. To ask the Minister for Finance considering obligations under Article 8 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Anti-Money Laundering Directive, the enforcement actions taken to ensure compliance with age and guardianship verification requirements by financial institutions; if steps have been taken to strengthen cross-sector coordination to protect children from online financial exploitation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [45308/25]

*517. To ask the Minister for Finance to consider establishing a State-supported legacy debt resolution scheme to address unsustainable celtic tiger era mortgages that continue to impact households over the age of 50. — Ken O'Flynn. [45600/25]

*518. To ask the Minister for Finance to clarify that the application of the residential zoned land tax (RZLT) ceases once construction commences on a site; if construction has commenced on a site, but subsequently stops for a prolonged period, if the RZLT will reapply at some point or if some other penalty may apply to a developer for letting an unfinished site sit there for such a period. — Séamus McGrath. [45665/25]

*519. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a list of all investments held by the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund in companies directly or indirectly associated with operations in the occupied Palestinian territories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [45697/25]

*520. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding his Department-led review of the fund and investment industry in Ireland, including a specific assessment of the deemed disposal rule; if there is a timeline for the implementation of the report's recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45707/25]

*521. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied with the failure of the main Irish banks to pass on successive ECB interest rate cuts to their mortgage customers at a time when these same banks are making record profits; if the Minister will outline the discussions he has had with these banks about passing on these rate cuts to variable rate customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [45748/25]

*522. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding any research carried out by his Department into the merits of developing an individual savings account scheme in Ireland, similar to what is available in the United Kingdom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45765/25]

*523. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to cases whereby so called vulture funds are charging interest rates on mortgages, significantly above market rates; his views on the impact this is having on persons in this situation; the actions he will take to address these concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45770/25]

*524. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on VAT in relation to funeral and undertaker materials (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45787/25]

*525. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will extend the tax exemption on income up to €400 for households with solar panels selling electricity back to the grid, which is due to expire at the end of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [45794/25]

*526. To ask the Minister for Finance the first year and full year cost of increasing the rate of tax relief on food products for additional diet expenses for coeliacs and diabetics from 20% to 30%. — Louise O'Reilly. [45797/25]

*527. To ask the Minister for Finance his position in relation to taxing energy returns from householders with solar panels who return electricity to the utility companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [45858/25]

*528. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has examined any proposals for a weight-based tax for large electric SUVs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45884/25]

*529. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will publish a timeline for pass-through of ECB cuts to variable-rate customers. — Tom Brabazon. [45940/25]

*530. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is considering bringing forward a requirement for banks to publish transparent pass-through policies. — Tom Brabazon. [45941/25]

*531. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing measures to reduce the cost in VAT and customs duties on tools belonging to skilled tradespeople who are returning from Ireland after a period living abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [46087/25]

*532. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual revenue raised for the exchequer through ‘motoring fines’ as detailed in monthly fiscal monitors for each year since 2016 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46091/25]

*533. To ask the Minister for Finance if ‘non-tax balance of escrow fund’ as detailed in the fiscal monitor represents the full interest paid on the apple tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46092/25]

*534. To ask the Minister for Finance to outline the minimum time period between revenue issuing a notice or assessment and revenue issuing a request for payment that gives revenue the power to use enforcement measure without further notice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46093/25]

*535. To ask the Minister for Finance of the 496 cases with the FSPO for over five years without resolution, the share of those related to banking; of the 231 cases that at no stage were placed on hold or closed the number that relate to banking as per correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46096/25]

*536. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will take action to prevent the renewal of the Central Bank’s facilitation of Israeli Bonds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [46106/25]

*537. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue accrued on an annual basis from inheritance tax in each of the years from 2020 to 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [46123/25]

*538. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of revenue the State received from inheritance tax from childless or single individuals in each of the years from 2020 to 2024, in tabular form. — John Lahart. [46124/25]

*539. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will assess the estimated full-year cost of reducing the tax relief available for private health insurance premiums from its current level to a new, reduced level to support the public, as part of a broader effort to make health insurance more affordable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [46126/25]

*540. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide clarity on the policy regarding the taxation of personal tools brought into the State by skilled tradespeople returning to Ireland after a period abroad; if consideration will be given to exempting such tools, particularly in cases where the tools were originally purchased in Ireland and are clearly the personal property and essential working equipment of the returning worker; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [46159/25]

*541. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of any plans to recategorise carer's allowance such that it is no longer taxable or reckonable as income for the purposes of means assessment. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46184/25]

*542. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider the case of a person (details supplied) where they have been refused mortgage interest relief despite receiving the relief in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [46252/25]

*543. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on the total funding allocated to County Louth under this Department from 2023 to date, per year in tabular form. — Erin McGreehan. [46348/25]

*544. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 695 of 29 July 2025, the response to which was an interpretation of the law, to introduce changes in Budget 2026 to exempt individuals from capital gains tax when the family home is subjected to court-mandated delays as part of a divorce settlement, the individual has no control over the timing of the sale, the family home is not used for investment or commercial purposes and who may face a disproportionate tax burden as a result. — Ann Graves. [46369/25]

*545. To ask the Minister for Finance the means by which he plans to support the Irish Stock Exchange in line with the Programme for Government commitments, including in the context of recent delisting's from the exchange; and to outline the consultations he has had with the exchange and its ecosystem on future support for the exchange. — Joe Neville. [46418/25]

*546. To ask the Minister for Finance the action he has taken, or is planning to take, to support the future of Ireland's equity capital markets in line with the recommendations of previous reports (details supplied). — Joe Neville. [46419/25]

*547. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to reform the PME refund to make it non-taxable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [46424/25]

*548. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide the details and addresses of all properties in the ownership of the Department that are absolved from paying commercial rates to the relevant local authority of the location that the property is in; to provide a similar list of properties for agencies or bodies under its remit that are also absolved from commercial rates, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [46438/25]

*549. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated annual VAT revenue collected from counselling and psychotherapy services. — Sorca Clarke. [46527/25]

*550. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has carried out an assessment of the fiscal impact of designating counselling and psychotherapy services as VAT exempt in line with other health services. — Sorca Clarke. [46528/25]

*551. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has examined the introduction of a pass through protocol for variable mortgage customers who have not seen their rates change in line with European Central Bank cuts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [46539/25]

*552. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 724 of 29 July 2025, if the updated figures from the Revenue Commissioners for 2026 referred to in the reply are available and can be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [46540/25]

*553. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised by increasing the remote betting duty by 1%; if there are any restrictions on the ability of the State to apply differing rates of betting duty and remote betting duty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46554/25]

*554. To ask the Minister for Finance if the estimated cost of abolishing the LPT assumes a 0% adjustment at each local authority; or to clarify the level of assumed adjustment within the costing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46555/25]

*555. To ask the Minister for Finance what share of mortgages with non-lending non-banks also known as vulture funds are on interest only mortgages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46556/25]

*556. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of the Exchequer of implementing a €48.50 per tonne of CO2 emitted from the 1 January 2026 on a first and full-year basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46557/25]

*557. To ask the Minister for Finance if the scheduled 2026 carbon tax increase is contained within the Revenue Commissioners projections set out in the annual progress report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46558/25]

*558. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual revenue generated by businesses from the sale of period products including pads, tampons and other menstrual hygiene products. — Sorca Clarke. [46571/25]

*559. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised as a result of the high-income individuals’ restriction measure each year since 2016; the income level applied for each year and the effective tax rate; the number of taxpayers that self-declare each year in their tax returns that they are subject to the restriction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46581/25]

*560. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated savings from removing tax credits from incomes above €100,000 based off the latest data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46582/25]

*561. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an updated assessment of Irish household debt-service ratios after the August cut and current gilt-yield dynamics of a bank (details supplied); his view on spillovers to Irish banks’ funding costs and mortgage rates ahead of Budget 2026. — Ken O’Flynn. [46612/25]

*562. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to ensure that the central bank of Ireland's issuing of Israeli bonds is not in violation of the States obligations under the UN genocide convention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [46613/25]

*563. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue raised in the first year by increasing non-resident landlord withholding tax to 40%; the estimated revenue raised in the first year by increasing non-resident landlord withholding tax to 40% and removing all exemption to the withholding tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46614/25]

*564. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to designate psychotherapy and counselling services as VAT exempt services; if his Department has undertaken any analysis on the cost of designating these services as VAT exempt services; if so, the amount such a designation would cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [46626/25]

*565. To ask the Minister for Finance the full costs to the State involved in storing and maintaining the MV Matthew ship since it was seized; the details of the disposal process; and the reason for the long delay involved. — Séamus McGrath. [46632/25]

*566. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of the lack of availability of insurance for mobility scooters; the steps his Department will take to address this issue for individuals with decreased mobility who seek to insure their mobility scooters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [46637/25]

*567. To ask the Minister for Finance his response to the Tax Strategy Group's General Excise Paper, which found that "notable increases in the volume of products being consumed outside the scope of Irish excise duty raises concerns that price increases may be creating greater incentives for illegal market activity"; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46659/25]

*568. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of convictions secured to date in 2025 for the illegal sale of tobacco products, and for the smuggling of tobacco products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46660/25]

*569. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has met or plans to meet with an organisation (details supplied) before the budget regarding their pre-budget submission. — Emer Currie. [46685/25]

*570. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to reports that the European Commission has cited Sweden's ISK model as best practice for encouraging savers to invest in stock and shares; and if he has given consideration to the way in which Ireland can introduce an accessible ISK-type model in line with EU proposals for a savings and investment union. — Emer Currie. [46686/25]

*571. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has considered the extension of taxsaver relief to more forms of sustainable transport and shared mobility as part of budget 2026. — Emer Currie. [46692/25]

*572. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has assessed proposals to extend taxsaver relief to more forms of sustainable transport and shared mobility as part of budget 2026. — Emer Currie. [46693/25]

*573. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will confirm that Ireland is no longer the home country for Israeli bonds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46766/25]

*574. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Central Bank received any requests from the Israeli authorities to renew that state's bond prospectus prior to the expiry of the 2024 prospectus, which was in place until the 1 September 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [46806/25]

*575. To ask the Minister for Finance the role Ireland will play in EU regulatory decisions in such contexts as oversight for diaspora bond approvals has shifted to Luxembourg; and if this change prompt reassessment of Ireland's financial regulatory mandate. — Ken O'Flynn. [46824/25]

*576. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given in Budget 2026 to reducing VAT on essential food items, in view of Eurostat figures showing Irish food inflation running at 5% in August 2025, nearly three times the headline rate of inflation. — Ken O'Flynn. [46826/25]

*577. To ask the Minister for Finance the date that the Central Bank of Ireland received the request from Israel to transfer the approval of their bond prospectus to another member state; if the Central Bank of Ireland had any correspondence with Israeli authorities prior to receiving the request for a transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46861/25]

*578. To ask the Minister for Finance the date that ESMA was notified of the transfer of Israel's bond prospectus to another member state; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46862/25]

*579. To ask the Minister for Finance when the Central Bank of Ireland made the decision to grant Israel a transfer of bonds to another member state; the rationale for the decision taken; the engagement the Central Bank had with other branches of Government in relation to the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46863/25]

*580. To ask the Minister for Finance the date that the Central Bank of Ireland transferred documentation filed and the decision to grant the transfer of Israeli bonds to the Luxembourg Central Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46864/25]

*581. To ask the Minister for Finance the date that Israel was notified of the transfer of its bonds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46866/25]

*582. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider increasing the threshold for help-to-buy applicants from €500,000 in Budget 2026 in view of the increase in housing and construction costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [46892/25]

*583. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has assessed the potential budgetary exposure of Ireland under any proposed EU compensation or adjustment fund for farmers affected by the EU-Mercosur trade agreement; and if he will publish this assessment. — Ken O'Flynn. [46953/25]

*584. To ask the Minister for Finance if Ireland will be required to contribute to the financing of the proposed €3 billion EU package for agriculture linked to the Mercosur agreement; and the proportion of this liability that will fall on the Irish taxpayer. — Ken O’Flynn. [46954/25]

*585. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated annual savings to an average household by extending the VAT reduction for electricity at 9 percent in 2026; the estimated savings for an average household from a further reduction to 5%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46980/25]

*586. To ask the Minister for Finance if a firm (details supplied) is in full compliance with Central Bank regulations governing debt collection; and the steps being taken by the Central Bank to ensure that financial institutions do not engage in practices that may constitute harassment of debtors. — Ken O’Flynn. [46993/25]

*587. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review or increase the income tax exemption for pensioners in Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [46995/25]

*588. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether the level of retail investment in the Irish economy should be increased; his views on the way in which Ireland can increase this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47012/25]

*589. To ask the Minister for Finance to report on his engagement with the Irish Stock Exchange on the way in which Budget 2026 can provide incentives to companies to list on the exchange; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47013/25]

*590. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated annual cost of increasing the small gift tax exemption from €3,000 to €5,000 per year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47018/25]

*591. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will give due consideration to raising the rent-a-room tax-free threshold, which has not increased since 2017, to encourage more homeowners to take up the scheme, thereby increasing the availability of rental supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47053/25]

*592. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will give due consideration to expanding the rent-a-room scheme to include buildings such as converted garages which are not attached to the sole or main residence, as is currently required, but are within the curtilage of the residence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47054/25]

*593. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to amending the criteria for local property tax exemptions or reductions in cases where a person with a severe intellectual disability resides in a property purchased by a now-deceased parent, and where the property has not been specifically modified but is nonetheless the permanent residence of the individual, given the significant care needs and financial constraints involved. — Martin Daly. [47117/25]

*594. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an updated assessment of the economic contribution of the aircraft leasing sector to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47123/25]

*595. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will introduce specific NACE codes for dog breeding to improve tax oversight and industry statistics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47185/25]

*596. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is a plan to require tax clearance certificates for DBE operators and registered sellers exceeding certain thresholds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47186/25]

*597. To ask the Minister for Finance to outline the work his Department is undertaking ahead of Budget 2026 to deliver on the two Programme for Government commitments to work with, and support, the Irish Stock Exchange; whether he has met with the Irish Stock Exchange since the publication of the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [47265/25]

*598. To ask the Minister for Finance to outline his position on proposals to establish a incentivised savings and investment account scheme for Ireland, similar to the UK ISA; and if he has met, or plans to meet, with an organisation (details supplied) regarding their proposals for an Irish savings and investment account; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [47266/25]

*599. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an estimate, based on available Revenue data, of the amount of tax revenue foregone annually due to the charitable tax exemption status of Catholic dioceses and religious orders that are registered charities; if he will provide a breakdown, by tax type (including but not limited to income tax, corporation tax, capital gains tax, DIRT and stamp duty); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [47267/25]

*600. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration would be given to introducing tax relief for club memberships (sporting clubs) to encourage more people to get involved in community organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47334/25]

*601. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 697 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47356/25]

*602. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 698 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47374/25]

*603. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has met or will meet, with the Irish Stock Exchange ahead of Budget 2026 to discuss their proposals to support the future of the exchange; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47385/25]

*604. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on the announcement in Budget 2025 regarding plans to introduce a stamp duty exemption on the trading of shares in small companies on the Irish Stock Exchange; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47386/25]

*605. To ask the Minister for Finance what economic and reputational impact is expected from Israel's transfer of EU bond prospectus approval to Luxembourg; whether there are plans to amend Ireland's financial regulatory framework to reflect evolving political sensitivities; and

how the Government will respond to public criticism of central bank policies. — Ken O’Flynn. [47538/25]

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

*606. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his plans to deliver a resilient national public-safety radio network, including mission-critical TETRA or LTE interoperable with HF or mesh fallbacks; the implementation timeline; the integration with national cell broadcast and alerting systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47196/25]

*607. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the top ten public contracts in value terms including project name, completed in the past five years; the total final cost of each contract versus the original contract cost; to provide details of variations in the cost from the contract price to the final cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [44530/25]

*608. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will detail the flood protection works that have been carried out by the Office of Public Works in the lower Meelick area of County Clare (details supplied) in the past 30 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44576/25]

*609. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the reason a property (details supplied) which has not flooded for at least 30 years has been classified as being in a flood risk area by the OPW; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44577/25]

*610. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the full cost to date associated with a project (details supplied); a breakdown of the costs and suppliers; the overall initial cost; the cost to date in 2025; any additional costs and overspends from original costings; the projected total finished cost; a timeline for opening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [44677/25]

*611. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on works to a project (details supplied); if he is aware of any report submitted regarding the current levels of dry rot in the building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [44678/25]

*612. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of sanctions imposed and the nature of same by the Regulator of the National Lottery on the licence holder of national lotteries in the past ten years to 1 September 2025. — Aidan Farrelly. [44727/25]

*613. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to examine when a decision will be made regarding a pension for a person (details supplied), which has been under review since 19 November 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [44789/25]

*614. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to review the case of features of a historical site needing repair (details supplied); his Departments plans to repair this wall; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44870/25]

*615. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department has received any reports or notifications of irregularities in claims made under the parliamentary activities allowance during the period January to June 2025, particularly in relation to payments claimed for Deputies who were suspended from their parties or publicly declared as sitting as independents during that period. — Ken O’Flynn. [44878/25]

*616. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the protocols governing the eligibility criteria for inclusion in a party’s parliamentary activities allowance claim; if a public declaration of independent status by a Deputy obliges the party to revise its allowance claim accordingly; and if so, the notification requirements that exist. — Ken O’Flynn. [44879/25]

*617. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if any portion of the €424,696.10 in parliamentary activities allowance paid to a political party between January and June 2025 is currently under review or subject to repayment, in light of reports that a Deputy (details supplied) was not sitting with the party during that period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [44880/25]

*618. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if a formal review will now be undertaken into the monitoring, audit and compliance structures associated with the parliamentary activities allowance, in order to ensure taxpayer funds are not being misused through continued claims in respect of suspended or departed members. — Ken O’Flynn. [44930/25]

*619. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 349 and 350 of 24 June 2025, the breakdown of the number of years and months each building has been in this ‘current status’; the breakdown of the year each building’s current status last changed; the average number of years and months a building has been “being prepared for disposal”, broken down by property type; the breakdown of the longest time a building’s has been “being prepared for disposal”, broken down by property type; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [44944/25]

*620. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the amount of the ICN fund that will be ringfenced for protecting and restoring nature; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [45086/25]

*621. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will provide details of the conflict of interest, related party disclosure, and recusal protocols currently in place for special advisers appointed under the Public Service Management Act 1997 and other relevant legislation; the procedures by which advisers are required to declare any immediate or extended family connections to companies or entities in receipt of State contracts; the way in which such declarations are recorded, monitored, and audited; the number of instances since 1 January 2023 in which a recusal or reassignment of duties has occurred on conflict-of-interest grounds; and if he will make available anonymised statistical data on compliance with these requirements for each of the years from 2023 to date in 2025. — Ken O’Flynn. [45140/25]

*622. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will provide details of the controls and due diligence processes applied by the Office of Government Procurement and individual contracting authorities to identify and manage potential high-risk related party connections in the award of public contracts, particularly in sensitive policy areas such as migration and asylum accommodation; if these processes include systematic cross checking of beneficial ownership registers, special adviser declarations, and lobbying returns; the criteria by which a contract is designated for enhanced scrutiny; the number of cases since 1 January 2023 in which red flag findings were escalated to the Standards in Public Office Commission or the Comptroller and Auditor General; and if he will make publicly available anonymised annual statistics on the incidence and management of such cases. — Ken O’Flynn. [45141/25]

*623. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide a breakdown of expenditure incurred by the Office of Public Works (OPW) on conservation and preparatory works at a location (details supplied) from the commencement of preparatory works in Autumn 2019 to the present date, including; the cost of all works undertaken during this period; the amount spent on preparatory works prior to the COVID-19 pandemic; the duration of the project and reasons for any delays or repeated works; the total projected expenditure for the full completion of the project.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [45142/25]

*624. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide a list of all unused properties, lands and buildings, under the ownership or control of his Department within County Kerry; the length of time they have been idle; the plans in place, if any, for future use; if these unused properties, lands and buildings can be used for affordable and social housing and low cost sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45188/25]

*625. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the current works under way, the timetable to complete works and a detailed programme of all involved at The Rock of Dunamase, County Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45407/25]

*626. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to examine the case for urgent works at The Rock of Dunamase (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45408/25]

*627. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of WTE qualified architects and structural engineers employed by the OPW in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [45487/25]

*628. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to detail all the OPW-owned sites in County Louth. — Joanna Byrne. [45498/25]

*629. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the allocation made to Clare County Council under the OPW minor flood mitigation works and coastal protection scheme for the years 2022 to 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [45622/25]

*630. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if funding is available in the revised National Development Plan for a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45691/25]

*631. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will provide an update on the National Shared Services Office external audit looking at the overpayment of civil servants and Ministers; if the audit will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45696/25]

*632. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his views on whether existing legislation related to the protection of corporate whistleblowers stands up compared to our European neighbours including France and the Netherlands; if competitive research has been carried out into their laws in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45806/25]

*633. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will consider strengthening existing legislation in relation to the possible redress for whistleblowers who experience professional and reputational damage directly due to them speaking out on particular corporate practices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45807/25]

*634. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will consider providing a fund to support whistleblowers that lose their employment or future employment opportunities directly due to them speaking out on particular corporate practices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45808/25]

*635. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his views on whether existing legislation related to the protection of corporate whistleblowers is sufficient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45809/25]

*636. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to outline his responsibilities in relation to the implementation of pension parity for school secretaries and caretakers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45994/25]

*637. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the amount of the €3.15billion climate and nature fund that has been ringfenced for nature-specific projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46036/25]

*638. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for a breakdown of where the €3.15billion climate and nature fund is going to be spent, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46037/25]

*639. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the nature of refurbishment works that the OPW carried out at Rathfarnham Garda station where the value of works was in excess of €50,000 in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [46231/25]

*640. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide an update on the total funding allocated to County Louth under this Department from 2023 to date, per year in tabular form. — Erin McGreehan. [46347/25]

*641. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide the details and addresses of all properties in the ownership of the Department that are absolved from paying commercial rates to the relevant local authority of the location that the property is in; to provide a similar list of properties for agencies or bodies under its remit that are also absolved from commercial rates, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [46444/25]

*642. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the roles under the employment of the State which are excluded from the single public service pension scheme and are without an occupational pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [46524/25]

*643. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total annual expenditure by the State on the non-profit and NGO sector for each of the past five years, disaggregated by Department and agency. — Ken O'Flynn. [46638/25]

*644. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the reason the State closed the Benefacts database in 2021; the evaluation that was undertaken prior to its closure; and his plans to replace it with a new independent oversight body. — Ken O'Flynn. [46640/25]

*645. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether the Government will consider re-establishing an independent mechanism for tracking and publishing the flow of public monies to the non-profit sector, given that Ireland remains without such a body since 2021. — Ken O'Flynn. [46641/25]

*646. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department has analysed how Ireland's public expenditure on NGOs compares with other European Union member states as a proportion of GDP; and if he will publish these findings. — Ken O'Flynn. [46644/25]

*647. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the safeguards that exist to ensure value for money in the disbursement of public funds to NGOs, in the absence of an independent national database. — Ken O'Flynn. [46647/25]

*648. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of clerical officer applicants that are fluent in Irish currently on a panel arising from the most recent civil service recruitment campaign; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [46908/25]

*649. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the names of all of the professional and technical grades in the civil service in which there are currently people employed, including any grades currently temporarily vacant; and the numbers in each grade, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [46928/25]

*650. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on the refurbishment works scheduled to be carried out at Kilkenny Castle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [46934/25]

*651. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the visitor numbers to each visitor attraction operated by the Office of Public

Works, each month to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [46968/25]

*652. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for the details of all funding allocations granted in respect of works to the old Garda station in Ennis, County Clare; to outline the details in respect of those works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [46969/25]

*653. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if funding has been allocated to Wicklow town courthouse under the NDP and the details of that allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [47150/25]

*654. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide details of the works undertaken on Wicklow town court house in 2024 and to date in 2025; the works, if any, planned over the coming year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [47151/25]

*655. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether any agreements, understandings or lists have been made since he took office, or exchanged with independent TDs who now support the Government to include projects in their constituencies in the future National Development Plan and/or the HSE Capital Plan; and if so, whether there are documents, notes, messages of any kind that relate to this between him and/or his advisers, staff, party workers and any of those TDs or their advisers, staff and party workers. — Alan Kelly. [47263/25]

*656. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the latest total number of public sector employees, broken down by department and agency, and the total number of public sector employees in each department/agency that are not currently entitled to a public sector pension scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [47269/25]

*657. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 822 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47362/25]

*658. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 823 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47380/25]

*659. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on proposed development of a visitor's centre at the Clonmacnoise Monastic Site, Shannonbridge, County Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47396/25]

*660. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the status of the Battle of the Boyne visitor experience renewal (OPW), including scope, contract milestones and anticipated opening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47404/25]

*661. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for a further update on the commencement date for the construction of the new south Tipperary Garda community HQ; if the contract has been approved and signed; and whether the project is still on track for a completion date of the end of 2026, as stated by the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Integration in Dáil Éireann on 19 February 2025. — Michael Murphy. [47420/25]

*662. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the amount of National Development Plan expenditure that has been ringfenced for resilience and climate adaptation measures in each year since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47528/25]

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

*663. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to respond to media reports of data centres located in Ireland being used to “plan deadly airstrikes and shape military operations” by a unit of the Israeli occupying forces against the people of Palestine (details supplied); and to outline whether his department has engaged with the data centre owner on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46728/25]

*664. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of trade missions undertaken to Asian countries in 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47462/25]

*665. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of trade missions undertaken to Middle Eastern countries in 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47463/25]

*666. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to outline the work being carried out to support the formation of community-led cooperatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [44444/25]

*667. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to outline the work being carried out to progress the Cooperative Societies Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [44445/25]

*668. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if any assessment has been carried out of the economic value of remote working to the economy; if so, the value determined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [44747/25]

*669. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the breakdown of the total number of business closures recorded in the State since 1 April 2025, disaggregated by industry sector and county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [44886/25]

*670. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the specific supports financial or otherwise that have been introduced by the Government since March 2025 to assist small and medium-sized enterprises in the hospitality and retail sectors facing closure; and if any further emergency measures are being considered in light of recent data indicating over 3,250 business closures to date in 2025. — Ken O’Flynn. [44887/25]

*671. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has received representations or data from representative bodies (details supplied) in relation to the closure of over 200 cafés and restaurants in 2025; and what the Government's response has been to these concerns. — Ken O'Flynn. [44888/25]

*672. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether the Department has undertaken any economic impact assessment of SME closures in the hospitality and retail sectors in 2025, and to publish the findings of any such analysis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [44890/25]

*673. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide a sectoral impact assessment of the new 15% US tariffs on Irish goods; to identify which Irish industries, including agri-food and pharmaceuticals, are most exposed to this trade development; and the contingency supports being considered for vulnerable SMEs with export exposure to the United States. — Ken O'Flynn. [44913/25]

*674. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department intends to conduct a review of the Payment of Wages (Amendment) (Tips and Gratuities) Act 2022, with particular regard to its effectiveness in protecting low-paid hospitality workers; if he has engaged with the Minister for Finance regarding the taxation of tips under the current legislation; if he will examine the feasibility of introducing a statutory exemption from taxation on genuine customer gratuities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [44920/25]

*675. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department is tracking the rate of business closures in the independent retail and hospitality sectors in Cork city since January 2025; if he will provide a breakdown, by business type; and the supports or crime prevention initiatives being developed to assist small business owners affected by cost pressures and anti-social behaviour. — Ken O'Flynn. [44936/25]

*676. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to include public sector workers during the permit process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [44939/25]

*677. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to Bring forward an updated legal framework for the co-operative model to clarify whether this means advancing the General Scheme of the Co-operative Societies Bill 2022; when he expects this bill to be introduced into the Dáil for second stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [45061/25]

*678. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the funding or practical supports available for entrepreneurs looking to make EU wide patent applications for new technologies like renewable energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [45065/25]

*679. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures that will be implemented to increase tourism business through direct investment or the introduction of specific incentives to a sector (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45085/25]

*680. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the action he will take to address an unresolved matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45145/25]

*681. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will engage with the Workers Rights Commission regarding the protracted follow-up to a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45380/25]

*682. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he has any concerns around the recent announcement of changes to the hybrid working policy of a company (details supplied), and before that by another financial institution to reduce their staff working under the hybrid model; and if he will consider reviewing national employment guidance on these matters. — Frankie Feighan. [45388/25]

*683. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding any engagement his Department has had with the supermarket sector to encourage the reduction in the use of non-recyclable plastic in all aspects of their operating procedures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45512/25]

*684. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment regarding the appeals process for the increased cost of business grant and power up grant, the timeframe when businesses will receive their payment if they were originally miscategorised; when follow up instructions will be issued to local authorities in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45654/25]

*685. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will assess adopting France’s shrinkflation disclosure model; and report to the Oireachtas on options to require in-store notices for at least two months after a content reduction that raises unit price. — Ken O’Flynn. [45702/25]

*686. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to increase maximum penalties and resourcing for Competition and Consumer Protection Commission to police unit pricing and pricing promotions following the 2024 prosecutions; and to provide timelines for any legislative changes. — Ken O’Flynn. [45703/25]

*687. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will request the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission to update UCPD guidance to treat unflagged material recipe changes as potentially misleading omissions. — Ken O’Flynn. [45704/25]

*688. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will introduce a cap on event ticket prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [45762/25]

*689. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will review the legal metrology (intoxicating liquor) regulations that restrict licensed premises to serving draught beer and cider only in imperial pint (568ml) and half-pint (284ml); if he will consider amending the regulations to allow CE-marked metric quantities such as 150ml, 300ml, and 400ml in line with EU practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [45799/25]

*690. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether the current prohibition on serving draught beer and cider in smaller metric volumes is solely a matter

of domestic law enforced by the NSAI; the steps he will take to bring the State's practice into line with EU Directive 80/181/EEC on metrication and Directive 2009/34/EC on measuring instruments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [45800/25]

*691. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he has engaged with small breweries and independent hospitality businesses regarding the impact of restrictions on draught serving measures; if he will consider their requests for greater flexibility in the interest of both fairness and responsible alcohol service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [45801/25]

*692. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding the increased cost of business grant and power up grant; if dentists that have retail aspects are categorised in the same way as opticians and pharmacies in terms of the appeal system for businesses that were originally misclassified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45826/25]

*693. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if dental practices that engage in retail sales are eligible for the ICOB 2 and power up grants under the reclassification appeal process, given that opticians and pharmacists are included; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [45873/25]

*694. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if dental clinics qualify for the ICOB 2 and Power Up grants given they have retail sales; if not, the reasons for their exclusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [45944/25]

*695. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of residential properties currently listed as short-term rentals on platforms (details supplied); and the percentage of these properties that are located in areas designated as RPZ. — Sorca Clarke. [46256/25]

*696. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment in view of youth unemployment at 12.2% more than double the national average, the steps the Government will take to prevent a lost generation. — Ken O'Flynn. [46263/25]

*697. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when the companies (Corporate Governance, Enforcement and Regulatory Provisions) Act 2024 will come into effect, whether the provisions of the Act will apply retrospectively to the date it was signed by the President; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ann Graves. [46312/25]

*698. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his attention has been drawn to concerns of business owners that engage in trade with the United States in view of the increased pressure and uncertainty posed by tariffs; the additional supports been considered to support this sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [46313/25]

*699. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide an update on the total funding allocated to County Louth under this Department from 2023 to date, per year in tabular form. — Erin McGreehan. [46355/25]

*700. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of companies registered as companies limited by guarantee at the end of 2024; the number of persons employed directly by companies registered as companies limited by guarantee at the end of 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [46366/25]

*701. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide the details and addresses of all properties in the ownership of the Department that are absolved from paying commercial rates to the relevant local authority of the location that the property is in; to provide a similar list of properties for agencies or bodies under its remit that are also absolved from commercial rates, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [46437/25]

*702. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if it is his intention to require employers to furnish references to employees upon request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [46454/25]

*703. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the progress that has been made on the review of the eligibility criteria for the insolvency payment scheme, which Bill was referred to the OPC on 31 May 2024, it was listed as a priority for drafting during the Autumn term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [46473/25]

*704. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the details of the average processing time for employment permit appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [46593/25]

*705. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his position on the development of new cruise berths in Dublin; and his views on the way in which this could support the growth of cruise tourism and wider economic benefits. — Emer Currie. [46661/25]

*706. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the assessment carried out on the economic contribution of cruise tourism to Ireland, including the potential to triple passenger numbers to over 600,000 annually; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46663/25]

*707. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which the development of additional cruise capacity at Dublin Port will support job creation in the tourism and hospitality sectors; and if he will outline the discussions that have taken place with stakeholders on maximising these opportunities. — Emer Currie. [46664/25]

*708. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of applications and approvals for the grow digital voucher in each of the 12 months from September 2024 to August 2025, in tabular form. — Emer Currie. [46688/25]

*709. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps that Failte Ireland are taking to promote Christmas food markets; and the budget allocation for the promotion of these types of markets. — Paul Donnelly. [46722/25]

*710. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of WTE inspectors by grade working in the Workplace Relations Commission in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased before end of year 2025. — Paul Donnelly. [46723/25]

*711. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps being taken to hold online sellers and marketplaces, including those based outside Ireland, to the same standards and regulation as Irish retailers who sell consumer goods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46747/25]

*712. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he plans to adopt solutions to address gaps in compliance by online sellers of consumer goods; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that established Irish retailers who follow the rules face an unfair disadvantage as certain third-country traders avoid costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46748/25]

*713. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans for a digital awareness campaign to inform online shoppers about their consumer rights and relevant health, safety and environmental issues ahead of Cyber Week and Black Friday; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46749/25]

*714. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he has taken steps to engage with the Advertising Standards Authority of Ireland to ensure compliance and enforcement of advertising standards on digital platforms selling goods to Irish consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46750/25]

*715. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures being taken in Ireland ahead of the festive shopping season to tackle the surge in low value imports, as highlighted by the European Commission in their E-Commerce Communication in February 2025 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46751/25]

*716. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures the competition and consumer protection commission has put in place to enforce the stronger powers granted to them in Consumer Rights Act 2022, and in particular measures with respect to digital services. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46756/25]

*717. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if the economic impact assessment of the Low Pay Commission's recommendation to abolish sub-minimum rates of pay has been completed; if there is a timeline for completion and publication; if he plans to publish the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [46765/25]

*718. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment in light of significant truck driver shortages reported in Cork, up to 40 vacancies locally, the measures that will be taken to fast-track HGV licensing, streamline cross-departmental employment permits, and support sectoral recruitment in Cork's haulage industry. — Ken O'Flynn. [46810/25]

*719. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps being taken to stimulate investor confidence especially in high-growth sectors in Cork and the Munster region with Q2 venture capital investment plunging 80% to €116.5million. — Ken O'Flynn. [46822/25]

*720. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 966 of 29 July 2025, the data and research his Department has to support the answer regarding the emergence of new jobs; whether these jobs will be equal or greater than the number of jobs lost to AI; whether the minister is aware of research which indicates AI has led to decreased graduate roles and increased labour displacement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [46929/25]

*721. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment given the eight competent authorities for the EU AI Act announced in March, if he will set out the specific regulatory bodies and market surveillance authorities that are responsible for each of the prohibitions laid in Article 5 of the EU AI Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [46930/25]

*722. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide the reviews, reports, research and data his Department has available and which it has commissioned or directly undertaken in relation to assessments of the trends of insolvencies, incorporations, strike-outs and liquidations in the hospitality sector since the publication by the National Competitiveness and Productivity Council of its report of July 2024 that requested his Department produce such research and data relating to the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [46981/25]

*723. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will clarify how MicroFinance Ireland's funding is accounted for in the Revised Estimates for Public Services 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47055/25]

*724. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide a breakdown of MicroFinance Ireland loan approvals, by county and sector to date 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47056/25]

*725. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the proportion of MicroFinance Ireland loans in 2025 that have been granted to start-ups versus established businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47057/25]

*726. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps that are being taken to ensure that microenterprises in rural and disadvantaged areas are aware of, and can access, MicroFinance Ireland supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47058/25]

*727. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will outline the steps being taken to ensure that Ireland remains a global centre of excellence for aircraft leasing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47125/25]

*728. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the reason, Rathcroghan given the significance of it to the origins of Halloween, it was excluded from the recently launched "Ireland, Home of Halloween" initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47129/25]

*729. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the initiatives currently in place to encourage tourism in County Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47130/25]

*730. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the progress on establishing strategic spares for the water system, the electricity grid, including transformers, pumps and bearings; the planned funding lines to support this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47211/25]

*731. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has assessed the feasibility of establishing a modest electric arc furnace using domestic scrap to produce rebar or plate for public works; the estimated scrap availability, annual capacity range, power requirements and grid connection options; the engagement to date with potential operators; the supports for mature node PCB and controls assembly used in critical infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47212/25]

*732. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the annual tonnage of ferrous scrap collected in the State since 2020; the share exported compared with that remelted domestically; the measures under consideration to retain higher-value processing in the State, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47213/25]

*733. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the up-to-date position regarding the measures that will be implemented by his Department and by statutory agencies under the remit of his Department to protect employment and the rights of employees at a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47284/25]

*734. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 933 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47355/25]

*735. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 934 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47373/25]

*736. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the progress of the Shared Island Tourism Destination initiatives including Carlingford Lough, Cuilcagh Lakelands Geopark and Sliabh Beagh, detailing capital works funded, delivery timelines and partnerships with Fáilte Ireland, Tourism Ireland and Tourism Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47406/25]

*737. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the average processing time of critical skills employment permits per year from 2021 and to date in 2025; the breakdown per sector of employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [47473/25]

*738. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the supports available to SMEs to meet new cyber security and NIS2 obligations; the number of firms assisted in 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47517/25]

*739. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the total grants awarded to recycling and re-manufacturing projects since 2020; the value and volume in each year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47524/25]

*740. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the timeline for the publication of the new Action Plan for Competitiveness and Productivity; if stakeholder engagement has commenced; and the main sectors being prioritised for reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47530/25]

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

*741. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if he is aware of the variation in compensation levels for Board members (details supplied); and if he intends to ensure pay equality for board members sitting on these interview panels. — Darren O’Rourke. [46479/25]

*742. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to accept the valid claim for parity that school secretaries and caretakers have for public sector pay, pension and leave entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [46970/25]

*743. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the funding and programme supports that are being provided to DDL-ETB to expand youth services that promote soft skills, confidence, and progression into education or employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47308/25]

*744. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm her Departments precise rationale for the removal of gender from the SET allocation for schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [44447/25]

*745. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of SNA reviews carried out the NCSE by in primary schools in Dublin Fingal West during 2024-2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [44460/25]

*746. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the names of the schools in which SNA reviews were carried out by the NCSE in 2024-2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [44461/25]

*747. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of SNA positions that will be available for the start of the school term September 2025, compared to September 2024, in Dublin Fingal West; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [44462/25]

*748. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of sanctioned autism classes for Dublin Fingal West that will be open for the start of the school term September 2025, in Dublin Fingal West; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [44463/25]

*749. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in need of a special school place in Dublin Fingal West waiting for a school place for September 2025, in Dublin Fingal West; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [44464/25]

*750. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in need of an autism school place in Dublin Fingal West that are waiting on a school place for September 2025, in Dublin Fingal West; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [44465/25]

*751. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in need of a reading school place in Dublin Fingal West that are waiting on a school place for September 2025, in Dublin Fingal West; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [44466/25]

*752. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update in relation to a new school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44483/25]

*753. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if education and training boards have been invited to make submissions for a new UBU (youth services) scheme in their functional areas; if so, what are the timelines for these submissions, how many submissions have been received to date, and when is a final decision expected. — Erin McGreehan. [44500/25]

*754. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if funding has been allocated in Budget 2026 to increase the number of UBU (Your Place Your Space) services beyond the current total of 260; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [44501/25]

*755. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will review a concessionary ticket application for school transport in the case of a family (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [44526/25]

*756. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to review a concessionary ticket application for school transport for a child (details provided) on medical grounds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [44527/25]

*757. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a response to a departmental query (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [44566/25]

*758. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the date when entrants and students undertaking the montessori teaching course at a college (details supplied) were informed that route 4 would no longer be available to them for securing teaching council registration; if she is aware that four graduates of this course are unable to register permanently with the Teaching Council despite beginning their studies before recognition of the course was withdrawn at the end of 2023; and if an accommodation will be made for these students given the urgent national need for teachers and in view of the fact that no further graduates will come from this course due to the college's closure. — Pat Buckley. [44592/25]

*759. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 80 of 25 June 2025, to examine the case affecting a teachers pay calculations (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44603/25]

*760. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 81 of 25 June 2025, to examine the case affecting a teachers pay calculations (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44604/25]

*761. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the new distance regulations for Bus Éireann school bus catchment areas, 2km/1km, will be updated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [44609/25]

*762. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to examine the case of a child with additional needs requiring a school placement (details supplied). — Mark Wall. [44617/25]

*763. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to examine the case of a child with additional needs requiring a school placement (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [44618/25]

*764. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if processes are in place with a view to resolving the long drawn out incremental credit for secondary school teachers, as outlined in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [44639/25]

*765. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 421 of 20 May 2025, whether an update will be provided to the children with additional needs who

need supports to start school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [44663/25]

*766. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the timeline for approval for additional accommodation for a school (details supplied); if she is aware of the unacceptable situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [44679/25]

*767. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to reply to correspondence regarding rural school funding (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [44689/25]

*768. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth his plans to reduce the pick-up zone distance under the school transport scheme from 3.2 km to 2 km and eventually to 1 km; if a detailed timeframe will be provided on when these changes will be introduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [44690/25]

*769. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of UBU Your Place Your Space services in the country; the number in each ETB; separately, the number on a county-by-county basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [44698/25]

*770. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to consider the application for two new services in Laois (details supplied) in view of the exceptionally low funding provided to the county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [44699/25]

*771. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a construction project is expected to be completed for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [44724/25]

*772. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the rationale for the phase out of route 4 recognition of teachers for those from a professional special needs Montessori background; if she will consider an extension to the 31 December 2023 cut off; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [44735/25]

*773. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the assessment her officials have undertaken on the impact of the redesignation of special schools referred to in circular 0039/2025; the way in which the eligibility criteria have been established; if she will consider changes or deferments to the policy where it is clear no additional supports are available to children who need them in a mainstream setting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [44736/25]

*774. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider the limited teaching staff allocation granted to a school (details supplied) in consideration of the increase in the number enrolled for September 2025. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [44753/25]

*775. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to consider reinstating the route 4 recognition to primary teaching; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [44755/25]

*776. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to consider the State offering training pathways for special education teacher that do not require the teaching of Irish; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [44756/25]

*777. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to offer a timeline for caretakers and cleaners to be transferred to the centralised public payroll as school secretaries were in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [44762/25]

*778. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will extend the Commission of Investigation into historical sexual abuse, in all day and boarding schools to include victims of physical abuse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [44796/25]

*779. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures been taken to ameliorate the Governance structures of the school completion programme since major shortcomings were identified in the 2015 ESRI report examining the body; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [44806/25]

*780. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions she will take to prevent the proposed all out strike planned for affected school secretaries and caretakers (details supplied); the steps she will take to engage with Forsa and address their rights to a pension upon retirement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44816/25]

*781. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the correspondence (details supplied); the steps being considered in relation to the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44834/25]

*782. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the new policy measure announced on 21 April 2025, under which teachers may become eligible for a permanent contract after one year in post, applies exclusively to newly qualified teachers or extends to all teachers appointed to their first teaching contract. — Paul Lawless. [44835/25]

*783. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she will provide the circular or official guideline outlining the eligibility criteria, implementation procedures, and any associated timelines. — Paul Lawless. [44836/25]

*784. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on her plan to introduce a provision to support Irish-trained teachers returning from abroad, allowing them to complete their induction here in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44866/25]

*785. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children with additional needs in County Westmeath who are currently without a suitable school place for the upcoming academic year. — Sorca Clarke. [44874/25]

*786. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the possibility of acquiring land from Coillte to increase additional parking opposite a school (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44881/25]

*787. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to ensure that non-EU teachers on stamp G1 visas who are fully qualified post-primary teachers and are registered with the Teaching Council are not prohibited from entering the school workforce as teachers due to the position advertised via the Public Appointments Service rather than JobsIreland.ie which does not fulfil the labour market needs test requirement for a 28-day advertisement on JobsIreland.ie; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [44938/25]

*788. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will address the ongoing issues regarding school transport provision in the areas of Whitechurch, Blarney, and Upper Glanmire; the immediate measures being taken to ensure that children attending schools (details supplied) can access school bus places for the 2025-2026 academic year given that a number of families in these areas have been unable to secure transport and now face significant logistical and financial difficulties as a result. — Ken O’Flynn. [44943/25]

*789. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to address the shortage of after-school places for children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [44947/25]

*790. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will examine correspondence (details supplied); if an update will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45004/25]

*791. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of times the NCSE has directed a school to enrol a particular child or young person with special educational needs under Section 67 of the Education Act within the last 6 months. — Paul Murphy. [45020/25]

*792. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children that had a section 67 designation notice made for them had issued legal proceedings or had threatened to issue legal proceedings. — Paul Murphy. [45021/25]

*793. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of times the NCSE has directed a school to enrol a particular child or young person with special educational needs under Section 67 of the Education (Provision in Respect of Children with Special Needs) Act 2022, in the last 6 months. — Pa Daly. [45078/25]

*794. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth how many of the children who had a Section 67 designation notice made for them had issued legal proceedings or had threatened to issue legal proceedings. — Pa Daly. [45079/25]

*795. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the details of the next phase of the implementation of the School Transport Review; if further pilots are planned; if her Department will prioritise schools, routes and areas with known ongoing capacity and eligibility issues for any further pilot schemes or expansion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [45089/25]

*796. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason for the delays with the Teaching Council of Ireland’s timebound provision (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45120/25]

*797. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the action she will take to increase educational initiatives in schools to address the growing number of racially motivated physical and verbal assaults on minority communities across the State. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45149/25]

*798. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding a major project for a school (details supplied); if she will provide details on the current status; if there are changes to the design; the arrangements for car parking; the timeframe for completion and opening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45151/25]

*799. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if pedestrian safety has been considered in planning for a major project for a school (details supplied); if pedestrian safety measures will be implemented in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45152/25]

*800. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a list of all unused properties, lands and buildings, under the ownership or control of her Department within County Kerry; the length of time they have been idle; the plans in place, if any, for future use; if these unused properties, lands and buildings can be used for affordable and social housing and low cost sites; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45177/25]

*801. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when her Department will commence negotiations with a union (details supplied) regarding the school secretaries pension campaign; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [45247/25]

*802. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has been in contact with a union (details supplied) in relation to planned strike action by school secretaries and caretakers beginning on 28 August 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45264/25]

*803. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if another bus will be established in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45268/25]

*804. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the date on which a school (details supplied) will re-open following the extensive refurbishment works that are currently being carried out on the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [45269/25]

*805. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will allocate an emergency works grant to a school (details supplied) to prevent harm to students and staff arising from the dilapidated condition of the school yard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45282/25]

*806. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 222 of 26 June 2025, if financial support will be provided to an organisation (details supplied) to support the establishment of a redress scheme for survivors of abuse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [45287/25]

*807. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to increase resources for SNA provision at both primary and secondary school level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45313/25]

*808. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 243 of 26 June 2025, if she will intervene regarding the refusal of an appeal for increased SNA allocation for a school (details supplied); given the sense of need pleaded by the school to ensure adequate provision of education to their pupils. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45314/25]

*809. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth given the significant shortage Ireland faces with school teachers, when it is envisioned the “timebound provision” within the registrations regulation will be enacted, as many people whom have travelled abroad to study teaching find

themselves locked out of applying to register when they return home, with limited options for young people returning from studies abroad to register as qualified teachers here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45315/25]

*810. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for a detailed up-to-date report regarding the extension to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45336/25]

*811. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of primary school teachers employed on temporary contracts, in tabular form for each of the years from 2020 to date in 2025; the measures introduced to offer teachers on temporary contracts full-time positions in response to the shortage of fully qualified teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [45347/25]

*812. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the translation of leaving certificate books into Irish; when biology, chemistry and physics books will be made available; the alternatives in place while students wait; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [45352/25]

*813. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review a decision to refuse incremental credit to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [45371/25]

*814. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to examine the case for expediting emergency works scheme approval for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [45372/25]

*815. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will take action to recognise school secretaries as public servants to ensure that they have access to the public service pension scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [45385/25]

*816. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the timeline for replacement of the nearest school rule; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [45416/25]

*817. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the financial and other supports available for transport to and from school for students who due to student place shortages could not register for their nearest school and consequently attend another school, in circumstances where there is no space available on their bus route for concessionary tickets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [45417/25]

*818. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of ASD class places currently available in County Kerry; and the plans that exist to expand provision before the 2026 academic year. — Michael Cahill. [45451/25]

*819. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the coordination in place between her Department and the Department of Children, Disability and Equality to ensure children with autism have continuity of support between preschool and primary school settings. — Michael Cahill. [45452/25]

*820. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason Irish teachers returning from teaching abroad must obtain forms (details supplied) to claim increments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45503/25]

*821. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions required by Government arising from case of O’Keefe v Ireland (2014) at the European Court of Human Rights; the actions taken by Government to date; the Government proposals to ensure that Ireland fully complies with the judgement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45504/25]

*822. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the options open to a person (details supplied). — Ann Graves. [45510/25]

*823. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when her Department expects a school (details supplied) to move to construction phase of works. — Darren O’Rourke. [45521/25]

*824. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to visit the United Arab Emirates to attract Irish trained teachers to return home and work in the Irish Educational System. — Darren O’Rourke. [45522/25]

*825. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when her Department expects refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) to be completed. — Darren O’Rourke. [45523/25]

*826. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of primary and post primary schools in County Offaly that received funding for works under emergency works scheme in the 2023 to 2024 and the 2024 to 2025 school term, in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [45524/25]

*827. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the capital funding her Department provided to a school (details supplied) in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [45525/25]

*828. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of teachers on the substitute supply panel in Carlow at present and the number in 2020, in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [45526/25]

*829. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the progress of a new school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [45569/25]

*830. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on the merits of supporting the voluntary work of an organisation (details supplied); if an increase in annual funding will be considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45574/25]

*831. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will ensure that children who previously held seats on a school bus are not unfairly displaced under the random allocation process on school transport, given the significant hardship this causes families with no alternative means of transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [45598/25]

*832. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline the total amount of Government funding provided to an organisation (details supplied) in 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Séamus McGrath. [45664/25]

*833. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the provision of SNA support for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45681/25]

*834. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the provision of an appropriate school place for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45682/25]

*835. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the progress of a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [45685/25]

*836. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if, following her announcement that teachers taking up their first contract in a viable teaching post in September 2025 will become eligible for a permanent contract in September 2026, with the eligibility contingent upon successful re-appointment following a competitive recruitment process, if this extends to teachers who are in the career for a number of years but who have no permanent position as of yet and who are working on a contract of indefinite duration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [45687/25]

*837. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider extending the home tuition scheme, or the introduction of alternative departmental supports, to allow qualified teachers to provide educational provision for students who are unable to attend mainstream school due to school refusal or the lack of an available school place, through the establishment of educational hubs, where a small number of tutors would work collectively from a shared premises; whether such a model could be formally recognised under existing education policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [45710/25]

*838. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department holds figures for the number of children currently availing of the home tuition scheme; if so; if she will provide these figures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [45717/25]

*839. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to consider providing transport for children attending a school (details supplied), given that the relocation of the school from Citywest to Newcastle is causing transport issues for families and in light of full subscription in local schools to Citywest; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45752/25]

*840. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to deliver pension parity for school secretaries (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45771/25]

*841. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the progress made on a school project (details supplied) since her visit in May 2025. — Tom Brabazon. [45777/25]

*842. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the building of a school (details supplied) will be completed, the reason this school building project is ongoing since 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [45788/25]

*843. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to urgently engage with Forsa to advert strike action and allow for school secretaries/caretakers to have access to pensions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45795/25]

*844. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to review issues that have been raised in relation to special needs transport assistants (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [45796/25]

*845. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the timeframe for a decision on an application under the additional school accommodation scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45805/25]

*846. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on a modular building for a school (details supplied); when the building will be ready for use; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45814/25]

*847. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a list of the 45 special schools that are to be included in the new National Therapy Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45824/25]

*848. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school (details supplied) is one of the 45 special schools to be included in the new National Therapy Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45825/25]

*849. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a replacement school bus transport escort has not been provided to a child (details supplied) given the lengthy period of absence of the current escort; if a new escort will be provided at the earliest opportunity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45829/25]

*850. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the body that has overall responsibility for the operation of the school transport scheme; the role of her Department and the role of Bus Éireann in the delivery of the scheme; if she will report on the adequacy of capacity and the number of eligible children who were unable to secure a seat for the current school year; and if she will review the eligibility criteria particularly for rural areas and provide an update on the appeals process for parents whose children have been refused transport. — Ken O'Flynn. [45833/25]

*851. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on the commitment in the Programme for Government to carry out an independent assessment on the feasibility of removing the exclusion of drivers aged over 70 from the school transport scheme; the current status of this assessment; the expected timeline for its completion; and if interim measures will be introduced to allow qualified, medically certified drivers over the age of 70 to operate school transport services in advance of September 2025. — Michael Murphy. [45842/25]

*852. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider reviewing Bus Éireann's allocation process for concessionary tickets, in particular if she will consider prioritising existing service users; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45878/25]

*853. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update in relation to the pilot school transport scheme, in particular in relation to the evaluation of 14 pilot projects undertaken in the 2024-2025 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45879/25]

*854. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update in relation to the pilot school transport scheme, the details of the schools which have been identified as pilot projects for the 2025-2026 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45880/25]

*855. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider including a school (details supplied) in the school transport scheme pilot projects for 2025-2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45881/25]

*856. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will fund and facilitate teachers at post-primary level who are registered via route 3 (further education), who are already teaching Irish as a subject and wish to upskill, and who are accepted into the course, to participate in the postgraduate diploma in Irish for post-primary teachers which is aimed at enhancing the skills of registered post-primary teachers in Irish; and if not, the reason and the opportunities she intends to provide to upskill existing Irish teachers who are deemed unqualified at present, and for route 3 teachers to upskill beyond the unqualified rate of pay. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45882/25]

*857. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason Kerry families were only given 11 days' notice that their children will not receive school bus seats in 2025 despite the fact that they booked and paid for their bus tickets in April (details supplied); if she will secure alternative transport for these students ASAP; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45893/25]

*858. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps are being taken by her Department to protect children from being exposed to harmful or confusing concepts about gender identity by a programme (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [45905/25]

*859. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will list the experts consulted within the formation of a programme (details supplied), specifically in relation to the issue of gender identity. — Peadar Tóibín. [45906/25]

*860. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason Ireland is proceeding with policies around gender identity in schools when countries such as Britain, France, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland have paused gender-affirming treatments for minors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45907/25]

*861. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the status of the new permanent building for a school (details supplied); to confirm that it remains on course to go to tender in quarter three of 2025; to confirm if construction will begin in the first half of 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [45914/25]

*862. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the supports available for students with dyslexia during State examinations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45922/25]

*863. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is considering any proposals to increase the supports available for students with dyslexia during State examinations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45923/25]

*864. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline the annual budget for the State Examinations Commission, by year from 2020 and 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45924/25]

*865. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1071 of 29 July 2025, the position regarding a timeline for the completion of a school (details supplied); if she is concerned of the impact on families if this project is not urgently progressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45925/25]

*866. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of students enrolled in special classes in the Youghal school planning area; the number of autistic students enrolled in mainstream classes within the Youghal school planning area; and the number of children on reduced timetables within the Youghal school planning area. — Liam Quaide. [45930/25]

*867. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of students enrolled in special classes in the Dungarvan school planning area; the number of autistic students enrolled in mainstream classes within the Dungarvan school planning area; and the number of children on reduced timetables within the Dungarvan school planning area. — Liam Quaide. [45931/25]

*868. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of students enrolled in special classes in the Lismore school planning area; the number of autistic students enrolled in mainstream classes within the Lismore school planning area; and the number of children on reduced timetables within the Lismore school planning area. — Liam Quaide. [45932/25]

*869. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an up-to-date map of the school catchment areas for Cork east. — Liam Quaide. [45933/25]

*870. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an up-to-date map of the school catchment areas for Waterford. — Liam Quaide. [45934/25]

*871. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has considered the introduction of gender balance quotas, or other targeted measures, to encourage greater male participation in the teaching profession, including in the early years and preschool sector, given the significant gender imbalance and ongoing staffing shortages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [45945/25]

*872. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department holds statistics on the gender breakdown of teachers and educators at early years/preschool, primary, secondary, and third level; and if she will provide the most recent available figures. — Ken O'Flynn. [45946/25]

*873. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a breakdown of the number of primary and post primary schools that are Catholic, Church of Ireland, other religious patronage and non-denominational, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [45948/25]

*874. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to engage with Bus Éireann over the lack of school buses, on approved bus routes from Ferns to Bunclody County Wexford, which are leaving children with no way to get to school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [45952/25]

*875. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children who have been refused a school bus ticket for the 2025-2026 academic year due to a lack of available spaces, per county, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [45959/25]

*876. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware that school transport options are being refused to children attending schools that have relocated for the reason that there are other schools deemed closer; if she considers it fair policy to expect parents to transfer their children from one school to another because of decisions by her Department to relocate schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45960/25]

*877. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school bus service will be considered for an area following the relocation of a school (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [45961/25]

*878. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the development of a centralised application system, in tandem with the NCSE, to deal with applications for children with special educational needs more efficiently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45983/25]

*879. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of post-primary teaching posts that currently remain unfilled, for each county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45984/25]

*880. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of primary teaching posts that currently remain unfilled, for each county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45985/25]

*881. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special needs assistant posts currently remain unfilled, for each county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45986/25]

*882. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update as of August 2025 on her engagement with teachers unions regarding leaving certificate reform due to be rolled out in September 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45987/25]

*883. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the engagement she has had with unions representing school secretaries and caretakers regarding their planned industrial action over pension parity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45988/25]

*884. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has completed her Department's internal budgetary process for the Budget 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45992/25]

*885. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if within her internal budgetary process she has identified a need to increase funding for ICT equipment, to assist pupils with special educational needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45993/25]

*886. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if within her internal budgetary process she has identified a need to increase funding for the capitation grant in primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [46000/25]

*887. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if within her internal budgetary process she has identified a need to increase funding for the capitation grant in post-primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [46001/25]

*888. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for a timeline and budget allocation for the implementation of the DEIS+ programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [46003/25]

*889. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for a status update on the arbitration talks between a union (details supplied) and the Department of Education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [46004/25]

*890. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the process for teachers that are qualified abroad to get a teaching post in Ireland. — Jen Cummins. [46011/25]

*891. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to broaden the ability for more people to become teachers within Ireland, to address the teacher shortage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [46012/25]

*892. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to address the teacher shortages in secondary school level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [46013/25]

*893. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to address the teacher shortages in primary school level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [46014/25]

*894. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to address the teacher shortages in special education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [46015/25]

*895. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to share the details of the school bus routes not operational for the start of the 2025-2026 school year on a county-by-county basis; the number of students impacted by those lacking services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46066/25]

*896. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the Department will pay the exceptional no service interim grant up front rather than retrospectively due to the financial impact on parents of the lacking school bus services at the start of this school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46067/25]

*897. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the bidding for school bus contracts closed for the 2025-2026 school year on a county-by-county basis, if applicable; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46068/25]

*898. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will act to prevent the unnecessary merging of two classes in schools (details supplied), which may have a negative impact on the education received by the pupils. — Paul Murphy. [46088/25]

*899. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will ensure that all school secretaries and caretakers are provided with a public service pension and public sector terms of employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [46097/25]

*900. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for the latest update on the stage 2a report of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46101/25]

*901. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if it is correct that parents of children attending a post primary school (details supplied) must purchase school books for home use under the schoolbooks scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46181/25]

*902. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the two modular classrooms granted in May 2023 for a school (details supplied); if her attention has been drawn to the fact that construction on site was due to commence on 7 July 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [46185/25]

*903. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children who do not have an appropriate school place for the September 2025 school year, by constituency, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [46186/25]

*904. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason concessionary school transport ticket holders are not permitted to access public transport free of charge in cases where Bus Éireann has failed to provide a school bus service for their children. — Peadar Tóibín. [46212/25]

*905. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of school bus tickets issued to children nationwide for the upcoming school year for which no corresponding bus service was available. — Peadar Tóibín. [46213/25]

*906. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of school bus tickets issued to children in County Meath for the upcoming school year for which no corresponding bus service was available. — Peadar Tóibín. [46214/25]

*907. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of all-girls post-primary schools that do not offer each subject (details supplied), in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [46237/25]

*908. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the gender breakdown of students who sat subjects (details supplied) in each of the past three years at Leaving Certificate level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [46238/25]

*909. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures being taken to ensure that more all-girls post-primary schools are supported to offer subjects (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [46239/25]

*910. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the specific initiatives being implemented to improve the participation rate of girls in subjects where uptake has been traditionally low (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [46240/25]

*911. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the shortage of qualified teachers in subjects (details supplied) is a barrier to offering these subjects in more schools, particularly all-girls schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [46241/25]

*912. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures in place to ensure that students in schools where certain STEM or social science subjects are not offered can access them through shared provision, online delivery, or inter-school collaboration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [46242/25]

*913. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Department's strategy to address gender disparities in STEM subject uptake, particularly in physics and computer science, and the targets set for improvement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [46243/25]

*914. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if career guidance programmes in second-level schools place sufficient emphasis on encouraging female students to consider STEM, politics and economics subjects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [46244/25]

*915. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide details of any Transition Year or extracurricular initiatives aimed at increasing girls' exposure to and interest in STEM subjects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [46245/25]

*916. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Department's current approach to supporting students with dyslexia, including early identification, specialist interventions, teacher training, assistive technologies such as text-to-speech software and examination accommodations; if instruction in structured literacy methods for example, multisensory and systematic phonics is promoted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [46246/25]

*917. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department is considering the establishment of additional reading schools or specialist reading classes for children with severe dyslexia; the current number of such settings nationally; the changes since 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [46247/25]

*918. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the specific steps being taken to expand specialist literacy support such as reading classes or workshops in Fingal, given its status as the area with one of the youngest and fastest-growing child populations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [46248/25]

*919. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way dyslexia-specific supports, such as additional reading schools or classes, fit within the implementation of the new Ireland's Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy Strategy 2024-2033 for example, under "supporting diverse learners" pillar; her views on the alignment of these supports with identified strategy actions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [46249/25]

*920. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the professional learning opportunities available to mainstream and special education teachers to develop competencies in structured literacy, dyslexia screening and intervention strategies; the number of postgraduate SNA-special educational needs training places that have been assigned in the current year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [46250/25]

*921. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of students currently served by reading schools or specialist classes for severe dyslexia, by region and, by local authority area; the projected future demand; the planned timeline for expanding such provision, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [46251/25]

*922. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of school bus ticket (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [46255/25]

*923. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding a school transport scheme route (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46281/25]

*924. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the details of a school transport scheme route (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46282/25]

*925. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the details of a school transport scheme route (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46283/25]

*926. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the details of a school transport scheme route (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46284/25]

*927. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on the construction of a school (details supplied) and the tender process; if the project will begin construction in quarter one to two of 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [46285/25]

*928. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the amount spent on building new schools in the North West in the past 5 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [46287/25]

*929. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of new schools built in the North West in the past 5 years; the location of the schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [46288/25]

*930. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the details of a school transport scheme route (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46289/25]

*931. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether a pupil could avail of a closer school bus pickup point from their home (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [46296/25]

*932. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether two school bus tickets could be re-issued to the correct address (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [46327/25]

*933. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a group of students could avail of a closer school bus pickup point (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [46331/25]

*934. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will give a commitment that the funding required for a special school (details supplied) is made available in the forthcoming Budget. — Ann Graves. [46336/25]

*935. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the total funding allocated to County Louth under this Department from 2023 to date, per year in tabular form. — Erin McGreehan. [46354/25]

*936. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions she will take in the case of a child (details supplied) who has been unable to secure an appropriate place in a secondary school for September 2025 despite extensive engagement by their parents with the National Council for Special Education and CDNT teams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [46363/25]

*937. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to urgently approve requests in correspondence from a representative group (details supplied), to prevent the situation escalating; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [46388/25]

*938. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of any delays in the post-primary schoolbook scheme this year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [46415/25]

*939. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a school bus ticket for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [46417/25]

*940. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the details and addresses of all properties in the ownership of the Department that are absolved from paying commercial rates to the relevant local authority of the location that the property is in; to provide a similar list of properties for agencies or bodies under its remit that are also absolved from commercial rates, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [46436/25]

*941. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there are a set of rules for schools to follow for the free books scheme; if tablets and books are to be bought for each student or if this is down to the individual school to decide; if the Department would consider a consistent approach; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [46457/25]

*942. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether a school (details supplied) will definitively be added to the list of Dublin 15 national schools as it is situated in the Fingal County Council administrative area, is within the D15 electoral area and requires consistent access to services of the NCSE and the local D15 SENO. — Emer Currie. [46459/25]

*943. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of cases in which funded, purpose-built, special education units in primary schools are being used to house a mainstream classes rather than the intended special education provision; and if she will outline the steps her Department will take to address this matter ensuring that children requiring specialist support are provided with the facilities and services originally intended. — Ken O'Flynn. [46461/25]

*944. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the monitoring and follow-up procedures, in place to ensure that schools are using Department-funded, purpose-built special education units for their intended purpose; and if she will provide details of how compliance is checked both at the time of project completion and on an ongoing basis. — Ken O'Flynn. [46462/25]

*945. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions or sanctions that are available to her Department when a school uses a purpose-built special education unit for purposes other

than that for which funding was granted; and if she will outline how the Department ensures accountability for public expenditure in such cases. — Ken O’Flynn. [46463/25]

*946. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will outline how her Department ensures that children who were due to be accommodated in a special education unit, but are instead placed full-time in a mainstream class, receive the level of specialist support, resources, and therapeutic input they are entitled to. — Ken O’Flynn. [46464/25]

*947. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department holds figures on the number of primary school pupils nationally who were placed on reduced school hours during the 2024-2025 academic year; and if she will provide a breakdown by county. — Ken O’Flynn. [46465/25]

*948. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of cases where primary school pupils were placed on reduced school hours for the entire 2024-2025 school year; and if she will outline what steps her Department is taking to address such practices, given that reduced timetables are intended to be short-term and exceptional. — Ken O’Flynn. [46466/25]

*949. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the monitoring and oversight mechanisms that her Department has in place to ensure that reduced school hours are only used in line with Department guidelines; and if she will outline how compliance is tracked across schools. — Ken O’Flynn. [46467/25]

*950. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the assessment her Department has carried out on the educational, social, and emotional impact on children placed on reduced school hours for extended periods; and if she will confirm whether additional supports are made available to such children. — Ken O’Flynn. [46469/25]

*951. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions or sanctions available to her Department in cases where schools fail to comply with the guidelines on reduced school hours and maintain children on reduced timetables beyond what is permitted. — Ken O’Flynn. [46470/25]

*952. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the training and qualifications required of teachers assigned to special education units in primary schools; if she will confirm the number of teachers currently working in such units that have completed specialist training in special education; and if she will outline the steps being taken to ensure that all teachers in special classes have the necessary qualifications to meet the needs of the children that are teaching. — Ken O’Flynn. [46471/25]

*953. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the training and qualifications required of special needs assistants working in special educational units in primary schools; if she will provide details of any compulsory or optional training programmes supported by her Department; and if she will outline how her Department ensures that SNAs in special classes are equipped with the skills and supports necessary to meet the complex needs of the children in their care. — Ken O’Flynn. [46472/25]

*954. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she intends to increase the compensation of LMETB board members sitting on interview panels from €130 to €260, in line with those sitting on community school interview boards. — Darren O’Rourke. [46480/25]

*955. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a special class for children with autism and other conditions (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [46482/25]

*956. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if newly qualified teachers are entitled to payment during the school holidays if they are covering a teacher on sick leave indefinitely and employed on a year-by-year basis. — Darren O'Rourke. [46484/25]

*957. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if teachers who are employed on a year-by-year basis, or a fixed contract, to cover a teacher who is on sick leave have to sign on for Jobseeker's benefit during the holidays. — Darren O'Rourke. [46485/25]

*958. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to change the interview process for permanent posts in schools to an independent public appointment board or service. — Darren O'Rourke. [46486/25]

*959. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for a full update on the new school building project for a school (details supplied); and when the tender process for a contractor will commence. — Séamus McGrath. [46499/25]

*960. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an application for additional school accommodation made by a school in County Clare (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [46505/25]

*961. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if funding is still available for the LMETB headquarters building in Drogheda to commence; the most recent estimated costing available for the project; when it will go to tender; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [46541/25]

*962. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when her Department plans to directly pay the salaries of school caretakers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [46546/25]

*963. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children who left school without a Junior Certificate in each of the years between 2019 and 2024, inclusive and as a percentage of total number of students sitting and eligible for the Junior Certificate, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [46561/25]

*964. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children who left school with a Junior Certificate but without a Leaving Certificate in each of the years between 2019 and 2024 inclusive and as a percentage of total number of students sitting and eligible for the Leaving Certificate, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [46562/25]

*965. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the changes to the eligibility criteria for qualification for a contract of indefinite duration for teachers; when these changes will be finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46576/25]

*966. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on matters raised during the Oireachtas Committee on Education and Youth (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46577/25]

*967. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide clarity to parents on a school transport route (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46579/25]

*968. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of bus drivers who work under the Bus Éireann scheme have reached the age of 70 years and have had to retire due to Bus Éireann's policy; the data for the academic school years 2023/2024, 2024/2025, 2025/2026, for each county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [46585/25]

*969. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of bus drivers who will have to retire for the academic school year 2026/2027, 2027/2028, for each county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [46586/25]

*970. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason companies are withdrawing their contracts with Bus Éireann under the school transport scheme; the number that have withdrawn in the academic school years of 2023/2024, 2024/2025, for each county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [46587/25]

*971. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of companies that applied for the school transport scheme for the 2025/2026 academic school year, for each county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [46588/25]

*972. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the engagement she has had with Marino Institute of Education to bring its Bachelor of Science in Education Studies and their Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education courses under the free fees initiative; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [46590/25]

*973. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if school bus routes in Kildare (details supplied) will be going ahead this school term; and if so, the timeline for when these routes will be operational. — Mark Wall. [46591/25]

*974. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on the need for additional accommodation at a school (details supplied); if she will report on her engagement with the school community in relation to same; the reason additional prefab accommodation was not provided; and the expected date for handover for the building. — Ivana Bacik. [46596/25]

*975. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether school bus drivers are provided with passenger lists to ensure that all students on a school bus route are picked up as part of the school transport scheme; if lists are not provided to give the rationale for not providing the lists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [46627/25]

*976. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department is investigating the feasibility of providing digital school transport passes in view of the logistical issues and costs associated with requiring students to have physical bus passes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [46628/25]

*977. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions her Department has undertaken to enact the recommendations of the school transport review that was published in February 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [46629/25]

*978. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider the issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding school secretaries and caretakers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [46648/25]

*979. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to give favourable consideration to pension parity, critical illness leave and bereavement leave in respect of school secretaries and caretakers (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [46649/25]

*980. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will address the queries raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [46650/25]

*981. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will outline her position on the school secretaries dispute; how she intends to resolve this dispute, if she will examine correspondence on the matter as sent to this Deputy (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [46651/25]

*982. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if consideration will be given to using more small buses for school transport in rural areas where big buses cannot turn corners; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [46672/25]

*983. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps she has taken, and will continue to take, to ensure that non-teaching staff in schools are recognised appropriately and that their rights and entitlements are enhanced to reflect their service to the education system. — Aidan Farrelly. [46730/25]

*984. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the bus route Nenagh-Silvermines to Borrisoleigh will be operating for the academic year 2026-2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [46731/25]

*985. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the funding options available for small rural schools to cover the cost of the discharge licence monitoring fees payable to the local authority in respect of Section 4 licence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [46753/25]

*986. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the new school build for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [46754/25]

*987. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether students can avail of a scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46755/25]

*988. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on the ongoing demand from school transport escorts for fair pay and conditions, to reflect the importance of their work for young people with disabilities and their families; and her views on whether it is acceptable that school transport escorts have to sign on for social welfare supports during school holidays. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [46760/25]

*989. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps her Department will immediately take to resolve the current dispute involving school secretaries and caretakers; if she accepts that some of these critical workers are in an invidious position vis-a-vis their education and training board counterparts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [46763/25]

*990. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will outline the steps being taken to ensure greater access to secure, full time positions, for newly qualified and unemployed teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [46771/25]

*991. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will ensure a person (details supplied) is provided with full details of alleged overpayments in writing, that hardship consideration under Circular PAY 15/04, which allows recovery to be reduced to 3% of gross income in exceptional cases be invoked; and if she will ensure her Department will work for a mutually acceptable resolution; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [46774/25]

*992. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has any plans to review the pay, terms and conditions of bus transport escorts who are engaged by schools to assist and support pupils with additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [46804/25]

*993. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the proposed building works at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [46815/25]

*994. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth given the UK's severe shortages of qualified physics teachers, affecting more than a quarter of state schools, if she will outline strategies to enhance recruitment and retention of STEM educators, particularly in remote areas such as Blarney, Mallow, and Glanmire. — Ken O'Flynn. [46817/25]

*995. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will ensure to accommodate bus escorts providing an invaluable service to vulnerable young people in society with better pay and conditions and treat them with respect (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [46819/25]

*996. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason no update has been made available for TDs and affected customers and families in relation to issues regarding the A1791 school transport route in County Louth; when the matter will be resolved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [46832/25]

*997. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if he is aware that a school bus company (details supplied) has cancelled its school bus service without notice to parents; her plans to facilitate the ten students who now have no transport to school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [46869/25]

*998. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if Irlens syndrome is recognised as a learning disability; if not, the reason; and if so, the supports provided to those diagnosed with the condition. — Marie Sherlock. [46885/25]

*999. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will publish the list of schools within Dublin 3, 5, 13 and 17 that are awaiting major works approval; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [46907/25]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on when a new school (details supplied) will be completed and open for students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46913/25]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to examine the case of the funding situation of a school (details supplied) with a view to providing some mechanism for the school to unwind its debt, or to have the debt take on by her Department given that there are similar schools, limited in number, where debts of this source are a huge burden on the entire school community and cannot be managed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [46982/25]

*1002. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will examine the feasibility of introducing a mechanism whereby Bus Éireann school bus drivers who reach the age of 70 could continue in employment if in possession of a valid bus licence. — Paula Butterly. [46983/25]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will initiate meaningful discussions with an organisation (details supplied) and other representatives to negotiate an agreed resolution to the school secretaries and caretakers dispute. — Séamus McGrath. [46991/25]

*1004. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures she has taken to end the strike action by school secretaries and caretakers; the steps she will take to improve the pension and leave entitlements of secretaries and caretakers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [47019/25]

*1005. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the consideration her Department is giving to the establishment of a fully independent second level Gaelcholáiste in county Clare. — Joe Cooney. [47023/25]

*1006. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will engage with a local school (details supplied) in relation to capitation funding. — Séamus McGrath. [47029/25]

*1007. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the commencement of the detailed design stage for a school (details supplied) and the estimated duration of this stage. — Séamus McGrath. [47031/25]

*1008. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the school transport scheme to allow for payment of school escorts to continue through the summer months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [47034/25]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the request from a school (details supplied) for the provision of additional bus places for students who were unsuccessful in their applications for school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [47036/25]

*1010. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has given consideration to the provision of a bus stop in a village (details supplied) for children availing of school transport to

post primary schools in Enniscorthy, county Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [47037/25]

*1011. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the action her Department is taking to ensure that pupils attending a school (details supplied), and who are eligible for school transport, are provided with transport on the current bus service for the 2025-2026 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47042/25]

*1012. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if special education needs classes for children with literacy and numeracy challenges are routinely staffed by fully qualified teachers with specific training in supporting children with additional educational needs; if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47043/25]

*1013. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number and proportion of teachers currently assigned to special education needs classes who hold qualifications or additional training in special education, literacy difficulties including dyslexia or numeracy interventions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47044/25]

*1014. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has assessed whether there are sufficient numbers of teachers with specialist training in special education needs to meet the demand in primary and post-primary schools, particularly in areas of high population growth such as Fingal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47045/25]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the professional development opportunities provided to teachers currently assigned to special education needs classes to ensure they are equipped with the skills to support children with literacy and numeracy challenges; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47046/25]

*1016. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department is considering expanding mandatory training modules on special education, literacy and numeracy interventions in teacher training programmes, so that all teachers entering the system have a baseline specialist knowledge; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47047/25]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has examined outcomes for children in special education needs classes taught by teachers with specialist training compared to those either without such training or not qualified teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47048/25]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps her Department is taking to ensure consistency across schools in how special education needs classes are delivered, including minimum standards of teacher training, supports and access to specialist resources; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47049/25]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on progression of the commencement of construction of a new school build (details supplied). — Roderic O’Gorman. [47095/25]

*1020. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the eligibility requirement is for pupils with dyslexia to access technology supports at primary and post primary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47109/25]

*1021. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of recent data indicating a rise in illicit drug use, particularly among young people; the plans her Department has to enhance drug education and prevention programmes in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47118/25]

*1022. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will outline any planned or ongoing collaborations her Department has with An Garda Síochána, Department of Health, HSE, or community groups to deliver targeted awareness campaigns highlighting the detrimental physical, mental, and social impacts of drug use; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47119/25]

*1023. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the supports available in schools and through the education system to assist families who discover that a young person is in debt to a criminal organisation, including counselling, guidance, and links to external supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47120/25]

*1024. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will outline any confidential reporting or safeguarding mechanisms in place within schools to support students and families affected by criminal gang debt and related intimidation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47121/25]

*1025. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will detail any recent or planned school-based programmes or awareness campaigns aimed at preventing young people from becoming involved in criminal activity or accruing debt to criminal organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47122/25]

*1026. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the extension for a school (details supplied); when it is expected that approval will be granted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [47153/25]

*1027. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the extension for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [47154/25]

*1028. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which demand is currently assessed for the planning of special education provision; if her Department is considering a review of the current assessment method given that data suggests a higher autism and spectrum disability prevalence than what is currently being forecasted for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [47187/25]

*1029. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the support her Department will provide to teachers affected by a situation (details supplied) in relation to incremental credit for secondary school teachers and if she will make a statement on the matter taking the following into account. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [47222/25]

*1030. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will give detailed consideration to the issues relating to primary and special education with specific reference to Budget 2026 and the pre-Budget submission by an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47223/25]

*1031. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there are plans to progress to the construction or extension of a secondary school in Roscrea (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [47237/25]

*1032. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures that have been put in place by her Department to ensure strategic emergency management responses to future storm and severe weather events taking into account the experiences and learnings of winter 2024/2025 and the review into the response by the State and State agencies to the impact of storm Éowyn; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47243/25]

*1033. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if assistance can be provided for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [47256/25]

*1034. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the progress of school building projects under the remit of DD-LETB, the timelines for completion and any barriers to delivery, particularly in areas of high population growth such as Dublin Fingal west; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47304/25]

*1035. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the feasibility study for a shared education campus proposed by DDL-ETB has been completed; the next steps in terms of planning and funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47305/25]

*1036. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures that are being taken to ensure DDL-ETB services are inclusive and responsive to the needs of ethnic minority learners and those with additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47309/25]

*1037. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to publish performance indicators and outcomes from DDL-ETB's Statement of Strategy 2022–2026, and how these are being monitored across its 100+ locations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47310/25]

*1038. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the engagement that has taken place between DDL-ETB and local authorities to align education planning with regional demographic trends, particularly in rapidly growing areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47311/25]

*1039. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the opening of a special school (details supplied). — Edward Timmins. [47331/25]

*1040. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the progress of a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [47338/25]

*1041. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1206 of 29 July 2025, if she will instruct the bodies under her aegis to provide the information requested; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47354/25]

*1042. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1207 of 29 July 2025, if she will instruct the bodies under her aegis to provide the information requested; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47372/25]

*1043. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide details of her Department's policy on the way in which schools funded by the State should facilitate parents who wish to withdraw their children from religious instruction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47430/25]

*1044. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools that have reported having formal procedures in place to give effect to parents' wishes to withdraw their children from religious instruction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47431/25]

*1045. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the guidance issued by her Department to schools on ensuring that secular instruction is free from religious content and that religious instruction is provided separately and only with parental consent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47432/25]

*1046. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide details of the oversight mechanisms in place to ensure that schools funded by the State comply with parents' right to withdraw their children from religious instruction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47433/25]

*1047. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will commission a review of compliance with Departmental guidance regarding the right of parents to withdraw their children from religious instruction in publicly funded schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47434/25]

*1048. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools in Dublin bay north that have access to full-time home school community liaison teachers in 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47436/25]

*1049. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the handover date for the new modular extension to a school (details supplied); if any delays are anticipated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [47442/25]

*1050. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools in Dublin Bay North currently using prefabs as classrooms in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47482/25]

*1051. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of whole-time equivalent special needs assistants allocated to schools in Dublin Bay North in 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47483/25]

*1052. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a progress update on a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47519/25]

*1053. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures being taken to support families and schools affected by the early closure on Thursday, 23 October, due to polling

requirements; and if additional childcare provisions or compensations will be put in place. — Ken O'Flynn. [47536/25]

*1054. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if consideration is being given to the introduction of Special Educational Needs Coordinators (SENCOs) in schools with three or more special education posts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47543/25]

*1055. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if consideration is being given to the expansion of the small schools pilot project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47544/25]

*1056. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions being taken to reduce class sizes at primary level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47545/25]

*1057. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if consideration is being given to increasing the amount of the capitation grant per pupil; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47546/25]

*1058. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on pension entitlements for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47548/25]

*1059. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth in view of the CSO showing Ireland's population reached 5.38 million, driven by net migration of 79,300 in a single year, the specific school places that will be delivered by the Government in 2026 to keep pace with this surge. — Ken O'Flynn. [47966/25]

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

*1060. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the progress that has been made in view of the impact of storm Éowyn regarding the reduction of severe weather impacts on critical infrastructure and essential services including the telecommunications networks; if he will outline the investment plans in place to strengthen such networks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47236/25]

*1061. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport given the reference in the National Risk Assessment 2024 in relation to disruptions to the availability of critical infrastructure including the telecommunications networks due to the occurrence of extreme weather events, if he will outline the investment plans in place to strengthen such network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47272/25]

*1062. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide an update on the provision of fibre broadband to a property (details supplied); the reasons for the ongoing delays in the roll out of the national broadband plan at this location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [44453/25]

*1063. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if certainty will be given to artists, by extending indefinitely the basic income for the arts pilot scheme and support the wider

community of artists and give the recognition and financial security (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44580/25]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will expedite the approval process for a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [44717/25]

*1065. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the progress made by the National Archives Ireland since the enactment of the Preservation of Certain Records Act 2024; the number of religious orders have they engaged with; the number of orders that have given National Archives Ireland a full inventory of records they hold in respect of institutional abuse and care, including their financial and administrative records related to the institutions under their auspice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [44731/25]

*1066. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he has designated, or intends to designate, any music festival or arts event as an event of major importance which should be available on free television services in line with his powers under section 162 of the Broadcasting Act 2009; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44865/25]

*1067. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if a strategic plan is under development to support the revitalisation of the night-time economy in Cork city and surrounding towns; and if grant supports or regulatory changes are being considered to assist cultural venues, late-night transport, and local business reopening. — Ken O'Flynn. [44916/25]

*1068. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the contacts he has had with the GAA regarding the potential for fan zones or any other sporting, cultural or artistic events, that may be hosted in Dublin city and county to tie in with the GAA All Ireland finals in Croke Park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [44967/25]

*1069. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will consider maintaining the basic income for the arts scheme beyond 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45134/25]

*1070. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he has plans to develop a publicly funded sports centre including a swimming pool in the Kildare town area as no such facility exists despite increasing population levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [45163/25]

*1071. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his views on the feasibility of a proposal (details supplied); if he has plans to enhance location identification in rural and tourist areas. — Ken O'Flynn. [45164/25]

*1072. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide a list of all unused properties, lands and buildings, under the ownership or control of his Department within County Kerry; the length of time they have been idle; the plans in place, if any, for future use; if these unused properties, lands and buildings can be used for affordable and social housing and low cost sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45179/25]

*1073. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the status of a cultural capital scheme application by a group (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [45246/25]

*1074. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the funding stream a school (details supplied) can avail off given that the Arts Council does not regard them as a professional arts organisation thus limiting the grants available and the recognition that comes from such Arts Council acknowledgment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45252/25]

*1075. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will examine the funding options available for a club (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45361/25]

*1076. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the details of payments of sports capital grants to an organisation (details supplied) in respect of previous years; the dates these grants were paid; the details of outstanding grants that have not been paid to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45369/25]

*1077. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the allocation of sports capital funding to clubs and facilities in Longford-Westmeath in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [45370/25]

*1078. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the amount of funding that Sport Ireland provided to an organisation (details supplied) in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [45489/25]

*1079. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when he last met with the director general of TG4; the issues discussed; when is he next scheduled to meet the director general of TG4. — Darren O'Rourke. [45528/25]

*1080. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when final payment will be made to an organisation (details supplied) in respect of the sports capital fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45811/25]

*1081. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the amount of funding that has been allocated to the growth of basketball in Ireland the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [45877/25]

*1082. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his progress to date in the Programme for Government commitment to “resource and implement the new EU online safety framework to protect vulnerable groups from online harm, and tackle disinformation”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [46099/25]

*1083. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total annual funding allocated to organisations (details supplied) over the past five years, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [46208/25]

*1084. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if he will address the concerns raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [46267/25]

*1085. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding annual state funding for an organisation (details supplied); the level of funding provided since

2022, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [46271/25]

*1086. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his attention has been drawn to concerns of members of an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the low level of financial support they receive when representing Ireland at international tournaments; if this is under review within his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [46272/25]

*1087. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to consider increasing the funding available to Irish athletes competing internationally at billiards (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46328/25]

*1088. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the total funding allocated to County Louth under this Department from 2023 to date, per year in tabular form. — Erin McGreehan. [46359/25]

*1089. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide the details and addresses of all properties in the ownership of the Department that are absolved from paying commercial rates to the relevant local authority of the location that the property is in; to provide a similar list of properties for agencies or bodies under its remit that are also absolved from commercial rates, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [46434/25]

*1090. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the music capital scheme will open for applications for funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [46567/25]

*1091. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the status of funding for a club (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46569/25]

*1092. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the engagements he has had with mobile phone operators since storm Éowyn this year to ensure that critical telecommunication infrastructure remains operational during and after damaging storms as many communities faced mobile phone coverage outages in the aftermath of storm Éowyn; to provide a list of operators he has met with and when he met them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [46622/25]

*1093. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the full-year cost to recruit two additional full-time keeper of manuscripts for his Department, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [46720/25]

*1094. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport with recent high-profile player transfers (details supplied), and Cork city FC receiving a financial windfall from a sell-on clause, if he will consider establishing a Community Sports Investment Fund to ensure such financial gains are reinvested locally, promoting youth development and local sports facilities. — Ken O'Flynn. [46816/25]

*1095. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the discrepancy of providing fibre broadband within a housing estate (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [46958/25]

*1096. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the assessment of the basic income for the arts pilot research scheme, as outlined in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [47262/25]

*1097. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding any review being carried out by his Department into the level of annual grant funding provided for intercounty players; if his attention has been drawn to the pre-budget submission of the Gaelic Players Association; if this will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [47347/25]

*1098. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 1365 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47352/25]

*1099. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 1366 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47370/25]

*1100. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the status of the State's contribution to the Casement Park redevelopment under the Shared Island Fund, including the payment schedule, governance and oversight arrangements with partners in Northern Ireland and the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47405/25]

*1101. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the pipeline and selection framework for island-wide arts and cultural heritage capital projects supported by the Shared Island Fund, including evaluation criteria, delivery partners North and South, and anticipated delivery timelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47407/25]

*1102. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will be supporting the plans from the Arts Council for arts studios at a location (details supplied). — Roderic O'Gorman. [47466/25]

*1103. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if the basic income scheme for artists will be extended to include all eligible artists that apply, rather than the limited number of 2000, in the highly successful pilot phase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [47467/25]

*1104. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his attention has been brought to the poor broadband speed in an area (details supplied); the plans for fibre optics to be installed in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47518/25]

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

*1105. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Ulster canal restoration phase 3 (Clones to Upper Lough Erne), including procurement, construction milestones, Waterways Ireland delivery arrangements and anticipated opening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47400/25]

*1106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views regarding the rationale for removing the 5% minimum requirement for artistic and cultural spaces in future large scale housing developments; if he has concerns that this decision will have a negative impact on future residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44486/25]

*1107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the length of time it is taking for CAS funding to be drawn down for the development of domestic violence refuges; the length of time for each stage of the process when it comes to funding the purchase safe homes, in durations of weeks, in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44491/25]

*1108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the impact of the length of time it is taking to drawdown funding, via CAS, on organisations being able to purchase properties for safe homes, as sellers will not wait; the action he will take to reduce these long waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44492/25]

*1109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will examine ways to make CAS funding more accessible and quicker to access for the purchase of safe homes and the development of domestic violence refuges, given the need to build capacity, particularly where there is none. — Claire Kerrane. [44494/25]

*1110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the proposed planning exemption for modular homes in back gardens will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44506/25]

*1111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he has taken to support and encourage people seeking to rightsize; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44507/25]

*1112. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of properties acquired under the cost rental tenant-in-situ scheme since it was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [44508/25]

*1113. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total projected cost involved in the upcoming remediation of apartment defects scheme; if his Department has budgeted for this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [44516/25]

*1114. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost of a social housing unit delivered in 2024 by local authorities broken down by the cost per unit size, such as 1 bed, 2 bed, 3 bed and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [44517/25]

*1115. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total quantum of land held by local authorities, by each local authority, earmarked for social, affordable and cost rental housing; to outline the total number of units which could potentially be delivered on the landbank in each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [44520/25]

*1116. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of developer provided waste water treatment plants in residential estates which have not been taken in charge by Uisce Éireann; the estimated total cost involved in bringing these plants up to standard for taking in charge purposes; and the estimated amount of this cost which will need to be incurred by Uisce Éireann. — Séamus McGrath. [44522/25]

*1117. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable properties delivered through the Part V system in 2023 and 2024; and if he would outline his expectation for 2025. — Séamus McGrath. [44523/25]

*1118. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of social, affordable and cost rental units currently in the pipeline for delivery at various stages with his Department; the expected delivery year from these totals in each of the three categories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [44525/25]

*1119. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to examine the case of major health and safety issues (details supplied); if action to address these issues will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44583/25]

*1120. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of an application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44584/25]

*1121. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider directing local authorities to systematically collate and publish data on the number of families presenting with a housing need as a result of domestic violence; if he will ensure that women and children residing in domestic violence refuges are formally recognised as homeless and included in the national homeless statistics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [44648/25]

*1122. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update regarding the exemption under planning rules for slurry storage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [44665/25]

*1123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if south Kerry in conjunction with an organisation (details supplied) where the organisation has access to lands locally, can be used as a pilot area for the development of cluster type housing and community housing with services in order to provide urgently needed housing in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44720/25]

*1124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide information in relation to an application for a group water scheme extension (details supplied). — Seán Fleming. [44754/25]

*1125. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to provide any additional funding to local authorities under the tenant-in-situ-scheme in addition to the funding already provided this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [44757/25]

*1126. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the educational criteria for a safety plan administrator in Galway County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44764/25]

*1127. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of prolonged delays to a new development (details supplied) in Sligo; the action he will take with the developer and stakeholders regarding the completion timeline; his plans to implement stronger protections for buyers in off plan purchases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [44808/25]

*1128. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the delivery schedule for major housing projects under the National Development Plan, including an account of the number that have been delayed by judicial review proceedings or planning appeals since January 2024. — Ken O'Flynn. [44818/25]

*1129. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to increase the income thresholds for social housing, as many working families who are not on high incomes are excluded from applying for social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [44855/25]

*1130. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social and affordable housing units currently under construction or approved for development in counties Longford and Westmeath; the estimated completion dates for these units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [44856/25]

*1131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant and derelict properties in counties Longford and Westmeath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [44857/25]

*1132. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons and families accessing emergency accommodation in counties Longford and Westmeath; the number of people that were turned away from emergency accommodation in 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [44858/25]

*1133. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of households in counties Westmeath and Longford living in HAP supported accommodation. — Sorca Clarke. [44873/25]

*1134. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount Kerry County Council paid in coroners fees and expenses during 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; his views on whether these payments should not be the responsibility of the local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44902/25]

*1135. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount each local authority paid in coroners fees and expenses during 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; his views on whether these payments should not be the responsibility of the local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44903/25]

*1136. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered introducing a targeted support scheme for individuals and families who lost their homes as

a result of the 2008–2013 financial crisis, including those who voluntarily surrendered their properties or were subject to court-ordered repossession; if such individuals are eligible for assistance under the current first home scheme or help-to-buy initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [44923/25]

*1137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, in respect of the Housing (Sale of Local Authority Houses) Regulations 2015 and the tenant incremental purchase scheme 2016, a council tenant can purchase the property they currently reside in if it is an apartment, flat or duplex; if this differs, by local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [44948/25]

*1138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm that he has received a request from Leitrim County Council for funding to deal with historic structural issues around the unfinished housing estate (details supplied); if he will confirm if his officials have decided on the request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [44995/25]

*1139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the duties he intends to delegate to the strategic housing activation office within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [45012/25]

*1140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the officials seconded to the new strategic housing activation office within his Department; the length of time the secondments are expected to last; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [45013/25]

*1141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration will be given to implementing a retrofitting programme to help those struggling with chronic illnesses such as asthma; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45036/25]

*1142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question of 16 July 2025, the number of social homes retrofitted to date; the average cost to retrofit to a b2 BER rating or higher; the proportion that have been retrofitted to a BER b2 rating or higher only (details supplied); the average pre and post BER of a retrofitted social home in each of the years 2020 to date; in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [45081/25]

*1143. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of the pre and post BER rating of social homes retrofitted in each of the years 2020 to 2025 to date in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [45082/25]

*1144. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 1482 of 29 July 2025, if he will clarify the reason for approval of Uisce Éireann’s Water Services Strategic Plan 2050 (WSSP 2050) on 1 August 2025 in view of the fact that his Department had no role in approving the body’s Strategic Funding Plan 2025–2029. — Seán Crowe. [45109/25]

*1145. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider a matter (details supplied) on whether licensing regulations as part of the 1956–2018 Wildlife Acts will be altered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45156/25]

*1146. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of all unused properties, lands and buildings, under the ownership or control of his Department within County Kerry; the length of time they have been idle; the plans in place, if any, for future use; if these unused properties, lands and buildings can be used for affordable and social housing and low cost sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45185/25]

*1147. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details on the review of schemes under the croí cónaithe towns fund, including the ready to build scheme (details supplied); the timeline for its full publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45201/25]

*1148. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will publish the promised updated planning guidelines for rural houses for a period of public consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45202/25]

*1149. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to set out concisely the delegated sanction that local authorities have to purchase second hand acquisitions and the categories of housing involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45203/25]

*1150. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm the transfer of functions and responsibility for the Property Services Regulatory Authority (PSRA) from the Department of Justice to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45204/25]

*1151. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to increase grant assistance to septic tank owners where the system is outdated or defective and poses a potential risk to human health or environmental risk; if he will launch a new public awareness campaign on the issue with a view to increasing funding of grants for high standards of practice and compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45205/25]

*1152. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to publish the review of the vacant property refurbishment grant undertaken in 2024, which included the matter of staged payments to successful applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45206/25]

*1153. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details of funding to support the turnaround and re-let of vacant local authority homes under the Voids Programme to Offaly County Council for 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45207/25]

*1154. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if all 31 local authorities are now live on the ICT asset management system; and his views on the broad objectives of the asset management system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45208/25]

*1155. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will allocate the necessary funding for the restoration of the weir and development of a fish pass in Fermoy, County Cork, considering that the project is vital to maintain adequate water levels upstream in the Blackwater River (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45211/25]

*1156. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to conduct a review of how strategic infrastructure developments can bypass local planning safeguards. — Pat Buckley. [45219/25]

*1157. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to implement reforms in the planning process to ensure that local voices are not excluded from high-impact energy infrastructure decisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [45220/25]

*1158. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if variable local authority home loan interest rates will reduce in line with the recently reduced costs of borrowing for the Housing Finance Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45233/25]

*1159. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has read a report (details supplied); his views on this report, and his views on whether elephants should be phased out of zoos. — Paul Murphy. [45236/25]

*1160. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding made available to Cork County Council for housing maintenance for 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45265/25]

*1161. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding made available to Cork City Council for housing maintenance for 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45266/25]

*1162. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applicants that were successful in the tenant incremental purchase scheme for Cork city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45267/25]

*1163. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide clarity for local councils on the issue of self-employed people wishing to put their name on the social housing list in relation to the discretionary requirement from individual councils to request a minimum of two years’ accounts with an auditor’s report and a notice of assessment and/or self-assessment acknowledgement letter for the preceding 12-months; and the reason the decision is left up to the discretion of individual councils. — Darren O’Rourke. [45271/25]

*1164. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason Meath County Council is permitted the use of its own discretion when requesting a self-employed person, seeking to apply to join the social housing list to provide a submission of two years’ accounts with an auditor’s report and a notice of assessment and/or self-assessment acknowledgement for the preceding 12-months, instead of his Department laying out clear guidelines on whether it is legally required for county councils to request said documents. — Darren O’Rourke. [45272/25]

*1165. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to introduce legislation compelling county councils to request self-employed individuals seeking to join the social housing list to provide minimum of two years’ accounts with an auditor’s report and a notice of assessment and/or self-assessment acknowledgement letter for the preceding 12-months. — Darren O’Rourke. [45273/25]

*1166. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if structures (details supplied) qualify for funding under the remit of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45296/25]

*1167. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm the findings of the interim review of the rent-a-room scheme for local authority tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45301/25]

*1168. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the name and location of social housing new builds by Cork City Council, in each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [45319/25]

*1169. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the name and location of social housing new builds by AHBs in the Cork City Council, area in each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [45320/25]

*1170. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the name and location of social housing new builds by Cork County Council, in each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [45321/25]

*1171. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the name and location of social housing new builds by AHBs in the Cork County Council, area in each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [45322/25]

*1172. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the name and location of newly built houses, acquired by Cork City Council, in each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [45323/25]

*1173. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the name and location of newly built houses, acquired by AHBs in the Cork City Council area, in each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [45324/25]

*1174. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the name and location of newly built houses, acquired by Cork County Council, in each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [45325/25]

*1175. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the name and location of newly built houses, acquired by AHBs in the Cork County Council area in each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [45326/25]

*1176. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to increase resources for Tailte Éireann, specifically the hiring of further staff to ensure timely processing of applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45337/25]

*1177. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason a person was directed to Fingal County Council regarding the Tenant in Situ Scheme by his Department; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the allocation of €20 million for the scheme had already been exhausted within the first six months of the year; his plans to allocate supplementary funding to ensure the continuation of the scheme for the remainder of the year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [45340/25]

*1178. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the budget, staffing, and operational plan of the newly formed Asian Hornet Management Group; the timelines for implementation, public outreach campaigns, and inter-departmental coordination mechanisms. — Ken O’Flynn. [45356/25]

*1179. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the government plans to introduce specific policies to support first generation homeowners or young families, in view of the campaign by a person (details supplied) highlighting housing affordability challenges faced by younger demographics.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [45357/25]

*1180. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the specific strategies and resources being mobilised following the recent Asian hornet sighting in County Cork to both eradicate potential nests and safeguard biodiversity, the honeybee population and the substantial economic impact experienced elsewhere in Europe. — Ken O’Flynn. [45374/25]

*1181. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide clarity on the status of a landlord (details supplied) following changes to the rent pressure zones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45401/25]

*1182. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the interim remediation scheme for fire safety defects in apartments and duplexes; whether in the Minister’s view it is in compliance with national and EU procurement law; when homeowners can expect to be repaid under the scheme, and receive confirmation of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [45409/25]

*1183. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the current policy and guidelines for local authorities in prioritising housing allocations for individuals and families experiencing harassment or domestic abuse, including where the harassment involves repeated Garda welfare checks found to be unfounded; the measures in place to ensure such cases are treated as urgent; and the number of households currently in emergency accommodation for these reasons, in each local authority, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [45412/25]

*1184. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the tenure mix that is, social, cost-rental, affordable purchase of Cork City Council’s 823-home pipeline at the Railyard (217) and Creamfields (606); the projected first-occupation dates; if modern methods of construction, including mass-timber will be facilitated through procurement and building-control guidance; and any funding streams to de-risk timber adoption at scale. — Ken O’Flynn. [45420/25]

*1185. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are any fast-track or alternative planning mechanisms for urgently needed childcare and preschool services, particularly in rural or underserved areas in Kerry. — Michael Cahill. [45454/25]

*1186. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department conducted an assessment of the impact of family reunification arrivals on demand for social housing and emergency accommodation; and if additional housing units have been earmarked for this purpose. — Ken O’Flynn. [45566/25]

*1187. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the assessment that have been made regarding the potential public health and recreational impacts of designating rivers like the Fane as heavily modified water bodies, particularly in areas where residents have historically used such rivers for swimming and fishing. — Paula Butterly. [45587/25]

*1188. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will examine a PRSA compensation claim for a person (details supplied) and if he will expedite the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [45648/25]

*1189. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on a development (details supplied) which has been purchased by an approved housing body but is awaiting the release of payment and availability-capital advance leasing facility funding by his Department; when he expects that the funding will be released so that the sale will be finalised, allowing the apartments to be occupied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [45680/25]

*1190. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address the disparity between the Local Authority Home Loan property price thresholds in counties such as Tipperary currently capped at €275,000 and the actual cost of purchasing even modest new homes on the market (details supplied) priced at €295,000, which effectively excludes many first-time buyers from access to the scheme; and if he will review and adjust these thresholds so that they are aligned with real market conditions. — Michael Lowry. [45695/25]

*1191. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if capital funding is available to progress a project in County Laois (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45709/25]

*1192. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to review or amend the use of Section 5 exemptions in the context of IPAS accommodation, particularly in relation to ensuring community consultation and transparency in planning decisions affecting local areas. — Paul Lawless. [45737/25]

*1193. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number and composition of vacant properties in each LEA in County Offaly for the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [45741/25]

*1194. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding any review being carried out by his Department into best practice for fire brigades and local authorities to manage wildfires with a view to minimising the impact of smoke on nearby residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45742/25]

*1195. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the merits of providing grant funding for HEPA filters and similar filtering systems for residents that are frequently impacted by gorse fires and the related impact of smoke; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45743/25]

*1196. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the Government's position on the proposed changes to water quality standards under the current public consultation; if he will address concerns raised by angling and tourism groups regarding deteriorating water conditions, fish kills, and enforcement of environmental protections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [45744/25]

*1197. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has guidelines regarding the distance from work, school, and family supports when placing families in emergency accommodation; if his attention has been drawn to cases where families are placed at such distances that daily commutes of several hours are required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [45773/25]

*1198. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the homeless figures both nationally and in county Carlow; and the number of homeless persons accessing services both nationally and in county Carlow. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [45774/25]

*1199. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position in relation to the application of local authority rates to sporting organisations in respect of stadiums that contain some bar, conference and banqueting facilities; the number of such stadiums currently subject to such rates; the total amount collected nationally in respect of stadiums in 2023 and 2024; if he plans to exempt some of the regional stadiums around the country from rates given the financial burden they present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [45827/25]

*1200. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of a cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [45841/25]

*1201. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has received a report on the results of investigations that have taken place on a number of houses in Carlow that have or are suspected of having pyrite; if so, when the results will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [45844/25]

*1202. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if priority will be given to critical skills workers such as teachers, nurses and Gardaí in upcoming affordable housing schemes: the way in which such a priority would work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [45845/25]

*1203. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to respond to concerns that existing housing schemes functionally exclude many single individuals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45856/25]

*1204. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to review issues that have been raised in relation to a building defect in a particular new build estate (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [45860/25]

*1205. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a person (details supplied) will become eligible for the temporary development contribution waiver, given the new funding being provided to that scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [45887/25]

*1206. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of appeals submitted to the defective concrete blocks appeals panel in relation to the downgrading of reports by independent chartered engineers, and the status of those appeals validated, invalidated, under review, determined and the grounds for any invalidation. — Peadar Tóibín. [45898/25]

*1207. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the statutory or administrative timeframe within which the defective concrete blocks grant scheme appeals panel is required to issue determinations on appeals submitted. — Peadar Tóibín. [45899/25]

*1208. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the oversight, accountability, and resourcing arrangements in place for the appeals panel under the defective concrete blocks grant scheme; and the steps being taken to ensure timely determinations. — Peadar Tóibín. [45900/25]

*1209. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if any legal advice has been sought or received by his Department or the defective concrete blocks scheme appeals panel on how to handle conflicting chartered engineers' opinions in relation to remediation options. — Peadar Tóibín. [45901/25]

*1210. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Department accepts the position of an organisation (details supplied) that “given the research on a review of I.S. 465 has not yet been completed, that where a discrepancy exists between the recommendation of a member of the I.S. 465 Register and the Housing Agency, that the higher option of the two should be preferred, to provide greater assurance to homeowners and building professionals working on the remediation.”. — Peadar Tóibín. [45902/25]

*1211. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm whether the original reports of independent chartered engineers, certified as compliant with IS 465 and costing the affected homeowners approximately €7,000 each, are given full weight in determining the appropriate remediation option under the defective concrete blocks grant scheme. — Peadar Tóibín. [45903/25]

*1212. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether a person who has recently been approved for social housing can have their payment transferred under the housing assistance payment, notwithstanding they are currently in receipt of emergency rental supplement as this payment was approved before they were approved on the housing list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45955/25]

*1213. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the allocation of maintenance grant funding to Cork County Council in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45973/25]

*1214. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the allocation of maintenance grant funding to Cork City Council in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45974/25]

*1215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify if there is only one funding stream for local authorities for the taking-in-charge of housing estates by local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45981/25]

*1216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the assessment of the impact of the use of the Difco cutter in peatlands, as mentioned in the National Peatlands Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46042/25]

*1217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the restoration plan for 60 hectares of blanket bog in the Wicklow Mountains National Park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46044/25]

*1218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will instruct his Department to prepare legislation to ban the sale of Cherry Laurel in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46054/25]

*1219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department undertakes studies on the damage done by Cherry Laurel to biodiversity and environment in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46055/25]

*1220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the feasibility study on the creation of a national peatlands-wetlands park as committed to in the National Peatlands Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46056/25]

*1221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the Programme for Government commitments regarding peatlands and maximising benefits for biodiversity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46057/25]

*1222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify which environmental projects have been submitted by his department officials as part of the National Development Plan bidding process; the budget allocation for said projects; which of those projects are directly linked to the implementation of Ireland's legal obligations under the EU Nature Restoration Law, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46058/25]

*1223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the dedicated funding the Government has allocated for the implementation of the Nature Restoration Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46059/25]

*1224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether work has begun on a specific action plan to deal with the pollution at Lady's Island Lake, County Wexford; whether the Minister of State responsible for Biodiversity will lead on that programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46062/25]

*1225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the cross-Departmental discussions that have taken place in relation to Lady's Island Lake, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46063/25]

*1226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether any funding will be set aside in the upcoming budget to tackle the pollution at Lady's Island Lake, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46064/25]

*1227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when Councils will receive funding for the tenant-in-situ scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [46065/25]

*1228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide updated figures on the installation of heat pumps in new homes to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46069/25]

*1229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a hare conservation status survey is underway in his Department, as required under the Habitats Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46071/25]

*1230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when his Department will publish the 2024-2025 hare conservation status survey, as required under the Habitats Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46072/25]

*1231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, when a review of the net income limits for social housing supports will next take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [46100/25]

*1232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the specific multi-annual allocations, by county for water and wastewater enabling works required to meet the 300,000 homes target by 2030; the scheme names, expected completion dates and dependencies identified by Uisce Éireann; and if he will publish quarterly progress dashboards. — Ken O'Flynn. [46127/25]

*1233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if cross-generational tenant purchases through the tenant purchase scheme are allowable; and if so, the regulations or criteria that apply. — Thomas Gould. [46164/25]

*1234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the number of registered derelict or vacant housing properties in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [46170/25]

*1235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications made under the vacant property refurbishment grant, broken down by local authority area, that have been initiated and completed, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [46171/25]

*1236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to cases whereby single people cannot qualify for affordable housing schemes due to their lower income relative to couples; if he is conscious of the need to support all prospective homeowners, regardless of relationship status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [46174/25]

*1237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding a timeline for the publication and progression of legislation to underpin the defects remediation schemes to support apartment owners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [46179/25]

*1238. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if plans are in place to lower the voting age to 16 years given that no mention of such a change was made in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [46222/25]

*1239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason cherry laurel (*prunus laurocerasus*) has not yet been added to Ireland's List of National Concern under the 2024 Invasive Alien Species Regulations, despite being recognised as a high-risk invasive species by the National Parks and Wildlife Service, the National Biodiversity Data Centre, Coillte and the Citizens' Assembly on Biodiversity Loss; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [46253/25]

*1240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the cost per unit of retrofitting at a location (details supplied) and the overall cost of the project. — Thomas Gould. [46265/25]

*1241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether inspections are required after council funded retrofitting; and if he is aware that none were reportedly undertaken at a location (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [46266/25]

*1242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 252 of 3 July 2025 if he will provide further details in respect of clarifications sought by his department, outcome of requests and if he will provide an update in respect of the advancement of the project. — Aidan Farrelly. [46273/25]

*1243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of sites on the derelict sites register on 31 December 2024; the amount levied in 2024; the amount collected; the cumulative amount owed; the number of sites for which CPO notices were issued; the number of sites CPO'd; the number of sites for which derelict sites register notices were issued; and the number of sites added to the register, by local authority, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [46275/25]

*1244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider increasing the ceiling for the first home scheme in the Dublin area. — Ann Graves. [46337/25]

*1245. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the total funding allocated to County Louth under this Department from 2023 to date, per year in tabular form. — Erin McGreehan. [46352/25]

*1246. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has any plans to develop or draft development guidelines for solar energy projects similar to the 2006 wind energy guidelines (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [46392/25]

*1247. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are specific development guidelines for the development of large-scale fossil-fuel-bio-fuel powered energy projects similar to the 2006 wind energy guidelines (details supplied); if not, whether his Department have any plans to develop or draft guidelines for such developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [46394/25]

*1248. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide the details and addresses of all properties in the ownership of the Department that are absolved from paying commercial rates to the relevant local authority of the location that the property is in; to provide a similar list of properties for agencies or bodies under its remit that are also absolved from commercial rates, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [46442/25]

*1249. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Part V homes bought, by each local authority, in 2023 and 2024; the average cost of each home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46449/25]

*1250. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an estimated unit cost to the Exchequer for providing cost rental homes, 1-, 2-, 3- and 4-bedroom; and for providing affordable homes, 1-, 2-, 3- and 4-bedroom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46450/25]

*1251. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated full-year cost of increasing HAP limits to the average cost of rents in each area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46451/25]

*1252. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of 100 percent redress for building defects affected homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46452/25]

*1253. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of 100 percent redress for mica affected homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46453/25]

*1254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if legislation to underpin the defects remediation schemes for apartment defects will complete pre-legislative scrutiny before the end of 2025; and when he anticipates that the legislation will pass both Houses of the Oireachtas. — Ivana Bacik. [46455/25]

*1255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason cherry laurel (*prunus laurocerasus*), despite being recognised as a high-risk invasive species by NPWS, NBDC, Coillte and the Citizens' Assembly on Biodiversity Loss, has not yet been added to Ireland's List of National Concern under the 2024 Invasive Alien Species Regulations. — Paul Murphy. [46497/25]

*1256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of emergency accommodation beds available in each county. — Sorca Clarke. [46498/25]

*1257. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide full details on his Department's response to eliminate Asian hornets which a threat to all native Irish pollinators, including honeybees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [46506/25]

*1258. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the county and local authority-level breakdown of Q2 2025 new dwelling completions, apartment share and pipeline indicators for Cork city and county; and if his Department projects the 2025 completions target to be met, given CSO data showing a 35% year-on-year increase in Q2 completions and a doubling in apartments. — Ken O'Flynn. [46515/25]

*1259. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the immediate and medium-term biosecurity actions, beekeeper guidance, public reporting protocols and funding for surveillance and eradication of the Asian hornet in Munster for the next 12-months given confirmation of an Asian hornet nest in Cork. — Ken O'Flynn. [46516/25]

*1260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a private landlord can be compelled to provide proof of ownership to a local authority when their tenant is applying for social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [46550/25]

*1261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 375 of 17 July 2025, for an update on correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46595/25]

*1262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to detail the operational plan, budget and timelines for eradication, surveillance and public communications following the first confirmed Asian hornet nest in Cork city, including the role of Cork City Council and beekeeper networks; and if weekly situation updates for August–October 2025 will be published. — Ken O’Flynn. [46607/25]

*1263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Office for emergency planning has undertaken a review of emergency response procedures following the damage caused by Storm Éowyn in January 2025; if such a review was undertaken, when was the review undertaken and completed; to provide a list of the Departments, State agencies, local authorities and other entities provided feedback; what was learned from the review; and if any emergency response procedures were changed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [46619/25]

*1264. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 2006 Framework for Major Emergency Management was reviewed in light of the damage caused by storm Éowyn in January 2025; if so, when the review was undertaken and completed; to provide a list of the Departments, State agencies, local authorities and other entities provided feedback; what was learned from the review; and if any emergency response procedures were changed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [46620/25]

*1265. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagements he has had with water network operators since storm Éowyn this year to ensure that critical water infrastructure remains operational during and after damaging storms as many communities faced extensive outages in the aftermath of storm Éowyn; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [46621/25]

*1266. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of qualified housing applicants on the housing list in County Kerry in 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [46652/25]

*1267. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homeless families, adults and children the homeless service deal within County Kerry in 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [46653/25]

*1268. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of qualified housing applicants in County Kerry that were allocated houses in 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [46654/25]

*1269. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social and affordable houses constructed or bought in County Kerry and allocated to qualified housing applicants in 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [46655/25]

*1270. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social and affordable houses that will be constructed or bought in County Kerry in 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [46656/25]

*1271. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review planning regulations regarding the provision of baby changing facilities in commercial and public buildings; if he agrees that baby changing facilities should be adequately provided in all toilet facilities to ensure that disabled toilets are not used by those without disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [46677/25]

*1272. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will detail for each local authority the number of applications made for Croi Connaithe grants in each since they were first introduced; the number of applications that were granted; the number of applications that were refused and reason for refusal, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [46681/25]

*1273. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide funding to ensure the continued preservation of historic sites associated with a person (details supplied) such sites should include the penal chapel where the person was baptised, the old abbey where their parents are buried and the birth place at Carhan, Cahersiveen, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [46697/25]

*1274. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason homeowners that have appealed the remediation options provided to them under the defective concrete blocks grant scheme are waiting inordinate lengths of time for those appeals to be held; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [46709/25]

*1275. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of WTE qualified entomologists working within the National Parks and Wildlife Service of his Department in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [46724/25]

*1276. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 181 of 26 February 2025, if his position has changed in respect of conducting an investigation into the sale and transfer of 44 homes in Cork (details supplied); if he has received and reviewed correspondence; if he will meet with the group concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [46802/25]

*1277. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with four Cork city council projects shortlisted for national innovation awards if he will pledge additional national funding or recognition for award-winning local government initiatives, particularly those advancing energy efficiency, community resilience, and climate awareness. — Ken O'Flynn. [46811/25]

*1278. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projected capital assistance scheme underspend for 2025. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46838/25]

*1279. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the extension of rent pressure zones announced on 10 June 2025 was not given legal effect until 20 June 2025; if he will publish the Departmental advice he received warning of risks to tenants during this gap; and the monitoring the Department undertook of rent increases in non-RPZ areas during that period. — Ken O’Flynn. [46924/25]

*1280. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has assessed the risk that the new “reset to market rent” provisions will incentivise economic evictions; the safeguards in place to prevent abuse of this provision; and if he will consider mandatory proof-of-market requirements and strengthened penalties for landlords found to be misusing resets. — Ken O’Flynn. [46925/25]

*1281. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the level of proactive enforcement carried out by the Residential Tenancies Board on rent pressure zone compliance since June 2025; the number of sanctions imposed; and his plans to strengthen Residential Tenancies Board resources to allow for rolling compliance inspections, rather than relying on tenant-led complaints. — Ken O’Flynn. [46926/25]

*1282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the monies spent on a project by a local authority for a housing scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [46977/25]

*1283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details of all infrastructure investments undertaken by Met Éireann from 2020 to date in 2025; and the future investments planned or underway by the national meteorological service. — Joe Cooney. [47026/25]

*1284. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the immediate measures being implemented to address the homeless status of 5,000 children in Ireland. — Joe Cooney. [47027/25]

*1285. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to evaluate the success of National Heritage Week 2025 in county Clare; and if he will consider increasing funding for heritage initiatives across Ireland. — Joe Cooney. [47028/25]

*1286. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the implementation of the proposed exemptions to planning, regarding detached cabins and modular homes, following the closure of the public consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [47035/25]

*1287. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a full breakdown of what the development contribution fee is intended to fund, and for details of how these services are delivered to applicants in rural areas where public infrastructure is not provided. — Paul Lawless. [47059/25]

*1288. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for clarification who directly benefits from the development contribution fee, and for an explanation of why individuals building in areas without access to roads, lighting, water or sewage infrastructure are required to pay the same rate as those in serviced urban zones. — Paul Lawless. [47060/25]

*1289. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for details of any mechanisms or discretionary powers available to local authorities to waive or reduce development contribution fees in cases where the applicant receives little or no benefit from the services the fee is intended to support. — Paul Lawless. [47061/25]

*1290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the rationale behind the national waiver introduced in 2023 for development contributions and water connection charges, and for details of what specific challenges that waiver was intended to address. — Paul Lawless. [47062/25]

*1291. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what policy or infrastructural improvements have occurred since the introduction of the 2023 waiver that justify its expiration, and for details of any review undertaken to assess its impact on rural housing development. — Paul Lawless. [47063/25]

*1292. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for details of any plans of his Department to introduce a rural exemption or tiered contribution model for development fees, in recognition of the disparity in service provision between urban and rural applicants. — Paul Lawless. [47064/25]

*1293. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department monitors the consistency of development contribution fee application across local authorities, and for details of any guidance issued to ensure fairness and transparency in how these fees are calculated and enforced. — Paul Lawless. [47065/25]

*1294. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for details of any review undertaken by his Department into the impact of development contribution fees on rural housing viability, and whether such fees have contributed to delays or cancellations of rural builds. — Paul Lawless. [47066/25]

*1295. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department provides or plans to provide dedicated funding streams for the purchase and preservation of historic buildings of national or regional significance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47138/25]

*1296. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has funding available for the preservation of small sites of local historical or cultural significance for example historic wells, monuments or community heritage features; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47139/25]

*1297. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement his Department has with local authorities regarding identifying and protecting historic buildings and small heritage sites in their areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47140/25]

*1298. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if additional resources will be made available to support voluntary or community groups involved in the conservation of historic and archaeological sites of local significance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47141/25]

*1299. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current status of the review into the response of the State and State agencies to the impact of storm Éowyn; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47233/25]

*1300. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures that have been put in place by his Department to ensure strategic emergency management responses to future storm and severe weather events taking into account the experiences and learnings of winter 2024/2025 and the review into the response by the State and State agencies to the impact of storm Éowyn; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47249/25]

*1301. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant homes currently lying empty, per county, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [47283/25]

*1302. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on a review of planning regulations in relation to a new and separate exempted development threshold for standalone nutrient storage (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47326/25]

*1303. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of pending Tailte Éireann applications for each year up to ten years and more than ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47348/25]

*1304. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 1607 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47360/25]

*1305. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to parliamentary Question No. 1608 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47378/25]

*1306. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to set out the justification and evidence base for listing ‘hunting’ as a pressure or threat for 28 bird species in Ireland’s latest Article 12 report to the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47387/25]

*1307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason hunting bag data was not included in Ireland’s latest Article 12 report to the EU; and if Ireland will make a further submission to the EU with available bag count data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47388/25]

*1308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of individual sites which were subject to core I-WeBS counts in each of the years 2020-2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47389/25]

*1309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on when the new Countryside Forum for Nature is to hold its first meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47392/25]

*1310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress on the urban regeneration and development fund projects across Dublin and regional cities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47412/25]

*1311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current delivery status of the Narrow Water Bridge project, including contract milestones, cost profile (including VAT treatment), and cross-border coordination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47418/25]

*1312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position on the all-island nature restoration and biodiversity programme supported by the Shared Island Fund, including funded project types, selection criteria, governance with NIEA and timelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47419/25]

*1313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update in relation to the status of the derelict property and land owned by Kildare County Council at a location (details supplied). — Roderic O’Gorman. [47475/25]

*1314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the income eligibility limits for social housing will be increased for applicants in areas such as Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47499/25]

*1315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of households not habitually resident in the State who have been allocated social housing by a local authority in the State, by local authority and year; the overall number of households allocated social housing by local authority and by year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [47510/25]

*1316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of occasions a local authority in the State has waived the requirement that an applicant for social housing either normally resides or has a local connection to that functional area; by local authority and year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [47511/25]

*1317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total cost of storm damage repairs funded through local authorities in each county over the past three years; the funding allocations provided by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47516/25]

*1318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in view of the recent experience during Storm Éowyn, if a scheme will be established to provide GAA clubs, schools or community centres with emergency generator points; if an assessment of need will be conducted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47526/25]

*1319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in view of the CSO showing Ireland’s population reached 5.38 million, driven by net migration of 79,300 in a single year, the specific housing units, that will be delivered by the Government in 2026 to keep pace with this surge. — Ken O’Flynn. [47968/25]

*1320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the key lessons identified following recent severe weather events. — Cormac Devlin. [47969/25]

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

*1321. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding employment services and specialist training supports for adults who are on the autism spectrum; if he can provide an update on the efforts being undertaken by his Department to support adults who are on the autism spectrum in securing employment opportunities, in the context of recent statistics (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [46979/25]

*1322. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it can be ensured that those in receipt of disability allowance and attached benefits (details supplied) are not penalised if accepted onto the proposed Budget 2026 full rollout of the basic income for the arts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [47260/25]

*1323. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the review of the rural social scheme, specifically in relation to the recommendation of a pilot scheme for rural dwellers and the recommendation of increasing the participants per herd number; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [44504/25]

*1324. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether a full review is being carried out on the carer's allowance payment by this Department; the current status of this review; whether consideration will be given as part of this review to allowing for a full-rate carer's allowance payment to be paid to persons on a widow's pension, and other eligible payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [44509/25]

*1325. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number or persons in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance for more than 12 months; the number of those who have engaged on a training course or community employment scheme; the number who have not engaged on a training course or community employment scheme; and his views on job activation measures being undertaken for those on long term job seekers allowance. — Séamus McGrath. [44514/25]

*1326. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of claims made and paid out under the humanitarian assistance scheme for storm Éowyn; the average payment; the amounts paid for example less than €500, €1000, €1,500, €2,000 and so on, in tabular form; the total amount paid to date; and the number of claims refused wholly or partially; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [44524/25]

*1327. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to consider waiving the means test on foster care families (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [44606/25]

*1328. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will provide details of the criteria used to divulge birth certificates to the general public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [44636/25]

*1329. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on concerns a person (details supplied) has in relation to the civil registration act 2004; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [44637/25]

*1330. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to consider revising the TÚS program guidelines for people in receipt of disability allowance, to allow them to remain on the scheme

for up to 24 months, or more, if they wish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [44641/25]

*1331. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a process will be considered where seasonal workers can apply for Jobseeker's benefit in advance of being laid off for the summer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [44732/25]

*1332. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is aware of instances where large multinational employers have historically implemented a pension vesting policy whereby employees with less than five years of service that accrued a defined benefit pension entitlement have had this service disregarded for the purposes of calculating final pension entitlement at retirement today; the number of persons that may be affected by this policy; the sectors which are affected; if he plans any measures to address this anomaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [44733/25]

*1333. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are grounds under current law to restrict the usual practice of public access to birth certificates in cases where to do so would place a victim of domestic violence and their children at risk of discovery; if not, if he will consider examining this matter in conjunction with the Minister for Justice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [44737/25]

*1334. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is aware of a case of an individual who has not been awarded the bereaved partner's (contributory) pension and who believes this to be an error (details supplied); if he will instruct his officials to re-engage with the individual concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [44738/25]

*1335. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his department has given consideration to removing the means test on jobseekers payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44820/25]

*1336. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will address as a matter of priority and end the discrimination that currently exists in regard to the fuel allowance payment in respect of senior citizens (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44926/25]

*1337. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to urgently investigate a disability allowance application (details supplied); the reason this person is being deprived of their payment; if the information submitted will be accepted and payment issued to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44927/25]

*1338. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to urgently review and disability allowance case of a person (details supplied) and take all circumstances into consideration by reinstating the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44931/25]

*1339. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for clarification in relation to back-to-school allowance which does not appear to encompass all children for whom foster care allowance as the understanding is that it is means-tested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [44949/25]

*1340. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his attention has been drawn to the fact that means-testing, actual or prospective of the back-to-school allowance is misaligned (details supplied). — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [44950/25]

*1341. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason widows who work full-time and are in receipt of a widows pension and pay PRSI and all other taxes are not eligible for normal illness benefit. — Darren O’Rourke. [44954/25]

*1342. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a second carers allowance application for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44969/25]

*1343. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to provide an additional level of child benefit to a remaining parent in circumstances where the other parent has passed away; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [44984/25]

*1344. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on the situation where a State funded organisation (details supplied) is not given the same flexibility in their own temporary flexible working arrangement compared with other State funded organisations; if he will ensure that there is consistency of approach regarding the arrangements available in such State funded organisation compared to other State funded organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45000/25]

*1345. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing the PRSI threshold for employers in line with a minimum wage increase of €1.35; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [45026/25]

*1346. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the fuel allowance thresholds will be increased for those in receipt of the State Pension contributory and the State Pension non-contributory in the upcoming budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [45032/25]

*1347. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a carers allowance application for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45047/25]

*1348. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the contributory widows pension is taken into consideration as an criteria for eligibility for widows seeking a social benefit such as illness benefit; and if there are plans to remove the contributory pension from being considered when seeking said benefits. — Darren O’Rourke. [45069/25]

*1349. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the contributory widows pension is taken into consideration as an criteria for eligibility for widows seeking back to school clothing and footwear allowance; and if there are plans to remove the contributory pension from being considered when seeking said benefits. — Darren O’Rourke. [45070/25]

*1350. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on the disparity whereby from budget 2026 the flat rate maternity benefit of €289 per week will be lower than the new jobseeker’s pay related benefit, which can provide up to 60% of previous earnings; if he will introduce a pay-related maternity benefit to ensure fairness, gender equality, and protect women’s pension entitlements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [45133/25]

*1351. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide a list of all unused properties, lands and buildings, under the ownership or control of his Department within County Kerry; the length of time they have been idle; the plans in place, if any, for future use; if these unused properties, lands and buildings can be used for affordable and social housing and low cost sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45175/25]

*1352. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will extend the back-to-school allowance to all children in State care by removing means testing for foster families, including the requirement to be in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment, in recognition of children's rights under the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission and Equal Status Acts 2000-2018, and to ensure they are not discriminated against based on civil or family status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [45248/25]

*1353. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 644 of 15 July 2025, if Department officials will engage with a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45253/25]

*1354. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an estimate of the cost of increasing the capital disregard for the jobseeker's allowance means test from €20,000 to €30,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [45330/25]

*1355. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline whether any additional supports are currently available to parents who give birth to twins, or other multiple births; if there are any plans to expand these supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45402/25]

*1356. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider expanding child benefit for parents who give birth to twins or other multiple births; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45404/25]

*1357. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the decision to refuse the back-to-school allowance for a person (details supplied) will be reviewed. — John McGuinness. [45435/25]

*1358. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department will update the reference baskets used for means tests and payments to reflect higher grocery inflation given headline CPI of 1.7% year-on-year but food inflation of 4.7% in July 2025; and if not, the reason. — Ken O'Flynn. [45469/25]

*1359. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department plans to have a webchat service link on his Department website for members of the public to enquire regarding social welfare entitlements and so on. — Sorca Clarke. [45488/25]

*1360. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current processing times for disability allowance, carers allowance and social welfare appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [45494/25]

*1361. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the commencement date for the Auto-Enrolment Retirement Savings Scheme in view of previous deferrals; and if he will clarify whether it remains the case that the scheme will begin on 1 January 2026. — Martin Daly. [45520/25]

*1362. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of whole time equivalent network cyber security ICT specialists at the grade of executive officer working within his Department as of 18 August 2025, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [45527/25]

*1363. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will provide financial assistance to pensioners (details supplied) that require home electrical oxygen, which significantly increases electricity bills in order to support them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [45582/25]

*1364. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will clarify the entitlements of a widow to her husband's accumulated contributions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45583/25]

*1365. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the hot school meals programme; if schools including a school (details supplied) will be considered for inclusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45586/25]

*1366. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine the interaction between personal insolvency arrangements and pension entitlements with a view to ensuring that older people in financial distress are not left without adequate income in retirement. — Ken O'Flynn. [45602/25]

*1367. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expand the money advice and budgeting service to include a specialised support stream for over-50s, focusing on pension rights, the fair deal nursing home scheme and debt management in later life. — Ken O'Flynn. [45603/25]

*1368. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of measures being considered to address the emotional and mental health impacts of debt stress on older people facing insolvency; and whether additional counselling supports will be funded through MABS or other services. — Ken O'Flynn. [45604/25]

*1369. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his attention has been drawn to the pay dispute raised by a service (details supplied); the actions he is taking to address these concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45609/25]

*1370. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether she will consider moving the payment of the back-to-school allowance to an earlier point in the school year (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45653/25]

*1371. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a school (details supplied) will be given permission to go to tender for the hot school lunch programme that they have been approved for. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [45750/25]

*1372. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the first year and full year cost of increasing the maximum rate of the additional needs payment, for additional diet expenses by €1. — Louise O'Reilly. [45798/25]

*1373. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated first year and full-year cost of two double monthly child benefit payments. — Louise O'Reilly. [45874/25]

*1374. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify whether or not the hot school meals programme has been rolled out in every school across the country, if she will provide the data on such, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [46002/25]

*1375. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for his plans to increase pay for regional administrators in line with the increase received by local administrators of Citizens Information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [46029/25]

*1376. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plan to allow JI participants qualify for the fuel allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [46031/25]

*1377. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to review the qualification criteria for the fuel allowance (details supplied). — Séamus McGrath. [46117/25]

*1378. To ask the Minister for Social Protection since when applicants are required to provide proof of planning permission in order to qualify for the fuel allowance; the rationale behind the requirements for evidence of planning permission, such as with a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [46130/25]

*1379. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his attention has been drawn to the fact that in cases in which a person sells their family home to move to more suitable accommodation, up to €337,500 of the sale proceeds is exempt from the means test for the State pension (non-contributory); the same exemption does not apply when the person is applying for fuel allowance; if he plans to correct this anomaly in Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [46157/25]

*1380. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the pension entitlement of a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [46163/25]

*1381. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the breakdown of the number of oral hearings granted to clients from 2018 to 2025 in regard to social welfare payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [46182/25]

*1382. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the breakdown of the age profile categories of clients being granted invalidity pension in the last number of years, broken down under age profiles, under 25, 25-34, 35 - 44, 45 - 54 and 55 - 65; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [46183/25]

*1383. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the increase in income disregards carer's allowance as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [46206/25]

*1384. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the timeframe for the enactment of legislation implementing the supreme court decision in a case (details supplied); whether this legislation will be enacted with retrospective effect from January 2024, or if it will apply only from the date of enactment. — Paul Lawless. [46297/25]

*1385. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the first year and full year cost of increasing jobseeker's transitional payment by €1. — Louise O'Reilly. [46301/25]

*1386. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the first year and full year cost of increasing the income disregard for jobseekers transitional payment by 10%. — Louise O'Reilly. [46302/25]

*1387. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the first year and full year cost of increasing the income disregard for working family payment by 10%. — Louise O'Reilly. [46303/25]

*1388. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the first year and full year cost of introducing a part-time rate of job seekers for self employed making less than a 40 hour week at the current minimum wage. — Louise O'Reilly. [46304/25]

*1389. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on creating a statutory to recognise a child that does not conform to world health organisation stillbirth standards of less than 500 grammes and a gestational age of less than 24 weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [46317/25]

*1390. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the total funding allocated to County Louth under this Department from 2023 to date, per year in tabular form. — Erin McGreehan. [46357/25]

*1391. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to expedite an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [46362/25]

*1392. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the structure of the State maternity benefit to consider moving to a pay-related model similar to jobseekers pay related benefit, in order to better reflect prior earnings and contributions and reduce the long-term financial disadvantage faced by women, particularly in light of the long-term impact on pension entitlements. — Albert Dolan. [46414/25]

*1393. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide the details and addresses of all properties in the ownership of the Department that are absolved from paying commercial rates to the relevant local authority of the location that the property is in; to provide a similar list of properties for agencies or bodies under its remit that are also absolved from commercial rates, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [46446/25]

*1394. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware of the fall-out of the new legislation surrounding the delivery of the school meals, whereby no member of staff or student can participate in the delivery process of the School Meals Programme, i.e. heat the meals on delivery; and if she thinks it is practical for small schools to be able to afford to employ someone to heat the meals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [46495/25]

*1395. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider amending the rules on carer's allowance in order that a person who is in receipt of a State pension would also be eligible to qualify for the full rate of carer's allowance, as many older people are providing full-time care for a loved one in need, this care is crucial to the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [46526/25]

*1396. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of international protection applicants in receipt of the daily expenses allowance who are also in employment; the measures in place to prevent double payment or welfare dependency; and the policy rationale for continuing the allowance when applicants have income from work. — Ken O'Flynn. [46533/25]

*1397. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total cost to the Exchequer of the daily expenses allowance provided to international protection applicants in each of the past three years, broken down by those in employment and those not in employment. — Ken O’Flynn. [46534/25]

*1398. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the universal over 70s companion pass will come into effect on 1 September 2025; if all persons over 70 years have now been contacted and supplied with their companion pass; the breakdown of the number of people who will benefit from this measure, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [46536/25]

*1399. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the responsibility that is on his Department to ensure that citizens are appropriately educated and informed about the terms of individual social welfare payments and the potential implications of availing or not availing of a particular payment, for example that some count as credits for a State pension and others do not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [46574/25]

*1400. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if further to the review of the non-contributory pension for a person (details supplied) a contributory pension can be considered; if a record of contributions will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [46578/25]

*1401. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if he will expedite the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [46594/25]

*1402. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the bereaved partners grant only applies to those whose partner’s death occurred on or after 21 July 2025; to confirm that consideration would be given to extending this grant to those whose partners died before this date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [46673/25]

*1403. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of contracts a firm (details supplied) have had with his Department in the years of 2024 and to-date in 2025; the nature of services the firm provided to his Department in each of the years, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [46707/25]

*1404. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the percentage of applications for fuel allowance from persons over 70 years of age that were refused the fuel allowance in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; the top three reasons for refusal; and the grade of staff member within his Department that decides to approve or refuse fuel allowance for persons over 70 years of age. — Paul Donnelly. [46708/25]

*1405. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports or schemes available to qualified post primary teachers who are currently unemployed, particularly in cases where there are no suitable vacancies in their local area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [46737/25]

*1406. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the urgent steps she is taking to ensure that no school loses out on their hot meals following changes to regulations which is preventing small schools from availing of a service (details supplied); the measures she will take to ensure that rural schools are being serviced sufficiently; the efforts she is taking to improve the levels

of waste associated with this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [46758/25]

*1407. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of families and the the number of children that received the newborn baby grant, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [46769/25]

*1408. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of carers that qualify for the carer's allowance in the wake of changes to income disregards, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [46770/25]

*1409. To ask the Minister for Social Protection given the 1.8 per cent rise in inflation and its disproportionate impact on low-income families, if he will commit to indexing core social welfare schemes and supports in Budget 2026, to protect against further cost-of-living erosion. — Ken O'Flynn. [46808/25]

*1410. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the logistics and communication plans to ensure timely delivery of the scheduled fuel allowance payments beginning week of 22 September 2025 particularly for older and vulnerable households in Cork and surrounds. — Ken O'Flynn. [46821/25]

*1411. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 518 of 1 July 2025, if the full-year cost of increasing all headline weekly social protection payments to €300 per week, excluding disability allowances, includes State pensions; the breakdown of the estimated total cost of increasing social protection payments to €300 per week including State pensions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46883/25]

*1412. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether foster carers allowance can be used to qualify persons for a State pension (contributory); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [46888/25]

*1413. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure that the hot meals service is provided to all pupils in small primary schools throughout the country as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [46911/25]

*1414. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on his plans to abolish the means test for carers; if there is a timeline for this; if considerations for this will be made in Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [46927/25]

*1415. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to urgently allow for payment of invalidity pension for person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [47030/25]

*1416. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason illness benefit for a five-week period ending on 23 July 2025 has been refused for an individual (details supplied), even though this individual was self-isolating due to Covid during that period and did not consult a doctor as she self-diagnosed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [47067/25]

*1417. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will detail the number of homes that currently qualify for the fuel allowance, in tabular form, on a county by county basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [47082/25]

*1418. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the operation of the hot school meals programme; if unspent funding allocated for the provision of this programme in a school will be re-allocated to the school to match the forecasted allocation for the interim period where there is a delay in implementing the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [47137/25]

*1419. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will address the delays in processing social welfare claims for Early Years Educators during the summer months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47178/25]

*1420. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is considering any changes to the current averaging system of Class S PRSI contributions towards the determination of a contributory pension rate; if there is a possibility of early student and summer holiday employment being disregarded in the calculation of the rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [47188/25]

*1421. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the membership of and dates of meetings of the inter-departmental group on school meals. — Alan Kelly. [47225/25]

*1422. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the breakdown of the schools that are taking part in the hot schools meals programme, by county, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [47281/25]

*1423. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of schools that have 20 students or less, 40 students or less, 60 students or less, 80 students or less, 100 students or less, 150 students or less, 200 students or less, 300 students or less, 400 students or less, 500 students or less that are taking part in the hot schools meals programme, by school name and county location, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [47282/25]

*1424. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applicants in receipt of foster care allowance qualified for back-to-school clothing and footwear allowance; and if the number is in keeping or different to the figures in his statement in June 2025 announcing their inclusion in the scheme. — Pearse Doherty. [47327/25]

*1425. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of extending eligibility for the fuel allowance to all pensioners; to all in receipt of the working family payment and-or a medical card; the estimated full-year cost of abolishing the waiting period of a year for those on jobseeker's allowance; the cost of increasing the rate by €20 per week; and of extending the payment period to 32 weeks. — Paul Murphy. [47333/25]

*1426. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to parliamentary Question No. 1843 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47364/25]

*1427. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 1844 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47382/25]

*1428. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to introduce a cost of disability payment as recommended by the 2021 Government commissioned Indecon Report and in view of the commitment to it in the Programme for Government to introduce a permanent annual cost of

disability support payment to be increased incrementally over its lifetime of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47438/25]

*1429. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to remove the means test for carer's allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47439/25]

*1430. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to facilitate those with disabilities into the workforce through various schemes; his plans to update them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47440/25]

*1431. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will outline the process by which his Department contacts the British Work and Pensions department seeking contribution information about people who have made DSP applications based on their British contributions; the current average waiting times for this information to be received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47451/25]

*1432. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will outline the nature and extent of engagement his Department has had with other Government agencies and departments in relation to the problems faced by workers, who live in the North and who work for southern-based companies, who wish to work from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47452/25]

*1433. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will provide an update on the work and access scheme; the number that are using it; his plans to increase this number and improve the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47453/25]

*1434. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will provide an update on the wage subsidy scheme; the number that are using it; his plans to increase this number and improve the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47454/25]

*1435. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he has plans for his Department and Intreo staff to engage with employers and those with disabilities to facilitate a larger cohort of those with disabilities into employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47455/25]

*1436. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he plans to improve processing times for those who do not have year-long contracts and must avail of social protection payments during holiday periods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47456/25]

*1437. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to reduce and remove the means test for carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47457/25]

*1438. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of carers allowance applications received in Dublin Bay North in 2023 and 2024, and the number approved, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47478/25]

*1439. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average processing time for domiciliary care allowance applications in 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47479/25]

*1440. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of disability allowance recipients in Dublin Bay North in 2023 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47480/25]

*1441. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of households in Dublin Bay North in receipt of the fuel allowance in 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47481/25]

*1442. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of bringing all disability-related payments to €350 per week; and to provide details of this calculation, in tabular form. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47487/25]

*1443. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of removing the means test for the disability allowance, blind pensions and invalidity pension. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47495/25]

*1444. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of removing the means test for all disability-related payments and bringing them up to at least €350 per week (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47496/25]

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

*1445. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if she will outline the wraparound supports currently available to women accommodated in safe homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [46403/25]

*1446. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the timeline to transpose the NIS2 Directive; the number of operators of essential and important entities notified; the expected audit cadence; the supports in place for SMEs within supply chains to meet the new obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47198/25]

*1447. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons who applied for international protection in each of the past five years who originally came to the State on a stamp 2 visa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47941/25]

*1448. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of court cases where it has been shown that the claimant has made a fraudulent claim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [44475/25]

*1449. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures he is taking in response to the wave of racially motivated attacks that have taken place in the past number of weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [44478/25]

*1450. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when the guidance document will be made available for local authorities following signing of regulations for the local community safety partnerships so they can establish taskforces to tackle anti-social behaviour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44485/25]

*1451. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the one year post release reoffending rates for prisoners and those in custody, broken down by those aged under 18; aged

18-24; 25 to 34-34 to 50; 50 -64; 65 and over, by gender, in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [44489/25]

*1452. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of safe homes in county Roscommon and in county Galway. — Claire Kerrane. [44493/25]

*1453. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department or Cuan will step in to provide greater assistance in cases where a county (detail supplied) is struggling to source a site for a domestic violence refuge, where his Department set a date of 2026 for a new refuge to be established, given significant efforts made to find a site have not been successful and the refuge is needed; the further efforts his Department or Cuan will make to ensure these crucial refuges are delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44495/25]

*1454. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has plans to introduce mandatory sentences for those who assault members of An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [44502/25]

*1455. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for the up-to-date waiting times for applications for visiting visas from South Africa; the reason for the delay in processing said applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [44513/25]

*1456. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the protocol for next steps for his Department to make a final decision on citizenship applications meeting the 50% points in two categories of the new guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44581/25]

*1457. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the protocol for the next steps for his Department to make a final decision on the application once an applicant for citizenship via Irish association meets the 50% points in two categories of the new guidelines; and the remaining information or actions needed to resolve the case promptly. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44582/25]

*1458. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide the schedule of fixed charge notices and category of same issued in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 issued in respect of road traffic offences to persons not ordinarily resident in this jurisdiction; the vehicles registered outside of this jurisdiction to include country of origin; and the number of fixed charged notices that are outstanding for settlement. — Aidan Farrelly. [44589/25]

*1459. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his long-term plans for persons currently residing in Ireland under the temporary protection directive; if he will provide clarity on the current timeline for reviewing their status, including what is expected to happen to these persons upon the expiration or extension of their protection arrangements (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [44600/25]

*1460. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if an application for naturalisation for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [44642/25]

*1461. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of serving Gardaí and the number who had retired or resigned within the previous five years who were

convicted of a crime, in each of the past ten years, by rank, by Garda divisions, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [44644/25]

*1462. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of complaints received against members of An Garda Síochána in the past five years, by garda division, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [44645/25]

*1463. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardai suspended from duty in each of the past five years, by Garda division, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [44646/25]

*1464. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether employment opportunities will be extended to stamp 3 visa holders who are without work permits (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44649/25]

*1465. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of accommodation centres with addresses in Lisdoonvarna, County Clare that are being used to house those under temporary protection or international protection in Ireland; the number of those accommodated in those centres between 2022 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44681/25]

*1466. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the budget allocated and spent on support staff and services, specifically for those seeking temporary protection or international protection, in the Lisdoonvarna area of County Clare between 2022 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44682/25]

*1467. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when current leases with centres used to accommodate those seeking temporary protection or international protection in the Lisdoonvarna area were signed; when each contract is due to expire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44683/25]

*1468. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to address the delays of processing immigration applications, in particular the stamp 4 visa under the Turkish Association Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [44691/25]

*1469. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to set out the number of people by categories in the locations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [44697/25]

*1470. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if, given increasing public concern and anecdotal reports, he is aware of instances of individuals who have claimed asylum in the Republic of Ireland who are also travelling to and from the United Kingdom, including Northern Ireland, after having made similar claims in that jurisdiction; if there is any evidence that such individuals may be in receipt of social welfare or State supports from both jurisdictions concurrently; and the bilateral mechanisms currently in place between Irish and UK authorities to monitor and prevent potential cross-Border fraud of this nature, particularly following the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union. — Ken O'Flynn. [44729/25]

*1471. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason for the delays in issuing visas, particularly for those travelling from South Africa; and his plans to address the long wait times. — Jen Cummins. [44743/25]

*1472. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason for the delays in issuing stamp 4 visas under the Ankara Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [44744/25]

*1473. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider introducing a mandatory minimum sentence for those convicted of assault on frontline workers that is, Gardaí, prison officers, healthcare staff, Fire Services personnel, and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44761/25]

*1474. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to expedite the processing of visa applications in respect of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44785/25]

*1475. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the details of the operations of an IPAS accommodation provider (details supplied), specifically the locations of all accommodation centres or buildings currently operated by this provider under contract with his Department; the breakdown by nationality of the residents currently housed in each of the centres; to supply any Health Information and Quality Authority inspection reports, compliance notices, or incident reports relating to these centres, in tabular format. — Ken O'Flynn. [44794/25]

*1476. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of citizenship applications received from Moroccan nationals in 2023 and 2024 and the number of these applications that have been processed to date. — Roderic O'Gorman. [44801/25]

*1477. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of citizenship applications received from Pakistan nationals in 2023 and 2024 and the number of these applications that have been processed to date. — Roderic O'Gorman. [44802/25]

*1478. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of citizenship applications received from Syrian nationals in 2023 and 2024 and the number of these applications that have been processed to date. — Roderic O'Gorman. [44803/25]

*1479. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures being considered to introduce mandatory sentencing for those convicted of assaulting Gardaí, particularly in light of the recent spike in knife-related attacks.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [44884/25]

*1480. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí assigned to stations in Kerry in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44899/25]

*1481. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when his Department will take over the responsibility for the payment of coroners fees and expenses in County Kerry; his views on whether these payments should not be the responsibility of the local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44901/25]

*1482. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a breakdown of all vacant properties currently owned or controlled by his Department or any agency under its remit; if he will furnish a list of these properties, by Dáil constituency; and the duration for which each property has remained vacant and any intended future use. — Ken O’Flynn. [44919/25]

*1483. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of staff currently in the citizenship division; the total number of staff in the designated team responsible for processing citizenship applications via Irish association given that the 1,500 pending applications have an excess of 30-months minimum processing time, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [44933/25]

*1484. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures his Department is taking to reduce the backlog of citizenship applications via Irish association to prevent any further delay, in view that the 1,500 pending applications have an excess of 30-months minimum processing time in comparison to thousands of other applicants who have an eight-month processing time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [44934/25]

*1485. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the breakdown, by Garda division of the number of An Garda Síochána Reserve members currently enrolled and active nationally; the number of reserve personnel deployed in each division over the past 12-months; the total number of operational duty days performed by reserve members in that period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [44941/25]

*1486. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda reserve members assigned to Cork city, as of 31 May 2025; the number of these actively deployed. — Ken O’Flynn. [44973/25]

*1487. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for confirmation of whether his Department has any plans for an IPAS centre in a location (details supplied). — Paul Lawless. [44987/25]

*1488. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for the criteria and processes being used to assess the suitability of the property (details supplied) for use as an IPAS centre. — Paul Lawless. [44988/25]

*1489. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for details of the involvement of local community groups, residents, local politicians, and Deputies for Mayo in the suitability assessment for the property (details supplied). — Paul Lawless. [44989/25]

*1490. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for confirmation of the projected capacity of a property (details supplied) to accommodate international protection applicants. — Paul Lawless. [44990/25]

*1491. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for confirmation of whether an impact assessment has been conducted to evaluate the effects of establishing an IPAS centre in the Ballina area of County Mayo; and, if so, for details of when and how its findings will be published. — Paul Lawless. [44991/25]

*1492. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for details of any agreements or contractual arrangements entered into with the developer for the redevelopment

and operation of a property (details supplied) as temporary accommodation for international protection applicants. — Paul Lawless. [44992/25]

*1493. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for details of how his Department is coordinating with Mayo County Council, and other relevant authorities, to ensure a property (details supplied) meets all necessary standards and regulations for its proposed use. — Paul Lawless. [44993/25]

*1494. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for a timeline for the decision making process to date and, if approval is granted, for the expected timeline for the opening of a centre (details supplied). — Paul Lawless. [44994/25]

*1495. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when a person (details supplied) will be assured that no enforcement action will proceed while their regulation 20 application is under review; whether the Minister will take into account the family's humanitarian circumstances, including the emotional, developmental, and psychological impact on the children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [44996/25]

*1496. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the new health diversion scheme expected to begin before November; the funding to be provided to the scheme in 2025 and 2026 respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [45002/25]

*1497. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of days each year that people pass through Dublin port without any passport control, considering when this Deputy came through Dublin port there was no one manning passport control. — Peadar Tóibín. [45005/25]

*1498. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if details on a series of matters (details supplied) will be provided in relation to the total amount expended by the State on legal aid or legal representation for individuals applying for asylum or international protection provided in each of the years from 2015 to 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [45007/25]

*1499. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the forms of identification that can be accepted at the point of sale in hospitality and whether only a garda age card remains acceptable, in accordance with the most up to date form of the Licensing Acts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45017/25]

*1500. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the appeals process available to persons whose applications for subsidiary protection or humanitarian leave to remain have been refused; if he will ensure access to legal advice for applicants in such situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [45023/25]

*1501. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he is aware of recent attacks targeting members of the Indian/South Asian community in different locations around the country; if he has engaged with An Garda Síochána to ascertain if there is any coordinated aspect to these attacks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [45071/25]

*1502. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide an update on the implementation of the National Action Plan Against Racism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45072/25]

*1503. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures that have been or are proposed to be funded under the National Action Plan Against Racism in 2025; the overall budget for the Action Plan in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45073/25]

*1504. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has received a report from the special rapporteur on racism yet; the timeframe for when it be brought to Cabinet, and when will it be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45074/25]

*1505. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he has met with the special rapporteur on racism and or the advisory committee on racial equality and racism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45075/25]

*1506. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether An Garda Síochána or other State intelligence are actively monitoring online activity by far-right organisations where that activity is linked to potential hate crimes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45076/25]

*1507. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department will focus on prioritising upcoming citizenship ceremony invitations for old Irish association paper applicants (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45088/25]

*1508. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide clarity on the current delay for stamp 5 renewals (details supplied); the steps his Department is taking to clear this backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [45090/25]

*1509. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide the value of all payments made by his Department to a company (details supplied) from 1 January 2023 to date in 2025; to provide a breakdown by quarter of each payment specifying the purchase order number, date of payment, description of goods or services, cost centre or programme under which the payment was made; the location of the accommodation or service provided; the procurement process used in each instance indicating whether it was an open competitive tender, framework call-off, negotiated procedure, direct award, or emergency derogation; and the details of any performance inspections, compliance audits, or contract-management reviews carried out in respect of the services provided by this company during the period, including the date and outcome of each review, in tabular form. — Ken O’Flynn. [45111/25]

*1510. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a breakdown of recorded incidents of assault, harassment, or other violent crime in the State in each of the past five years; provide a breakdown of this data by the nationality of the alleged offender; the location of the offence (details supplied). — Ken O’Flynn. [45112/25]

*1511. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the procedures by which An Garda Síochána records the nationality of alleged offenders and victims in criminal cases; whether the data is published on a regular basis; and if not, his plans to make such information

publicly available to ensure transparency and informed public debate. — Ken O’Flynn. [45113/25]

*1512. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the remit and operational status of Fiosrú the newly established police oversight body; whether it has been engaged in any independent reviews (details supplied) of serious or unsolved cases since its formation; and the way in which its independence, resourcing, and reporting lines are being maintained to ensure effective Garda accountability. — Ken O’Flynn. [45118/25]

*1513. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide details of the number of offences under s.2 and s.3 of the Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person Act 1997 and relevant Public Order Act 1994 provisions where the victim’s nationality was recorded as Indian, with monthly and Garda division breakdowns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [45130/25]

*1514. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of recorded hate related crimes and incidents flagged with bias motivation to race, ethnicity and nationality for the period 11 February 2025 to 11 August 2025; the subset where victim nationality was Indian; and the number of charges citing hate aggravation under the Criminal Justice (Hate Offences) Act 2024, indicating prosecutions initiated and any available court outcomes, with a division-level breakdown. — Ken O’Flynn. [45131/25]

*1515. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide comparative figures for the same offence categories and period (details supplied) for Irish nationals and to provide details of the five most frequently recorded non-Irish victim nationalities; to provide the data quality profile, that is rates of unknown or not recorded for nationality and ethnic/cultural background fields; the current recording guidance to members, and whether she will commit to quarterly publication of disaggregated statistics and to placing the underlying tables in the Oireachtas library. — Ken O’Flynn. [45132/25]

*1516. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the action he will take to address the growing number of racially motivated physical and verbal assaults on minority communities across the State. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45148/25]

*1517. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the action he will take to increase initiatives to promote integration and combat racism to address the growing number of racially motivated physical and verbal assaults on minority communities across the State. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45150/25]

*1518. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a list of all unused properties, lands and buildings, under the ownership or control of his Department within County Kerry; the length of time they have been idle; the plans in place, if any, for future use; if these unused properties, lands and buildings can be used for affordable and social housing and low cost sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45184/25]

*1519. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the full cost of the provision of security at the Heywood Road modular housing project for Ukrainians in Clonmel, County Tipperary; the length of time this level of security will be provided at site; the reason for the continued levels of security given that it will hinder integration efforts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45218/25]

*1520. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if An Garda Síochána is capturing the driver licence numbers at point of detection and recording the driver number on summonses; if the Courts Service is accepting this data and inputting the information on the disqualification orders for recording onto the NVDF database; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45227/25]

*1521. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average processing time for applications for residence permission for de-facto partners of Irish citizens; the number of applications currently pending; and the measures being taken to reduce delays given reports of applicants waiting up to ten months for a decision. — Sorca Clarke. [45230/25]

*1522. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of pending de-facto partner visa preclearance applications, by month of receipt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [45231/25]

*1523. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number and percentage of de-facto partner visa applications refused in the past three years; the most common grounds for refusal; the number of successful appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [45232/25]

*1524. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he intends to expand the remit of the IRPP to include Rohingya refugees unable to return to Myanmar; if there are criteria under which a person from the Rohingya group may access the IRPP programme; if so, if his officials may communicate this with individuals from this community who are awaiting information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45260/25]

*1525. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of an applications for long stay (D) join family visas which have not been processed for 13 months, longer than the maximum typical processing time an applicant may expect (details supplied); if he will request his officials to provide this update directly to the applicants in terms of how long more they can expect to wait; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45261/25]

*1526. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current waiting time for an appeal of a refused join family visa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [45278/25]

*1527. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of visa applications currently pending, by category, to date in 2025; and how this compares to the same date in 2023 and 2024. — Sorca Clarke. [45279/25]

*1528. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the supports or scholarships that his Department provides regarding further and higher education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45283/25]

*1529. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Palestinian nationals granted international protection in Ireland in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the number of Palestinian nationals refused international protection in these years; and the number of Palestinian nationals currently awaiting a decision on their international protection application, to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [45291/25]

*1530. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Ukrainian nationals that have been granted temporary protection or international protection in Ireland in 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the number that were refused; and the number currently awaiting a decision on their application for protection, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [45292/25]

*1531. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the role and powers regarding horses of animal health and welfare liaison inspectors nominated in Garda divisions; if specific statistics are recorded for their work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45298/25]

*1532. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average length of stay of residents in direct provision centres. — Sorca Clarke. [45302/25]

*1533. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number and location of all direct provision centres currently in operation. — Sorca Clarke. [45303/25]

*1534. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in view of the exploitation of children through financial extortion schemes involving social media-linked payment services, and the use of unverified age and guardianship claims by perpetrators to circumvent anti-money laundering and child protection frameworks, the role his the Department is playing in ensuring enforcement of age and guardianship verification standards to prevent the laundering of proceeds from child exploitation crimes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [45311/25]

*1535. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the number of people that are still in IPAS centres having been refused permission to remain in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45317/25]

*1536. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the number of people that have been given permission to remain in the State but are still residing in IPAS Centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45318/25]

*1537. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide details of the number of members of An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45339/25]

*1538. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide details of the number of incidents recorded at facilities from 1 January 2025 to 31 August 2025, by month, as logged by An Garda Síochána on the PULSE system and by his Department or its contractors in incident reports categorised by incidents (details supplied) by month, in tabular form. — Ken O'Flynn. [45341/25]

*1539. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide the number of incidents at facilities (details supplied); the number of Garda call-outs; the number of incidents resulting in arrests, charges; files submitted to the DPP; and the status of prosecutions including outcomes where available for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 August 2025, in tabular form. — Ken O'Flynn. [45342/25]

*1540. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of victims by cohort that were recorded, including residents, staff or contractors, members of the public, and

members of An Garda Síochána, with confirmation of any recorded injuries at facilities (details supplied); the number of exclusion orders, evictions from the facilities, or transfer decisions arising from serious misconduct; and the number and outcome of any appeals for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 August 2025, in tabular form. — Ken O’Flynn. [45343/25]

*1541. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the policing and overtime costs attributable to facilities for the period 1 January to 31 August 2025, including the deployment of public order units; the total cost to his Department for security provision at the facilities; and the cost of contracted on-site security or supplementary security personnel (details supplied). — Ken O’Flynn. [45345/25]

*1542. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will confirm whether his Department’s official figures for incidents at facilities (details supplied) in the period 1 January 2025 to 31 August 2025, match figures reported in public discourse; the reason for any variance including definitional or classification differences. — Ken O’Flynn. [45346/25]

*1543. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his position on the proposed EU Regulation to Prevent and Combat Child Sexual Abuse, commonly referred to as “Chat Control”. — Erin McGreehan. [45379/25]

*1544. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the percentage of the current membership of An Garda Síochána who will be eligible to retire by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45381/25]

*1545. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications to join An Garda Síochána as part of each recruitment campaign in the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45382/25]

*1546. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí who attested in each year since 1995, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45383/25]

*1547. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of delays to the processing of a specific visa type via an embassy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45384/25]

*1548. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of requests for retirement extensions from An Garda Síochána processed in each year since 2020, including the number extended to 61, to 62, to 63, to 64 and to 65, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45393/25]

*1549. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number in each intake of Gardaí, and the number who attested, in the past three years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45395/25]

*1550. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average time in each of the past five years between application to join An Garda Síochána and attestation, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45396/25]

*1551. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if she will publish the corrective action plan timelines for non-compliant IPAS sites (details supplied), the inspection

cadence for Cork centres and a summary of resident safeguarding indicators now monitored in real time. — Ken O’Flynn. [45421/25]

*1552. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the projected ten-year whole-life cost for the State’s purchase and operation of a hotel and campus (details supplied), including capital upgrades, security, on-site health, education and transport supports; the current on-site headcount; the 2025 monthly operating cost; and the cost comparison with a counterfactual lease model presented to Cabinet. — Ken O’Flynn. [45468/25]

*1553. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if addresses (details supplied) in Cork are currently being used as accommodation under State contracts for the purposes of housing persons experiencing homelessness and/or persons seeking international protection; and, if so, the name of the company or organisation operating each facility under contract with the State. — Ken O’Flynn. [45471/25]

*1554. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the maximum accommodation capacity in each facility (details supplied); the current number of residents in each; and the breakdown of those residents, by category that is, homeless persons, persons seeking international protection, or other. — Ken O’Flynn. [45472/25]

*1555. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the duration of State contracts currently in place for each property (details supplied) in Cork; the date each contract commenced; and the anticipated date of expiry or renewal. — Ken O’Flynn. [45473/25]

*1556. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total cost to the State of the contracts relating to each property (details supplied) in Cork; the average monthly or annual payments made to each contractor or operator; and if value-for-money assessments have been carried out. — Ken O’Flynn. [45474/25]

*1557. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the monitoring and compliance arrangements in place for contracted accommodation facilities (details supplied) in Cork; the frequency of inspections; and the findings of any inspections conducted in the past 12-months. — Ken O’Flynn. [45475/25]

*1558. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there are plans to extend, expand or alter the use of accommodation facilities (details supplied) in Cork; and, if so, the expected timelines and objectives. — Ken O’Flynn. [45476/25]

*1559. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí, by rank attached to Mayo, Roscommon and Longford divisional protective services bureau, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [45490/25]

*1560. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardai, by rank attached to Meath-Westmeath divisional protective services bureau, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [45491/25]

*1561. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí and their rank, in all stations in County Louth, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [45495/25]

*1562. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí currently detailed for community policing in Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee stations, respectively. — Joanna Byrne. [45496/25]

*1563. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí who have resigned and retired in each of the past 15 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45500/25]

*1564. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has received the report of the recruitment and training capacity group regarding recruitment to An Garda Síochána which he indicated he would receive in mid-2025; if he will outline the main findings of that report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45501/25]

*1565. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there are any impediments to five intakes of trainee Gardaí per annum at the Garda Training College, Templemore; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45502/25]

*1566. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the National Integration Strategy; if this is under review within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45513/25]

*1567. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures being taken to address the current overcrowding in Cork Prison, which is operating at 133% of its capacity with 98 prisoners without access to beds; and if he will confirm the contingency plans in place to ensure humane and safe treatment of all prisoners. — Ken O'Flynn. [45531/25]

*1568. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in view of the fact the national prison system is accommodating almost 900 more inmates than its designed capacity, the Government's strategic plan to resolve this overcrowding including whether it plans to expand existing facilities, construct new accommodation; and increase the use of alternatives such as community sanctions. — Ken O'Flynn. [45532/25]

*1569. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the statistics on the proportion of the prison population held on remand pending trial compared with convicted prisoners; and the reforms being considered to reduce remand numbers particularly for non-violent offences, through measures such as bail reform or expanded use of community-based alternatives. — Ken O'Flynn. [45533/25]

*1570. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has implemented in whole or in part, the recommendations of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Justice in respect of a decarceration strategy, and if so, the impacts to date on occupancy levels and recidivism. — Ken O'Flynn. [45534/25]

*1571. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has commissioned or received evidence regarding increased assaults or risks to prison officers as a result of overcrowding in Irish prisons; and the measures being taken to safeguard the health, welfare, and safety of prison staff under such conditions. — Ken O'Flynn. [45535/25]

*1572. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department is examining international best practice in prison design and management, such as the adoption of normalisation models and architectural reforms that have been linked with improved

rehabilitation outcomes; and if he intends to pilot such approaches in the State. — Ken O’Flynn. [45536/25]

*1573. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to balance the Government’s aim of penal reform and reduction of prison overcrowding with the need to protect the public, safeguard victims of crime, and maintain public confidence in the justice system. — Ken O’Flynn. [45537/25]

*1574. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide the most recent figures on calls made to An Garda Síochána relating to domestic abuse incidents in 2024 and to date in 2025, by region; the measures that are being taken to address this reported surge in cases. — Ken O’Flynn. [45541/25]

*1575. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prosecutions brought in 2023 and 2024 under domestic violence legislation; and whether the Department has identified gaps in the criminal justice process that contribute to under-prosecution or attrition in such cases. — Ken O’Flynn. [45542/25]

*1576. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current waiting times for victims of domestic abuse seeking access to refuge accommodation; and the plans his Department has to increase refuge capacity in line with recommendations from Safe Ireland and the Istanbul Convention obligations. — Ken O’Flynn. [45544/25]

*1577. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the training and support measures that are being put in place for gardaí handling domestic abuse calls, in particular in cases involving repeat incidents or high-risk victims, to ensure consistency of response across all Garda divisions. — Ken O’Flynn. [45545/25]

*1578. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of family reunification applications received; the number approved; the number of dependants admitted under the International Protection Act 2015 for each of the years since 2019; and if he will publish the internal business case referenced in documents released to RTE under freedom of information. — Ken O’Flynn. [45556/25]

*1579. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason records on additional staffing and funding for international protection applications were withheld until compelled by appeal under FOI; and if he will commit to ensuring that future asylum related data is published proactively and in full. — Ken O’Flynn. [45557/25]

*1580. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether family reunification rights under the International Protection Act 2015 are being applied more broadly than the statutory definition in view of recent court rulings; and if he will set out his Department’s position on this matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [45558/25]

*1581. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will review the legislative framework on family reunification in view of the fact that approvals now average 2.5 dependants per applicant, effectively doubling asylum intake numbers. — Ken O’Flynn. [45559/25]

*1582. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has considered introducing thresholds or conditions, such as financial capacity, housing availability,

or integration requirements, before family reunification rights can be exercised. — Ken O’Flynn. [45560/25]

*1583. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of deportation orders issued, executed, and left unenforced in each of the years since 2020; and whether the suspension of deportations during and after the COVID-19 pandemic has contributed to increased asylum applications. — Ken O’Flynn. [45561/25]

*1584. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether persons that arrived in the State without identification documents are subsequently permitted to exercise family reunification rights; and if so, the way in which identity verification of family members is conducted in such cases. — Ken O’Flynn. [45562/25]

*1585. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way in which Ireland’s family reunification provisions compare with those in other EU member states in terms of categories of relatives admitted and the average numbers approved per application. — Ken O’Flynn. [45563/25]

*1586. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has conducted a national capacity assessment to determine the sustainable intake level under asylum and family reunification combined, given constraints in housing, health, and education services. — Ken O’Flynn. [45564/25]

*1587. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the additional funding allocated since 2022 to manage the increase in asylum and family reunification applications; and the projected expenditure for 2025 to 2027. — Ken O’Flynn. [45565/25]

*1588. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the assessment made of the cost implications for healthcare provision associated with family reunification; and whether her Department has commissioned a service impact study on this matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [45567/25]

*1589. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if her Department has prepared an inter-departmental strategy, in cooperation with the Departments of Justice, Housing, Health and Education, to coordinate the arrival and integration of family reunification beneficiaries; and if not, if she will bring forward such a plan. — Ken O’Flynn. [45568/25]

*1590. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of garda members, by rank, assigned to a location (details supplied) as of August 2025. — Cathal Crowe. [45591/25]

*1591. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of operational garda vehicles attached to a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [45592/25]

*1592. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the statistics on average garda response times to incidents within a location (details supplied) between August 2024 and July 2025. — Cathal Crowe. [45594/25]

*1593. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the Personal Insolvency Acts with specific reference to the high proportion of over-50s now seeking debt solutions will

be reviewed; and his plans for a dedicated insolvency track for older borrowers whose income capacity is structurally diminished as they approach retirement. — Ken O’Flynn. [45599/25]

*1594. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether a new recruitment campaign to join An Garda Síochána will be launched before end of the year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [45628/25]

*1595. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of new marked garda roads policing cars that came into the fleet in 2024 and to-date in 2025; the number of marked roads policing cars withdrawn from fleet during same period, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [45629/25]

*1596. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí who have resigned in each of the last five years who were under 25; aged 25 to 30; aged 30 to 35; aged 35 to 40; aged 40 to 50 and aged over 50, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45643/25]

*1597. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí who resigned within five years of joining An Garda Síochána in each of the past 10 years and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45644/25]

*1598. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí who have left the force over the past five years; the number of Gardaí recruited in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45645/25]

*1599. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí who had previously resigned and rejoined the Gardaí in each of the last 10 years and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45646/25]

*1600. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the percentage of garda trainees in the past five years who were from disadvantaged, very disadvantaged or extremely disadvantaged backgrounds as measured by the Pobal deprivation index, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45647/25]

*1601. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide details of the garda personnel on leave from duty; the total number of members absent and a categorisation of their leave type; the details, the number and percentage of garda members on leave; and to provide a breakdown of the length of leave by categorisation. — Paul Lawless. [45656/25]

*1602. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to updated user requirements of a social media platform (details supplied), which requires users to upload age verification to use the platform; if this requirement is in line with data protection laws; if his Department has engaged with this company regarding this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45684/25]

*1603. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for confirmation of whether he plans to expand the use of a premises (details supplied), as a centre under the international protection accommodation services; and if so, for details of the scope and nature of such plans. — Paul Lawless. [45721/25]

*1604. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for confirmation of whether he, any other Government Department, or State agency has plans, whether at discussion stage or already agreed, to purchase a premises (details supplied), for use as a centre under the international protection accommodation services; and if so, for details of the rationale behind such a decision. — Paul Lawless. [45722/25]

*1605. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for confirmation of the number of international protection applicants currently residing at a premises (details supplied); and the expected duration of their accommodation at the site. — Paul Lawless. [45723/25]

*1606. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the criteria and processes being used to assess the suitability of a premises (details supplied), for expanded use as an IPAS centre, including any assessments of its capacity to accommodate additional applicants. — Paul Lawless. [45724/25]

*1607. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for confirmation of whether any agreements or contractual arrangements have been entered into between his Department and the owners or developers of a premises (details supplied), for its redevelopment or long-term operation as an IPAS centre; and if so, for details of the terms involved. — Paul Lawless. [45725/25]

*1608. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for confirmation of whether an impact assessment has been conducted to evaluate the effects of expanding IPAS accommodation at a premises (details supplied), on the surrounding communities of Breaffy and Castlebar; and if so, for details of when and how its findings will be published. — Paul Lawless. [45726/25]

*1609. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the means by which his Department is coordinating with Mayo County Council, the HSE, and other relevant authorities to ensure that public services in Breaffy and Castlebar can meet the anticipated demand resulting from increased population due to IPAS accommodation at a premises (details supplied). — Paul Lawless. [45727/25]

*1610. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for a breakdown of the costs incurred to date in 2025 by the State and Mayo County Council in accommodating international protection applicants at a premises (details supplied), and for details of the projected costs associated with its continued or expanded use. — Paul Lawless. [45728/25]

*1611. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for details of the involvement of local community groups, residents, local politicians, and Deputies for Mayo in the suitability assessment for the property at a premises (details supplied). — Paul Lawless. [45729/25]

*1612. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for confirmation of whether the current use of a premises (details supplied), as accommodation for international protection applicants is operating under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act; and if so, for details of when this exemption is due to expire. — Paul Lawless. [45730/25]

*1613. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for confirmation of whether the Government or any State Department has agreed to purchase a premises (details

supplied), or any part thereof, for the purpose of permanent or expanded use as an IPAS centre; and if so, for details of the transaction. — Paul Lawless. [45734/25]

*1614. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the maximum number of trainees per intake at the Garda Training College in Templemore; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45739/25]

*1615. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the examination undertaken into the capacity of a premises (details supplied) and services in the surrounding town of Clara prior to its redesignation as a designated accommodation centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [45745/25]

*1616. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the additional supports he will be providing to ensure the new arrivals to an accommodation centre (details supplied) will have adequate access to basic services, including healthcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [45746/25]

*1617. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when discussions to redesignate a premises (details supplied) as a designated accommodation centre first began with the owner of the property; when the contract was finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [45747/25]

*1618. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for the total number of emergency phone calls received by An Garda Síochána relating to domestic, sexual, and gender based violence in 2022, 2023, and 2024, including but not limited, to coercive control, breach of interim barring order, breach of protection order, breach of barring order, breach of safety order, breach of emergency barring order and any incident type with an original CAD incident type of 'DVSA'; by county, by year, in tabular form. — Máire Devine. [45754/25]

*1619. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for the total number of arrests made by An Garda Síochána relating to domestic, sexual, and gender based violence in 2022, 2023, and 2024, including but not limited to coercive control, breach of interim barring order, breach of protection order, breach of barring order, breach of safety order, breach of emergency barring order, and any incident type with an original CAD incident type of 'DVSA'; by county, by year, in tabular form. — Máire Devine. [45755/25]

*1620. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for the total number of prosecutions initiated relating to domestic, sexual, and gender based violence in 2022, 2023, and 2024, including but not limited to coercive control, breach of interim barring order, breach of protection order, breach of barring order, breach of safety order, breach of emergency barring order, and any incident type with an original CAD incident type of 'DVSA'; by year, in tabular form. — Máire Devine. [45756/25]

*1621. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for the total number of convictions relating to domestic, sexual, and gender based violence in 2022, 2023, and 2024, including but not limited to coercive control, breach of interim barring order, breach of protection order, breach of barring order, breach of safety order, breach of emergency barring order, and any incident type with an original CAD incident type of 'DVSA'; by year, in tabular form. — Máire Devine. [45757/25]

*1622. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration. — Máire Devine. [45758/25]

*1623. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide an update on the progress of the National Action Plan Against Racism; if he has received reports from the special rapporteur on racial equality and racism regarding the plans objectives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [45759/25]

*1624. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the process by which applications are considered under a Court of Justice of the European Union ruling (details supplied); the average timeframe for a final decision on such applications; the number of applications under consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [45812/25]

*1625. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the additional steps or measures being taken to reduce the prevalence and circulation of illegal fireworks and bangers in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [45828/25]

*1626. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on client-side scanning which has been debated within the EU parliament and at various EU committees; his further views on the knock-on implications for data protection and privacy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45875/25]

*1627. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the traditionally underrepresented communities that are eligible for the Garda Síochána Diversity Internship Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45890/25]

*1628. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an annual breakdown of the numbers of those who completed the Garda Síochána Diversity Internship Programme since its introduction; and a breakdown of the traditionally underrepresented communities that they came from, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45891/25]

*1629. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an annual breakdown of the numbers of those who completed the Garda Síochána Diversity Internship Programme who later went on to attest as members of An Garda Síochána since its introduction; and the numbers who completed the Garda Síochána Diversity Internship Programme who later went on to take up clerical roles with an Garda Síochána since its introduction, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45892/25]

*1630. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the budget allocated to the Garda Síochána Diversity Internship Programme in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [45920/25]

*1631. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average wait time for an extension of work permit conditions application to be processed; the number of applications currently awaiting processing; if an application for a person (details supplied) is close to being finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [45926/25]

*1632. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to review and increase the income threshold for access to legal aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [45943/25]

*1633. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to confirm when a citizenship application for a person (details supplied) will be completed, in view of the fact that it is 36 months since the application was first lodged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45956/25]

*1634. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to confirm when a citizenship application for a person (details supplied) will be completed, in view of the fact that it is 24 months since the application was first lodged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45957/25]

*1635. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for the number of Gardai allocated to County Cork in the recent graduation from Templemore; to outline which stations they will be allocated to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45995/25]

*1636. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason the processing for tourist visas from South Africa are experiencing substantial delays; his plan to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [46010/25]

*1637. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether there a difference in terms of treatment for categories of Irish citizens (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [46034/25]

*1638. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to confirm when a citizenship application for a person (details supplied) will be completed, in view that it is 28 months since the application (details supplied) was first lodged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [46089/25]

*1639. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total amount spent on IPAS accommodation in 2024; the amount spent each month to date in 2025; the total expenditure to date in 2025; the estimated total expenditure for 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46109/25]

*1640. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total amount spent on Ukrainian TPD accommodation in 2024; the amount spent each month to date in 2025, the total expenditure to date in 2025; the estimated total expenditure for 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46110/25]

*1641. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total amount spent on the Ukrainian accommodation recognition payment in 2024; the amount spent each month to date in 2025, the total expenditure to date in 2025; the estimated total expenditure for 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46111/25]

*1642. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason his Department continued to lease accommodation for Ukrainian refugees from a company (details supplied) after it was found to have supplied fake Garda vetting clearances to Tusla; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46115/25]

*1643. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he intends to seek any repayment of State monies paid to a company (details supplied) following revelations that the company was found to have supplied fake Garda vetting clearances to State agencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46116/25]

*1644. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of minibuses available per Garda station for community policing in the Dublin metropolitan region, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [46136/25]

*1645. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current processing time for a long stay and join family visas; if his Department plans to publish dates for these visa categories in the same way as other categories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46138/25]

*1646. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to a case of a person (details supplied); if any discretion can be applied based on the specific circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [46220/25]

*1647. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 673 of 8 July 2025 and Parliamentary Question No.2073 of 29 July, if An Garda Síochána can now issue fixed charge notices (FCN'S) for registration plate offences; if the Garda authorities have finalised incorporating amendments from the Road Traffic and Roads Act 2023 into Garda ICT systems to allow Gardai issue FCNs for these offences directly from their mobility devices; if this information has now been communicated to the wider Garda organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46269/25]

*1648. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardai in roads policing units to date in 2025, by Garda division; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46270/25]

*1649. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of convictions in the District courts where a custodial sentence was imposed for each of years ended 31 December 2022, 2023 and 2024, and up to 30 June 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [46338/25]

*1650. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of convictions in the circuit courts where a custodial sentence was imposed for each of years ended 31 December 2022, 2023 and 2024, and up to 30 June 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [46339/25]

*1651. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of convictions in the central criminal court where a custodial sentence was imposed for each of years ended 31 December 2022, 2023 and 2024, and up to 30 June 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [46340/25]

*1652. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on the total funding allocated to County Louth under this Department from 2023 to date, per year in tabular form. — Erin McGreehan. [46344/25]

*1653. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when a member of the public applies for legal aid €8,000 is taken into consideration for mortgage payments, payments

above €8,000 disqualifies persons from legal aid (details supplied); and if he will consider reforming and increasing the cap on this allowance. — Ann Graves. [46361/25]

*1654. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has completed its report into the practise of carrying out family court proceedings in camera; and his plans to reforms this practise and the timeframe. — Ann Graves. [46365/25]

*1655. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the updated timeframe regarding the processing of an immigration application for a person (details supplied) submitted in 2022, given indicative processing timeframes have already passed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46383/25]

*1656. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current number of safe homes available nationally for women fleeing domestic violence. — Sorca Clarke. [46401/25]

*1657. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of women who have sought refuge or safe homes while fleeing domestic violence or addiction in the past five years; the number that were provided with accommodation; and the number that were turned away. — Sorca Clarke. [46402/25]

*1658. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 208 of 9 April 2025, if he will outline the initial estimated cost and delivery timeframe of the unified case management system; the current estimated delivery timeframe; the current estimated total cost to completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46404/25]

*1659. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will outline the criteria which hospitality accommodation providers must have met in order to apply to host beneficiaries of temporary protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46406/25]

*1660. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 2140 of 29 July 2025, if the information regarding the number of people awaiting decisions in the international protection system in employment, by category of employment, in each of the past five years and to date in 2025, in tabular form, is now available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46408/25]

*1661. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 2141 of 29 July 2025, if the information regarding the breakdown of those awaiting for decisions in the international protection system who are in employment; the number who are in employment which pays the minimum wage; the number in employment that pays between the minimum wage and the average industrial wage; the number that are in employment that pays above the average industrial wage in each of the past five years and to date in 2025, is now available, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46409/25]

*1662. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 734 of 15 July 2025, if the information for each intake to the Garda college since 2022 regarding the number of trainee Gardaí who were between the ages of 18 and 25, the number who were between the ages of 25 and 30, the number that were between the age

of 30 and 35 and the number who were between the ages of 35 and 50, in tabular form, is now available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46410/25]

*1663. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 748 of 15 July 2025, if the information regarding the number of incidents where a member of an Garda Síochána arranged the importation of firearm 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, is now available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46411/25]

*1664. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 305 of 3 July 2025, if the information regarding the number of Gardaí at each level in An Garda Síochána from trainee to Garda Commissioner who, prior to joining An Garda Síochána, had served in police services of other states, specifying which police force for the past five years, in tabular form, is now available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46412/25]

*1665. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 305 of 3 July 2025, if the information regarding the number of Gardaí who retired in each of the past five years and to date in 2025, upon reaching 30 years of service, in tabular form, is now available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46413/25]

*1666. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide the details and addresses of all properties in the ownership of the Department that are absolved from paying commercial rates to the relevant local authority of the location that the property is in; to provide a similar list of properties for agencies or bodies under its remit that are also absolved from commercial rates, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [46443/25]

*1667. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his view of the insolvency of a business (details supplied); the provisional liquidation of companies connected to its ownership; the High Court proceedings concerning the validity of the Section 5 planning declaration; ongoing enforcement action for alleged unauthorised development at the site; if he will now review and initiate the winding down of the contract for use of the complex as an international protection accommodation centre; and his views on the concerns I have previously raised regarding the lack of due diligence and transparency in the awarding and management of this contract in the first place. — Michael Murphy. [46496/25]

*1668. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí who attested during 2024 and 2025, by relevant month, district and station. — Emer Currie. [46500/25]

*1669. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current processing times for a visa type (details supplied); if he is aware of any delays regarding applications for this visa from a country; if efforts are underway to reduce processing times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46517/25]

*1670. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of international protection applicants currently awaiting a first-instance decision; the average and median waiting times; and the steps being taken to reduce these waiting times to under 12-weeks in line with practices in other EU states. — Ken O'Flynn. [46530/25]

*1671. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of deportation orders issued in the past three years; the number enforced; and the obstacles preventing full enforcement of deportation orders. — Ken O’Flynn. [46531/25]

*1672. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has assessed whether the reduction of the waiting time for labour market access permits has contributed to an increase in the volume of international protection applications; and if so, to provide the data underpinning this assessment. — Ken O’Flynn. [46532/25]

*1673. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the systems in place to allow ministers of religion to enter this country on visas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [46604/25]

*1674. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications for international protection that were submitted by persons who had initially or previously entered the State on an international student visa in each year 2015-2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46630/25]

*1675. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications for international protection that were submitted by persons who had initially or previously entered the State on an employment visa in each year 2015-2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46631/25]

*1676. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to enquire into prolonged delays for citizenship applications (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [46679/25]

*1677. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has met with an organisation (details supplied) regarding its pre-budget 2026 submission and associated position paper on supporting Irish business with digital compliance; if his Department has assessed the merit of its proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46690/25]

*1678. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of cases dealt with by the Criminal Court of Appeal where the custodial sentence imposed by the lower court was confirmed, including reduced or increased, for each year ended 31 December 2022, 2023 and 2024, and up to 30 June 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [46696/25]

*1679. 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 from the Garda authorities in order to answer this PQ. — Paul Donnelly. [46704/25]

*1680. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of unmarked jeeps in the garda fleet as of 15 August 2025; if he will provide the same figures as of 31 August 2022, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [46706/25]

*1681. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a citizenship application (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [46752/25]

*1682. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the protections and contingency housing supports currently in place in Ireland for asylum seekers; and if he intends to review these. — Ken O'Flynn. [46818/25]

*1683. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the information is on file for a person (details supplied) given no documents are showing up on the online portal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [46831/25]

*1684. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the proposals regarding accommodation for Ukrainian's living in Ireland under the beneficiary of temporary protection post March-2026; if they will be eligible for housing supports; if his Department has undertaken research into the consequential demand this will place on the current housing delivery targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [46890/25]

*1685. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline for join family visas only where the sponsor is an Irish citizen and which have been processed in the past - 24 months, the average waiting time for visa applications sent to the Dublin visa office for further processing; the number of applications which have exceeded 12, 15 and 18 months in whole number and as a percentage of the total; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [46891/25]

*1686. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the risk assessment process undertaken by the Irish Prison Service in advance of requiring prisoners to share cells with one another; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46959/25]

*1687. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prisoner-on-prisoner assaults that occurred in 2024 and to date in 2025, by prison and location of assault in each prison for example, cell, yard, landing, workshop and so on, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46960/25]

*1688. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of recruit prison officers who completed training in communication and de-escalation skills in the years 2022 to date in 2025; the number of prison officers who completed training in communication and de-escalation skills as part of their continuous practice development in each of the years 2022 to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46961/25]

*1689. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of recruit prison officers who completed control and restraint training in the years 2022 to date in 2025; the number of prison officers who completed control and restraint training as part of their continuous practice development in each of the years 2022 to date in 2025, tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46962/25]

*1690. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of planned physical interventions that is, incidents of planned use of force that took place in the years 2022 to date, by prison and location of the intervention in each prison for example, cell, yard, landing, workshop and so on; the number of spontaneous physical interventions that is, incidents of spontaneous use of force that took place in the years 2022 to date, broken down by prison and location of the intervention in each prison for example, cell, yard, landing, workshop and so on, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46963/25]

*1691. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of incidents successfully de-escalated by prison officers without the use of physical force in each of the years 2022 to date, by prison, in tabular form; his views on the collection of data in this circumstance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46964/25]

*1692. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of sick days taken by prison officers in the years 2022 to date; the average days lost per employee each year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46965/25]

*1693. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider bringing forward amendments to the International Protection Act 2015 to introduce a UK-style statutory presumptions, whereby an applicant convicted of specified serious sexual offences or sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment or more is presumed to have been convicted of a particularly serious crime and to constitute a danger to the community for the purposes of international protection determinations, subject to Ireland's non-refoulement obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47010/25]

*1694. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide statistics on refusals or revocations of refugee or subsidiary protection on "particularly serious crime-danger to the community" grounds; the number that involved sexual-offence convictions; the number of such cases resulted in removal being barred by non-refoulement, for each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47011/25]

*1695. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to clarify the approximate timescale when a decision will be made on an application which is currently pending for an investor under the Immigrant Investor Programme for an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47038/25]

*1696. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the supports available to families who discover that a loved one is in debt to a criminal organisation, including advice, protection and assistance in engaging with law enforcement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47114/25]

*1697. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will outline the confidential reporting mechanisms and debt intimidation support programmes currently in place for individuals and families affected by criminal gang debt, and the extent of inter-agency cooperation to address such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47115/25]

*1698. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will detail any recent or planned An Garda Síochána or community-based campaigns aimed at preventing criminal gang debt and raising awareness of the supports available to those targeted by such intimidation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47116/25]

*1699. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of full-time staff employed by the Judicial Appointments Commission; the breakdown of staff positions within the Commission; the number of contractors or advisors employed by the Commission in 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [47134/25]

*1700. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department plans to increase the courts service in county Wicklow to meet projected demand; whether these plans include the development of a new court building or the refurbishment/extension of existing court buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [47148/25]

*1701. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans for the vacant courthouse in Wicklow town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [47149/25]

*1702. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the funding available to deliver a resilient public-safety radio capability for An Garda Síochána, interoperable with other blue-light agencies and with cross-Border partners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47197/25]

*1703. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the estimated financial cost to An Garda Síochána of the State visit by President Joe Biden in 2023. — Alan Kelly. [47314/25]

*1704. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of new fully qualified and attested Gardaí that have been assigned to Garda stations, by county, in each of the years from 2020 to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [47328/25]

*1705. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí that have retired, by year and by rank, in each county, from 2020 to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [47332/25]

*1706. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 2086 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47361/25]

*1707. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 2087 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47379/25]

*1708. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on proposals to establish a new permanent stakeholder forum for licensed firearms users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47391/25]

*1709. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of an issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47409/25]

*1710. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí assigned to community policing units in Dublin Bay North in 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47464/25]

*1711. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the process for MedEvac Palestinians with Stamp 4 visas to apply to have family members join them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47498/25]

*1712. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the estimated number of illegal immigrants in the State; broken down by cause for illegal status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [47512/25]

*1713. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on the meaning of the term “illegal immigrant”; his views on how prevalent an issue he believes illegal immigration to be in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [47513/25]

*1714. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there is a written grant agreement or service level agreement in place between his Department and the probation services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47531/25]

*1715. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of referrals received by the probation services and to list the top 20 categories, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47532/25]

*1716. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there are any circumstances that would allow for a person’s name to be removed from the bankruptcy register; if consideration would be given to a process whereby a person could apply to have their name removed from the bankruptcy register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47549/25]

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

*1717. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will include forestry owners who’s forestry was destroyed by fires at a location (details supplied) as part of the windblow supports for those affected by Storm Éowyn, as a one-off, while also communicating with forestry owners the importance of insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44479/25]

*1718. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will progress plans for a border control inspection post at the Port of Cork to facilitate the importation of certain agricultural produce which currently cannot be imported through Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [44488/25]

*1719. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a decision will be made on an appeal to the agriculture appeals office (details supplied); the reason for the delay in considering said appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [44512/25]

*1720. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to confirm when the grants scheme for old farm buildings that were damaged during the storm Éowyn will be opened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44532/25]

*1721. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cattle sold through marts so far in 2025 that were slaughtered within 20 days of purchase, within 30 days of purchase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [44533/25]

*1722. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide details of the number of herds tested for TB in each year from 2020 to date in 2025; the number of TB outbreaks in dairy herds, beef herds and organic herds from 2020 to date in 2025; the number of organic herds registered from 2020 to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [44555/25]

*1723. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 788 of 15 July 2025, the number of non-coursing greyhounds active on the Rásaíocht Con Éireann Race Management System, not the Rásaíocht Con Éireann Traceability System (details supplied) as of 13 June 2025, by year of birth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [44601/25]

*1724. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if green cert courses are running in Teagasc Grange in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [44626/25]

*1725. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Teagasc green cert courses will run in the Meath area in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [44627/25]

*1726. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to examine the case for taking charge of an embankment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44654/25]

*1727. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to examine the case for taking charge of an embankment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44655/25]

*1728. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the plans in place regarding the transfer, or facilitating the transfer, of title for lands that were previously given to the community, in some cases through an old land commission divide, and especially where these lands are currently being used by a local sports club or community group; if it will be facilitated for lands to be transferred to these organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [44696/25]

*1729. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will extend the eligibility conditions of the long established young farmers scheme by two years to include those farming on or before 31 December 2009; the rationale behind the current eligibility date of December 2007; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [44705/25]

*1730. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review correspondence regarding access rights (details supplied); if he will clarify any relevant matters concerning the property in question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44826/25]

*1731. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide details of the level of CAP funding received by State bodies and semi-State bodies including Teagasc and non-Governmental organisations; if he will provide a detailed list and funding amount for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44840/25]

*1732. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of landowners affected by ash dieback disease who have received compensation to date; the support available for replanting and if he will introduce a new financial support scheme for affected forestry owners. — Ken O’Flynn. [44918/25]

*1733. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the single farm payment for 2025 will be issued to the representatives of a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [44951/25]

*1734. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an ACRES payment will be expedited for a person (details supplied) who is under immense pressure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44965/25]

*1735. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a breakdown of the Forestry Licenses issued in 2025 will the department provide a breakdown of the hectares of licenses granted to Coillte; the hectares of the licenses granted to private farmers and hectares of licenses granted to funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [45058/25]

*1736. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if overdue compensation payments will be expedited for a person (details supplied) for the loss of livestock due to TB infection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45094/25]

*1737. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to previous correspondence and Parliamentary Questions if he will urgently intervene in relation to the classification and score results reported for an Aloherb commonage assessment (details supplied); if this case will be expedited given it has been ongoing for an unprecedented prolonged period of time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45102/25]

*1738. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider emergency support measures in view of the extremely limited time available for labelling compliance and packaging changes under EU Regulation 1169/2011 given that food manufacturers, bakeries, and retailers in Northern Ireland have some provisions from the competent authority for food labelling in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [45114/25]

*1739. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps the Government is taking to support Irish whiskey producers affected by the imposition of new trade tariffs by the United States; whether specific contingency supports or export diversification strategies are being developed to protect this key indigenous sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [45115/25]

*1740. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide the mortality rate for non-coursing greyhounds between registration at birth in the Irish Coursing Club stud book and registration at microchipping (12 weeks of age) in the Irish Coursing Club Stud Book for each of the years 2020 to 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [45154/25]

*1741. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a list of all unused properties, lands and buildings, under the ownership or control of his Department within County Kerry; the length of time they have been idle; the plans in place, if any, for future use; if these

unused properties, lands and buildings can be used for affordable and social housing and low cost sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45178/25]

*1742. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of recognised young trained farmers in the State. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [45274/25]

*1743. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of recognised young trained farmers in the State in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, in tabular form. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [45275/25]

*1744. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers who gained young trained farmer recognition in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [45276/25]

*1745. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions that will be taken to ensure enforcement of current legislation regarding the control and welfare of horses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45280/25]

*1746. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the considerations underway regarding an update to legislation on the control and welfare of horses, specifically regarding unnecessary suffering and endangerment to the welfare of horses; if enforceable sanctions will be a priority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45281/25]

*1747. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress he has made in providing additional resources to improving traceability and animal welfare in the equine industry, as outlined in the Programme for Government; the actions he is taking to improve the enforcement of existing laws that prohibit unauthorised sulky racing and animal abuse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [45290/25]

*1748. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has received the final report from the Commission on Generational Renewal in Farming; if there is a timeline for this final report to become publicly available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [45410/25]

*1749. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to carryout urgent improvement works to Kilkeveragh Pier, Portmagee, County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45460/25]

*1750. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to develop a framework that enables local authorities to identify and make publicly owned land available for community led native tree planting and natural regeneration projects. — Paula Butterly. [45585/25]

*1751. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the minimum age requirement for the green cert course is set at 23 years of age; if an exception can be made for an applicant under this age, such as in the case of a young farmer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [45597/25]

*1752. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he agrees that administrative complexity and payment delays have dogged the farm environment scheme (details supplied);

if he will make an interim payment from national funds to mitigate payment delays impacting farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [45661/25]

*1753. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine as bovine tuberculosis increased in Ireland in 2024, with the TB incidence increasing to 6% of herds and TB having a devastating financial and emotional impact at farm level, if he has considered the IFA's comprehensive proposal, setting out a detailed plan to tackle the disease; if he is willing to meet the IFA on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [45662/25]

*1754. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures being taken to tackle the ongoing issue of illegal sulky racing on public roads, which presents a serious danger to road users and involves widespread mistreatment of horses and ponies; if the Minister is aware of recent documented incidents of such races, including one highlighted by an organisation (details supplied) which show clear evidence of animal abuse; and if he will commit dedicated resources to animal welfare violations associated with this practice. — Michael Lowry. [45679/25]

*1755. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the assessment that has been made of the impact on Irish dairy processors and farmers from substitution of dairy fat with vegetable fats in "ice cream/frozen dessert" categories sold in Ireland; and if he will consider protected descriptions that distinguish dairy-based from vegetable-fat products for consumer clarity. — Ken O'Flynn. [45705/25]

*1756. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the support being provided to Irish importers to comply with the EUDR for palm oil and cocoa by 30 December 2025; and how compliance will be verified at the border and at retail. — Ken O'Flynn. [45706/25]

*1757. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports available to farmers whose trees were felled in the recent storm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [45715/25]

*1758. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current status of the Mercosur Trade Deal; the progress made on the Programme for Government commitment that the Government will "work with like-minded EU countries to stand up for Irish farmers and defend their interests in opposing the current Mercosur trade deal"; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [45718/25]

*1759. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on GAEC-2 and if he will take into account the issues for farmers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [45720/25]

*1760. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his attention has been drawn to the recent closure of the sole quota; the measures his department is taking to assist inshore fishers that will be financially impacted by the early closure of sole. — Holly Cairns. [45785/25]

*1761. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a breakdown of the allocation of all fish quotas by boat size, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [45786/25]

*1762. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether a ban on hare coursing should be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [45853/25]

*1763. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the restoration plan for 40 hectares of blanket bog from coniferous forestry in Connemara Bog Complex SAC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46045/25]

*1764. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for evidence from peatlands specialists and academics who support the continued use of the old definition of the Irish Peat Soil Map over the newly published and publicly funded map; if he will publish evidence of the level of acceptance from said specialists and academics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46073/25]

*1765. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specialists and academics he consulted in making the decision to continue using the old definition for the Irish Peat Soil Map rather than implementing the newly published one; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46074/25]

*1766. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the National Peatlands Strategy commitment to undertake sphagnum moss cultivation trials, and the publication of said trials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46075/25]

*1767. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures that will be in place to ensure compliance of vessels of more than 18m in length with the 2,000-tonne sprat quota limit from October 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46076/25]

*1768. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide the stock assessment data that was used by his Department to inform the incoming 2,000-tonne sprat quota limit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46077/25]

*1769. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how he will ensure that there will be no overfishing of sprat by vessels under 18 metres; the monitoring mechanisms that will be put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46078/25]

*1770. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the proportion of sprat landed that is currently used as fish meal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46079/25]

*1771. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the sprat fishing season begins; the reason October was chosen for the sprat quota introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46080/25]

*1772. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will introduce a sprat quota limit for vessels under 18 metres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46081/25]

*1773. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline the civil society and interest groups he met in relation to the sprat quota limit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46082/25]

*1774. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he considers that sprat fishery will be sustainable under the new rules in light of the fact that, in 2024, 7,500-tonnes of sprat were fished by vessels under 18-metres, while ICES have a recommended sprat quota limit of 2,250-tonnes for all vessels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46083/25]

*1775. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the possibility of outlawing the practice of sulky racing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [46086/25]

*1776. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to consider amending the Forest Act 2014 and the Forestry Regulations 2017 to allow forest owners who have felled their forest to use the land for other purposes, as some forest owners want to use their land for alternative purposes but are prohibited from doing so by the replanting obligation of the clear-felling licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [46090/25]

*1777. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline the funding and supports available to landowners who wish to engage in reforestation and native tree planting projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [46103/25]

*1778. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures being taken to strengthen equine identification and traceability systems, including the enforcement of microchipping regulations, in order to improve animal welfare, prevent fraud and ensure compliance with EU standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [46118/25]

*1779. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has undertaken or plans to undertake a review of the current legislation relating to carriage horses, with a view to ensuring that the highest standards of animal welfare, safety and regulation are being applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [46119/25]

*1780. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has completed the final review of the control of horses legislation; if so, when the findings will be published; and the measures being introduced to strengthen enforcement and support local authorities in the management of horse welfare and public safety issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [46120/25]

*1781. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will extend the deadline of the forgotten farmers scheme, in view of the fact that applicants had difficulty in gathering the necessary documentation and information before the deadline and were unable to complete the application on time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [46292/25]

*1782. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider late applications for the forgotten farmers scheme, in view of the fact that the application process was only open for a fortnight and the difficulties in obtaining the appropriate documentation and information in order to complete the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [46293/25]

*1783. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the total funding allocated to County Louth under this Department from 2023 to date, per year in tabular form. — Erin McGreehan. [46356/25]

*1784. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to clarify whether meat plants are informed ahead of all inspections; if he will consider implementing a system that allows for unannounced inspections of scales; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [46405/25]

*1785. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the establishment of a new independent statutory body to be known as the agriculture appeals review panel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [46425/25]

*1786. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current timeframe to seek a review of a decision of the Agricultural Appeals Office; whether there is an update on the proposed changes to this under the Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [46426/25]

*1787. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide the details and addresses of all properties in the ownership of the Department that are absolved from paying commercial rates to the relevant local authority of the location that the property is in; to provide a similar list of properties for agencies or bodies under its remit that are also absolved from commercial rates, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [46431/25]

*1788. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are any operational horse abattoirs within the State; if so, the locations of same; the regulatory and animal welfare frameworks that govern them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46508/25]

*1789. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the process whereby an application of interest to establish a horse abattoir can be made; if this process will be revised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46509/25]

*1790. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of horses exported from the State destined for horse abattoirs in other states in each year since 2015; the number exported to each relevant state, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46510/25]

*1791. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the role of his Department to ensure that regulatory and animal welfare standards are adhered to in respect of horses exported from the State destined for horse abattoirs in other states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46511/25]

*1792. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will introduce a bounty for shooting deer, similar to the scheme that was in place many years ago for foxes and seals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [46512/25]

*1793. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider broadening the qualifying terms of the forgotten farmers scheme in Budget 2026, including changing the date

of birth eligibility to 1 January 1970; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [46513/25]

*1794. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will urgently review his Department's plans to introduce two-step verification to login to the AgFood portal, given that two-step verification will prevent agricultural consultants from logging in on behalf of their client farmers and this will be of major disadvantage to farmers who have little or no IT skills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [46535/25]

*1795. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to clarify whether a non-organic young farmer is eligible for the lower grant rate, 40 percent rate, under the terms of the organic capital investment scheme of TAMS 3 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [46625/25]

*1796. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of farmers in receipt of basic income support for the sustainability scheme under the current CAP with farm holdings no less than 30 hectares registered within the current Cork City Council administrative boundary, as revised in 2019; if he will further provide a breakdown of these by farming enterprise, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [46675/25]

*1797. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to have a food related trade mission to Canada before the end of 2025. — Paul Donnelly. [46725/25]

*1798. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of WTE qualified entomologist working within the Department in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [46726/25]

*1799. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in view of the fact that in cow traits the figure 8 is used for carbon, the way in which that figure is applied to the evaluation and stars of suckler cows; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [46733/25]

*1800. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which carbon can be evaluated in view of the fact farmers do not trade in carbon and the reason it is included in the traits used for suckler cows; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [46734/25]

*1801. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in view of the live weight in traits 10 figure 11, the way in which the ICBF get the weight for cows not sent in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [46735/25]

*1802. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in view of the fact that the ICBF and Teagasc use an average price for calves of €2.71 per kg if he will explain the reason he uses an average price for calves when evaluating and has an individual rating for cows; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [46736/25]

*1803. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a balancing payment for ACRES to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [46772/25]

*1804. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures being taken to offset rising input costs of fertiliser, feed and energy that are contributing directly to higher grocery prices; and if EU tariffs on Russian fertiliser will be mitigated to protect Irish consumers. — Ken O’Flynn. [46827/25]

*1805. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he plans to ensure that beef, poultry, sugar, and ethanol imports from Mercosur states will be subject to enforceable equivalence in animal welfare, traceability, and climate standards. — Ken O’Flynn. [46947/25]

*1806. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total funding allocated by county under the solar capital investment scheme to date; the number of successful applicants in each county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [47021/25]

*1807. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is considering increasing the mandatory minimum distance of newly planted forestry from vital infrastructure such as roads and telecommunications and energy lines, in view of the widespread disruption caused by storm Éowyn; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [47022/25]

*1808. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how the €156 million allocated to the seafood sector in 2025 will be broken down by programme area, including aquaculture, harbour development, fleet supports and community schemes. — Conor D. McGuinness. [47155/25]

*1809. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for a county-by-county breakdown of fisheries and marine infrastructure spending since 2020, including harbours in Waterford. — Conor D. McGuinness. [47156/25]

*1810. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what consultation was undertaken with coastal and fishing communities before the finalisation of Ireland’s EMFAF programme. — Conor D. McGuinness. [47157/25]

*1811. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for details of Ireland’s priorities at the next EU Fisheries Council negotiations; how his Department is ensuring fair distribution of quotas between large-scale operators and small inshore fishers; and how he plans for Ireland to be given a larger share of quota. — Conor D. McGuinness. [47158/25]

*1812. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how he seeks to address the unfair Irish fish quota when Ireland takes over the Presidency of the European Council next year. — Conor D. McGuinness. [47159/25]

*1813. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide data on the number of inspections carried out by the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority since 2015, disaggregated by port, and the proportion of inspections resulting in sanctions or penalties, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [47160/25]

*1814. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of appeals to the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board that are currently outstanding; the appeals with the longest

waiting times; the average length of time for a decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [47161/25]

*1815. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the level of carbon reduction mandated by 2030 for the EU fishing fleet under current EU legislation. — Conor D. McGuinness. [47162/25]

*1816. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how the EU is to reduce climate emissions of national fleets. — Conor D. McGuinness. [47163/25]

*1817. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will be arguing at EU level that excess fishing fleet emissions from non-Irish EU boats fishing in Irish waters are contributing to climate change; and that species should be fished by fleets moored closest to those fishing grounds. — Conor D. McGuinness. [47165/25]

*1818. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding streams available to support generational renewal in the fishing industry; and the number of young entrants under 30 years of age supported in the past ten years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [47166/25]

*1819. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide details of capital investment in the dredging of fishery harbours for every year since 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [47167/25]

*1820. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline the strategy for expanding Irish seafood exports into Asian markets; and how smaller producers are supported to participate. — Conor D. McGuinness. [47168/25]

*1821. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the share of EMFAF funding that has been allocated to community-led local development projects in coastal areas. — Conor D. McGuinness. [47171/25]

*1822. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps his Department are taking to establish a centralised microchip database accessible to authorised officers and welfare organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47180/25]

*1823. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has considered linking licences to microchip numbers to improve compliance and enforcement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47181/25]

*1824. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is planning to introduce mandatory health testing for all commercially bred dogs and consider banning the breeding of brachycephalic breeds, as done in Norway and the Netherlands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47182/25]

*1825. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is planning on regulating canine fertility clinics and ban surgical insemination as recommended by the Joint Oireachtas Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47183/25]

*1826. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will implement a reimbursement scheme for rescue organisations that neuter dogs taken from pounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47184/25]

*1827. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the State's assessment of national grain and pulse days-of-cover under normal consumption; progress on establishing rotating strategic reserves; and the storage, quality and refresh arrangements proposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47204/25]

*1828. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the outcome of any sugar beet feasibility or scoping studies since 2020; the indicative acreage, yield and capital expenditure required for one or more regional processing plants; the supports under CAP or national schemes for growers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47205/25]

*1829. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of nitrogen supplied domestically including green ammonia; the estimated annual phosphate recovery from wastewater and rendering; the potassium supply security; the planned incentives for legume rotations and soil pH correction with lime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47206/25]

*1830. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current holdings of national seed banks including cereals, pulses, potatoes and vegetable seed; the available cold-storage capacity; the way in which genetic diversity is being maintained and the collaboration in place with EU seed vaults; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47207/25]

*1831. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will review the maximum valuation given for TB reactor cattle to bring it in line with current market value for cattle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [47219/25]

*1832. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when legal powers to the An Rialálaí Agraibhia to compel businesses to provide it with price and market information will be given; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [47232/25]

*1833. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress that has been made regarding the reduction of severe weather impacts on critical infrastructure and essential services through the introduction of tree corridors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47234/25]

*1834. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the proposals that he will outline at the EU Agricultural Council in relation to the need to protect food production in Europe in discussions on the proposed Mercosur Trade Deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47295/25]

*1835. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the report of the Commission on Generational Renewal in Farming will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47322/25]

*1836. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the progress made to date by his Department in relation to the establishment of a farm succession scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47323/25]

*1837. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on a recent meeting between the Deer Management Strategy Group and Bord Bia in relation to the marketing of venison; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47324/25]

*1838. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the action his Department is taking to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of lumpy skin disease in view of the prevalence of this disease in Europe this summer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47325/25]

*1839. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the proposals that will be finalised in respect of the provision of financial support for farmers who have incurred serious financial losses due to damage to forestry caused by storm Éowyn; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47337/25]

*1840. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 2209 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47349/25]

*1841. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 2210 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47367/25]

*1842. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to confirm that Ireland will support the European Parliament's position to allow tail docking for diagnostic, prophylactic and therapeutic purposes when the matter of the Council of the EU's position is being discussed ahead of upcoming trilogue negotiations on the European Commission's proposal on the welfare of dogs and cats and their traceability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47390/25]

*1843. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on a derogation rejection (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47393/25]

*1844. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average decision wait time following a Department inspection for a nitrates derogation application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47394/25]

*1845. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average timeframe for an appeals decision in the case of a nitrates derogation application rejection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47395/25]

*1846. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the up-to-date position at EU level regarding the need to retain the nitrates derogation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47398/25]

*1847. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the up-to-date position at EU level in relation to the need to ringfence funding for CAP post 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47399/25]

*1848. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress on the all-island bioeconomy demonstrator projects, including locations, themes, capital works, co-funding with DAERA and industry engagement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47403/25]

*1849. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the recent engagements he and his Department have had with the EU regarding the nitrates derogation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47421/25]

*1850. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the recent engagements he and his Department have had with the EU regarding possible changes to CAP payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47422/25]

*1851. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the recent engagements he and his Department have had on formulating an extreme weather event financial scheme for farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47423/25]

*1852. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline his plans to resource the Agricultural Appeals Review Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47424/25]

*1853. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline any plans there are to streamline ACRES; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47425/25]

*1854. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the progress being made to find suitable replacements for potato desiccants such as diquat; to provide any results there are to date as to their effectiveness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47426/25]

*1855. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of fertiliser sourced from outside the European Union in each of the past three years; the main countries of origin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47522/25]

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

*1856. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will request a review of the amount of the financial contribution being sought by the HSE under the fair deal scheme in respect of a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [46121/25]

*1857. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on the employment of nine additional senior physiotherapists to assist those with multiple sclerosis and other neurological conditions receive the care that they need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [46768/25]

*1858. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the last review into the foster carers allowance took place; the steps her Department have taken to review the foster carers allowance with regard to the increased cost-of-living; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [46889/25]

*1859. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide information (details supplied) in relation to children's disability network teams in CHO3, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [47164/25]

*1860. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to estimate the full year cost of reintroducing the mobility allowance scheme phased out in 2011 (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47494/25]

*1861. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide a funding scheme for the construction of purpose built residential units for adults with disabilities. — Mattie McGrath. [44451/25]

*1862. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide a funding scheme for the construction of purpose built day services centres for adults with disabilities. — Mattie McGrath. [44452/25]

*1863. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when she will publish the findings and recommendations of the Advisory Group on Administrative and Regulatory Simplification for the Early Years Sector, which met during 2023 and 2024; to outline the actions that have been or will be taken on foot of the group's work to reduce the administrative burden on providers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [44468/25]

*1864. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the actions his Department will take in advance of Ireland ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child; the mechanisms he intends to utilise to meet these obligations; the timeframe in which he intends to do so; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [44487/25]

*1865. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 261 of 2 April 2025, the reason the Department has not conducted an audit comparing the number of hours funded versus the actual hours provided to disability day service users.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [44573/25]

*1866. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to establish an Ombudsman for Disability (details supplied) given that at least 22% of the population is living with a disability and/or a chronic illness; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [44587/25]

*1867. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of monthly applications received by the Decision Support Service for decision-making assistance agreements since the service became operational in April 2023; number of monthly decisions made in respect of those applications, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44611/25]

*1868. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the breakdown of the number of Co-Decision-Making Agreement applications received by the Decision Support Service, by calendar month from April 2023 to date; the number of such applications that were approved or declined during each month; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44612/25]

*1869. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide monthly statistics from April 2023 to date on the number of applications made to the Decision Support Service or processed by it in respect of decision-making representation orders; the number of decisions made in each month, including any refusals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44613/25]

*1870. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of enduring power of attorney applications received by the Decision Support Service, by month since April 2023; , and the number of decisions made in relation to these applications that is registrations or refusals, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44614/25]

*1871. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when a review of the Decision Support Service is scheduled to take place to ensure it is fit for purpose and serving the needs of service users and practitioners; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44616/25]

*1872. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on plans to introduce the new European disability card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44621/25]

*1873. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the status of an application for assessment of need for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [44628/25]

*1874. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason widowed parents are not entitled to any additional parental leave in recognition of the fact that they are parenting single handedly; if there are plans in place to review this in the interest of fairness and support for bereaved families, considering that many widowed parents face the full demands of raising children alone without the support of a second parent which is not acknowledged in current leave entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [44656/25]

*1875. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to outline the reason for deductions made to pay for persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [44694/25]

*1876. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when her Department expects to complete and publish its review of the study ‘PLACES | Pregnancy Loss (under 24 weeks) in Workplaces: Informing Policymakers on Support Mechanisms’. — Erin McGreehan. [44701/25]

*1877. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the next National Strategy for Women and Girls will be published. — Erin McGreehan. [44702/25]

*1878. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to ensure that all affected people in receipt of a medical card as part of the mother and baby homes and county homes redress scheme are given the HAA card and to change the current version; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [44703/25]

*1879. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children, that were awaiting a first assessment from the HSE under the Disability Act 2005, for each local health office area, in each of the years to date in 2025, by county, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [44749/25]

*1880. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review correspondence regarding funding (details supplied); if she will address the concerns raised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44788/25]

*1881. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review correspondence (details supplied); the appropriate actions that may be taken; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44799/25]

*1882. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider amending Ireland's parental leave legislation to address the disparity faced by one parent families, whereby children in such households are effectively entitled to only half the parental leave available to children in two parent households; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [44800/25]

*1883. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a weekly progress update and schedule of expected milestones for the forensic excavation of the Tuam mother and baby home site; the psychological and communication supports that are being provided to affected families. — Ken O'Flynn. [44819/25]

*1884. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if his Department has examined schemes where single parents of newborn children can access the full leave entitlements of two parent families as seen in other European countries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [44829/25]

*1885. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures in place to stop childcare providers from withdrawing from core funding, the reason there are no emergency measures to support families impacted by provider withdrawal; whether the national childcare scheme will be revised to reflect the actual market cost of childcare; the progress on a public childcare model that would offer greater stability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [44838/25]

*1886. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for a breakdown of the average cost of an adult residential placement provided privately, by Section 38 and by Section 39 providers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [44847/25]

*1887. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she plans to introduce pay parity between Section 38 and Section 39 workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [44848/25]

*1888. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the Programme for Government's commitment to introduce paid surrogacy leave, including the expected timelines and details of any work undertaken, to date in 2025. — Erin McGreehan. [44862/25]

*1889. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children awaiting psychological treatment in County Kerry, in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44894/25]

*1890. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children awaiting psychological treatment in each county in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date

in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44896/25]

*1891. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the plans being put in place to address the large waiting lists for children that are awaiting psychological treatment in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44898/25]

*1892. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide an updated national breakdown of average monthly childcare costs, by county; her views on recent reports that these now exceed average mortgage repayments in many areas; if she considers this compatible with the Government's stated objective of supporting working families; and if she will outline any plans for further subsidy increases or structural reforms to address the affordability crisis. — Ken O'Flynn. [44922/25]

*1893. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she plans to review the terms of the ECCE scheme, in particular the ECCE scheme eligibility cut-off via date of birth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [44929/25]

*1894. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will initiate an independent operational and financial review of Tusla in light of its reported €68 million budget overrun and a 30% year-on-year increase in demand for services; and if she will outline how her Department intends to ensure continuity of support for vulnerable children and families during this period of fiscal stress. — Ken O'Flynn. [44935/25]

*1895. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if Budget 2026 will include targeted investment to reduce childcare costs, given recent reports showing that average childcare payments now exceed mortgage repayments in most urban areas; and the projected fiscal cost of implementing a universal childcare cap or subsidy model. — Ken O'Flynn. [44937/25]

*1896. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will outline, in the context of Budget 2026, whether the proposed additional investment in childcare will be directed solely towards core funding for providers or whether it will also include an increase to the standard national childcare scheme subsidy rate, currently set at €2.14 per hour; and if he will clarify whether consideration is being given to introducing alternative forms of support, such as tax relief or other schemes, for parents who do not qualify for means-tested subsidies. — Tom Brabazon. [44968/25]

*1897. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to confirm Tusla's projected budget overrun for 2025; to provide a breakdown of the reported €67.8 million overspend across core service categories, such as separated children seeking international protection, fostering, residential care, and legal representation; and to state whether she intends to appoint an independent external review of Tusla's financial and operational governance. — Ken O'Flynn. [44972/25]

*1898. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will include in the 2026-2027 core funding contract, new rules to regulate childcare deposits that would stipulate a maximum deposit equivalent to no more than two weeks' fees at the time of booking, that the balance of the standard deposit (maximum of up to one month's fees) would be collected no earlier than eight months before the agreed start date, and if a creche place is reserved for an unborn child, any deposits paid shall be fully refundable up to one month following the date of birth or expected due date in the tragic event of a miscarriage, stillbirth, or other unforeseeable issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [45051/25]

*1899. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has given consideration to providing additional maternity, paternity or parents leave and benefit to parents who have twins or triplets, considering the additional caring responsibilities that these parents experience; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45055/25]

*1900. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason public sector workers face discrimination and inequalities in terms of paid surrogacy leave in comparison with their private sector counterparts; and if she will make a statement on the matter (details supplied). — Michael Healy-Rae. [45084/25]

*1901. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the action that will be taken to tackle the core funding scheme for childcare being so dysfunctional (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45095/25]

*1902. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of early learning and childcare services that exited or declined core funding by county and service type in 2025 to date; the number of enrolled children affected; and the reasons recorded by her Department or local city/county childcare committees (details supplied). — Ken O’Flynn. [45122/25]

*1903. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of applications under the 2024/2025 fee increase assessment process; the number of approvals and refusals; the median and interquartile range of approved increases; and the average impact on parents net weekly fees after NCS subsidies. — Ken O’Flynn. [45123/25]

*1904. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality following implementation of the September 2025 fee cap, if she will provide details of the maximum capped fees by hours band including the €295 week cap for 40–50 hours; the compliance and enforcement regime; the expected coverage share of services and children; and any sanctions for breach (details supplied). — Ken O’Flynn. [45124/25]

*1905. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to publish modelling by decile of household income and typical hours of parents net costs in September 2025 combining the new caps with NCS universal that is €2.14/hour up to 45 hours; and income-assessed subsidies up to €5.10/hour (details supplied). — Ken O’Flynn. [45125/25]

*1906. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the additional core funding provision being made to offset the sectoral pay floor increase to €15 an hour and related grade uplifts; and to provide her Department’s estimate of the marginal cost per full-time place. — Ken O’Flynn. [45126/25]

*1907. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide details of the quarterly dashboards showing average gross fees by county and care type; the average net fees after subsidy and participation rates in core funding, drawing on the Pobal Early Years Data Warehouse. — Ken O’Flynn. [45127/25]

*1908. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if Health Service Executive disability services in the Dublin north city & west (IHA DNCW) area can receive an additional allocation of multi disciplinary staff for CDNTs in 2025, in view of the increase of 12 students at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45137/25]

*1909. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality in view of the reported 16,593 children awaiting completion of disability assessments, if she will provide a breakdown of the number of children awaiting an initial assessment of need under the Disability Act 2005, and the subsequent follow-up assessments, by CHO area, at the end of quarter 2 2025; the average and longest waiting times for each category of assessment; the number of assessment officers, therapists, psychologists, and other relevant professionals employed by the HSE to carry out these assessments in each CHO area; the additional funding allocated in each of the past five years to address assessment backlogs; the specific measures with timeframes her Department and the HSE are implementing to reduce the backlog and ensure compliance with statutory assessment timeframes; and whether she will commit to introducing a statutory right to assessment within a guaranteed maximum timeframe. — Ken O’Flynn. [45139/25]

*1910. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the commitments or guarantees that will be put in place for community or voluntary providers of new residential care beds that the HSE will take up those beds thus allowing the community or voluntary provider make the necessary upfront investment in providing new beds. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45166/25]

*1911. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the funding pressure point that a disability organisation (details supplied) is facing in September 2025; the measures being taken to address this deficit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45167/25]

*1912. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the plans in place to increase capacity for residential care outlined in the NASS database for 2000 individuals with immediate need and for 1200 individuals misplaced in nursing homes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45168/25]

*1913. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a list of all unused properties, lands and buildings, under the ownership or control of her Department within County Kerry; the length of time they have been idle; the plans in place, if any, for future use; if these unused properties, lands and buildings can be used for affordable and social housing and low cost sites; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45176/25]

*1914. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to award optimum core funding of €240,000 for all 121 family resource centres, to enable each centre to have three core staff on public sector aligned scales plus operating costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [45196/25]

*1915. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to award funding to family resource centres to allow them to expand their counselling and wraparound supports, through shared funding and implementation of the Roadmap for Therapeutic Governance. — Pat Buckley. [45197/25]

*1916. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to develop and introduce a dedicated capital funding stream for family resource centres. — Pat Buckley. [45198/25]

*1917. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if a person (details supplied) can access psychological services to get an essential psychological report for entry into post primary education in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45297/25]

*1918. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality in light of the obligations under Article 8 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Anti-Money Laundering Directive, which require the verification of age and legal guardianship for children accessing certain digital services and financial platforms, the role the Department is playing to ensure that age and guardianship verification requirements are upheld to protect children from financial exploitation online; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [45309/25]

*1919. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to review correspondence (details supplied), the timeframe for the delivery of this day service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45364/25]

*1920. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will reverse the new ECCE compliance requirement, introduced on 10 June 2025, obliging providers to store children's PPSN details for one year considering the PPSN's are not required once a child is registered in The Hive, and the requirement increases the risk of unnecessary data breaches; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [45378/25]

*1921. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the terms of the Statement of Purpose for counties Cavan and Monaghan currently excludes adults with mild intellectual disabilities, including autism, from respite supports and services; and if Cavan and Monaghan is the only area where this exclusion currently exists. — Brendan Smith. [45389/25]

*1922. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to clarify if respite supports and services in counties Cavan and Monaghan are reserved for adults with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities only, thereby excluding adults with mild intellectual disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45390/25]

*1923. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will meet with a cohort of parents with adult children with disabilities in County Kerry regarding the urgent need for respite for these young adults and to discuss the opening of Cunamh in Caherciveen on a permanent basis (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45391/25]

*1924. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to make respite services available to families in County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45392/25]

*1925. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to outline whether any additional supports are currently available to parents who give birth to twins, or other multiple births; if there are any plans to expand these supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45403/25]

*1926. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is considering expanding parental and maternity leave for parents who give birth to twins or other multiple births; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45406/25]

*1927. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will seek a suitable time for a person (details supplied) to use the hydrotherapy pool in Cavan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45415/25]

*1928. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to facilitate the opening of a care centre (details supplied) on a full time basis, seven days and nights per week; her views on whether one night of respite care in a five-year period is acceptable; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45431/25]

*1929. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the HSE has considered subsidising private assessments or interventions when public waiting lists exceed 12-months for children with developmental needs. — Michael Cahill. [45450/25]

*1930. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review the lack of external oversight or appeals process when children are expelled from ECCE-funded preschools, particularly those with additional needs. — Michael Cahill. [45456/25]

*1931. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if there are plans to standardise policies across all ECCE providers regarding the handling of behavioural issues in children with additional needs. — Michael Cahill. [45457/25]

*1932. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the way in which access and inclusion model supports are being evaluated for effectiveness when preschools expel children with ASD despite support being in place. — Michael Cahill. [45458/25]

*1933. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE dietitians, by grade based at Leitrim-west Cavan children's disability network team in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [45477/25]

*1934. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE psychologists, by grade based at Sligo-south Donegal children's disability network team in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [45478/25]

*1935. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the definition applied by Tusla in classifying a case as "medium priority"; if she is satisfied that the current system of prioritisation adequately protects children in situations where there are repeated referrals or escalating risk; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [45547/25]

*1936. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average waiting times for the allocation of child protection cases across each Tusla area, with particular reference to Dublin South Central, and if she will provide comparative figures for 2023 and 2024. — Ken O'Flynn. [45548/25]

*1937. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the specific measures introduced by Tusla that have reduced the percentage of unallocated cases in Dublin south central from 54 per cent in February 2024 to 34 per cent at the time of the HIQA inspection; and if she will confirm whether those measures are being applied nationally. — Ken O'Flynn. [45549/25]

*1938. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide details of the number of clinical and therapeutic staff employed by Tusla to provide support services to children at risk of sexual abuse; the number of vacancies; and if she will outline the Department's plans to close the staffing gap. — Ken O'Flynn. [45550/25]

*1939. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the interim supports, therapeutic or otherwise, that are made available to children at risk of sexual abuse in

circumstances where case allocation is delayed; and if she will confirm whether there are protocols in place to ensure that no child goes without support during a prolonged waiting period. — Ken O’Flynn. [45551/25]

*1940. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the compliance timelines and performance metrics that have been agreed with Tusla following the recent HIQA inspection in Dublin South Central; and if she will confirm how the Department is monitoring delivery against those commitments. — Ken O’Flynn. [45552/25]

*1941. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department intends to introduce mandatory reassessment triggers, for example, automatic re-prioritisation following a second referral, in order to ensure that escalating risks to children are addressed without undue delay. — Ken O’Flynn. [45553/25]

*1942. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the details of the training and continuous professional development provided to Tusla frontline staff to assist them in identifying and responding to risks of sexual abuse; the adequacy of current provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [45554/25]

*1943. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on the findings of HIQA that children at risk of sexual abuse in Dublin south central were not receiving timely safety planning or therapeutic support; and the reforms being prioritised within her Department to address this systemic failure. — Ken O’Flynn. [45555/25]

*1944. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether evaluation has taken place regarding the implementation of the Irish food allergy network’s guidance about best practices in childcare settings. — Paul Murphy. [45576/25]

*1945. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when funding will be approved for residential care for a child (details supplied) in county Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45595/25]

*1946. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps she is taking to alleviate the worsening childcare crisis in Kilkenny-Carlow (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [45596/25]

*1947. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if a childcare place for a person (details supplied) in County Kilkenny will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [45630/25]

*1948. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality in view of the gradual reduction of childcare costs as committed to in the Programme for Government, the steps she has taken to progress this policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45639/25]

*1949. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on a matter in relation to the completion of legal formalities (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45640/25]

*1950. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will expedite an application for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45658/25]

*1951. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when a child (details supplied) will receive appointments with CAMHS, CDNT and an emergency child psychologist in County Donegal; if emergency support will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [45716/25]

*1952. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of persons with a disability both nationally and in county Carlow registered and the number accessing services both nationally and in county Carlow to date in 2025. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [45775/25]

*1953. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of early education providers that have left the core funding scheme from its inception to date in 2025, in tabular form; the measures she is taking to ensure that providers stay within the scheme; and the supports her department is offering to families that can no longer afford creche spaces after their provider has left the scheme. — Holly Cairns. [45783/25]

*1954. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department will consult with all other departments, state agencies and stakeholders to determine if a unified approach can be achieved to make all critical information on leaflets or packaging bigger and easier to read, specifically to benefit persons with disabilities (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [45816/25]

*1955. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if all persons being supported in full-time State-funded residential services across the country have the relevant supports they require under the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015; the person or body responsible for ensuring such persons are being supported to access the supports provided in the Act, especially for those who lack capacity in many areas; the number of other persons nationwide in similar situations to the 'Grace' foster home abuse case, who are not wards of court but should have been (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [45822/25]

*1956. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the evaluation of the personal budgets pilot will be completed; when the results of the evaluation will be published; and when it is expected that the findings of the pilot will be implemented, in order to ensure that individuals with disabilities, and their families, can plan with certainty for the availability of personal budgets to support further education and independent living. — Albert Dolan. [45919/25]

*1957. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality outline the current numbers of children waiting for speech and language, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and psychology services in South Tipperary; to outline the average waiting time for each service; the numbers of children waiting for an assessment of needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45935/25]

*1958. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the full complement of staff currently working within the children's disability teams 4 and 5 in South Tipperary; the number of vacancies within each team and the length of time each position has been vacant; the efforts being made to fill the vacancies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45936/25]

*1959. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has considered the introduction of specific incentives, such as bursaries, training supports, or targeted recruitment campaigns, to encourage more men to enter the early years and preschool education sector, where there are critical staffing shortages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [45947/25]

*1960. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the programme for Government commitment to develop a vehicle upgrade initiative for disability service providers, to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45970/25]

*1961. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of school therapist posts in special schools that remain unfilled, for each county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45990/25]

*1962. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of school therapists employed from academic year 2025-2026 onwards, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [45991/25]

*1963. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the concerns of parents with children attending a nursery (details supplied); the actions she will take to engage with management of this childcare centre on these concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [46007/25]

*1964. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an estimate of the average annual cost of moving individuals from institutional, or congregated, settings to their own homes in the community with the support they need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [46009/25]

*1965. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to ensure that creches adhere to the cap on childcare fees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [46016/25]

*1966. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to support childcare providers in the administrative burden in accessing Government funding in the national childcare scheme. — Jen Cummins. [46017/25]

*1967. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers that have left the national childcare scheme since the announcement of the childcare fee cap, in tabular form. — Jen Cummins. [46018/25]

*1968. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers in Dublin south central that have left the national childcare scheme since the announcement of the childcare fee cap, in tabular form. — Jen Cummins. [46019/25]

*1969. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality is she aware of the reason a company (details supplied) withdrew from Government funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [46020/25]

*1970. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the action she is taking to ensure that no person under 65 years is living in residential care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [46144/25]

*1971. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of vacancies in each grade (details supplied) across the 91 children's disability network teams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [46161/25]

*1972. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the transport support scheme which is intended to replace the mobility allowance and motorised transport grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [46167/25]

*1973. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to deal with the situation where a parents parental leave is over but there are no childcare places available for very young children (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [46168/25]

*1974. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the amount being paid by her Department to a facility (details supplied) for the provision of care to its clients; if her Department is aware of instances where clients of the facility have been arrested on several occasions while away from the facility and not under staff supervision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [46173/25]

*1975. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average time for decisions on enduring power of attorney applications from the date the application is submitted to the courts. — Séamus McGrath. [46175/25]

*1976. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if she will support the establishment referred to therein; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [46176/25]

*1977. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will urgently review the adequacy of supports for community-based childcare services in light of the closure of a service (details supplied) in Midleton, County Cork; the actions she intends to take to prevent further closures of early years services nationally; if she accepts that's the current funding and policy measures are failing to sustain services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [46178/25]

*1978. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí, Míchumais agus Comhionannais sonraí a thabhairt maidir le gach náiolann atá ag feidhmiú trí Ghaeilge i nGaeltacht na Gaillimhe, lena n-áirítear líon na leanaí atá ag feitheamh ar spás agus an fhad atá siad ag fanacht, an líon leanaí atá ag freastal orthu cheana féin, agus an líon foirne atá acu, cé acu náiolann poiblí nó príobháideach, chomh maith le eolas ar bith atá ag an Roinn maidir le ganntanas foirne iontu. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [46233/25]

*1979. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí, Míchumais agus Comhionannais an raibh aon teagmháil aici leis an Ionad Tacaíochta Teaghlaigh in Indreabhán ó foilsíodh scéalta sna meáin go raibh sé i mbaol dúnadh i mí Eanáir 2024; an bhfuil sí ar an eolas faoi aon ganntanas foirne atá fós le sárú ag an Ionad; agus an bhfuil sé i gceist aici an soláthar ag an náiolann is mó lánGhaeilge sa Ghaeltacht a leathnú trí mhaoiniú nó tacaíochtaí breise a chur ar fáil. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [46234/25]

*1980. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when a child (details supplied) will receive a reassessment of needs in order to access essential OT and primary care appointments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [46254/25]

*1981. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the supports available for the establishment of new independent living centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46306/25]

*1982. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans for the establishment of new independent living centres in Cavan or Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46305/25]

*1983. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on the total funding allocated to County Louth under this Department from 2023 to date, per year in tabular form. — Erin McGreehan. [46343/25]

*1984. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare settings that have withdrawn from the core funding scheme and the number that have signed up to core funding scheme, in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [46372/25]

*1985. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current staff vacancy rate for the south Kildare, west Wicklow, north Kildare, and mid Kildare children disability network team's; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [46386/25]

*1986. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current staff vacancy rate for the north Tipperary, Cashel and Clonmel children disability network team's; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [46387/25]

*1987. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide the details and addresses of all properties in the ownership of the Department that are absolved from paying commercial rates to the relevant local authority of the location that the property is in; to provide a similar list of properties for agencies or bodies under its remit that are also absolved from commercial rates, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [46432/25]

*1988. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the case of an early education centre (details supplied) which is in financial difficulty will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [46542/25]

*1989. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the status of the assessments for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [46551/25]

*1990. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the status of a business case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46559/25]

*1991. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the status of the provision of childcare places under the NCS in Athlone, in particular for children with urgent developmental needs; the steps being taken to ensure that approved NCS beneficiaries are not left without access

to creche facilities, including any emergency childcare measures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [46566/25]

*1992. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the special care unit in Johnstown, Navan is still operational as a support to CDNT teams; if so, the reason the summer July provision was not put in place for parents and students who need it; and the work the special care unit in Johnstown Navan is doing currently. — Peadar Tóibín. [46572/25]

*1993. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the amount that has been allocated by the HSE for respite services in Kerry in 2024 and 2025 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [46584/25]

*1994. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the date on which she will publish an action plan for the reform of the early education and childcare sector; and if she has been provided with an update on the consultation and-or a draft of the plan to date. — Aidan Farrelly. [46657/25]

*1995. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if a family can avail of support through a fund (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46683/25]

*1996. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE dietitians on panels for offers within children's disability network team service. — Paul Donnelly. [46714/25]

*1997. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the European disability card; the progress in creating Irish legislation in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [46773/25]

*1998. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the plans in place to reduce the current waiting times for an assessment of needs from 16 months to the timeframe outlined under the Disability Act 2005, of three months following referral; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [46839/25]

*1999. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated average capital cost and current expenditure operating cost respectively, of providing each new publicly provided residential care place for children in the care of Tusla; for a breakdown of staffing costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [46884/25]

*2000. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 375 of 19 June 2025, the numbers on the waiting list for high support disability residential placements in Clare as of August 2024 and August 2025, in tabular form; the average waiting time to secure a high-support disability residential placement in County Clare as of August 2025; the corresponding waiting time in August 2024; the plans being considered by the HSE to create additional bed spaces in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [46893/25]

*2001. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of whole-time equivalent clinical nurse specialists in intellectual disabilities within CHO9 in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [46909/25]

*2002. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the funding provided in 2023, 2024 and 2025 to the children's disability network team in CHO9, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [46910/25]

*2003. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to report on the progress of the National thalidomide advocacy office, the number of thalidomide survivors assisted; the number of medical cards approved; and other supports administered. — Marie Sherlock. [46922/25]

*2004. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the status of the applications by thalidomide sufferers to a foundation (details supplied); and when it expects that these applications will be processed and payments made. — Marie Sherlock. [46923/25]

*2005. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the plans to replace the ageing fleet for Donegal Community Inclusion Training Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [46932/25]

*2006. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the resources available from Tusla to support the emotional, psychological and physical needs of children in foster care; whether there are adequate staffing levels to provide these resources. — Joe Cooney. [46936/25]

*2007. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to concerns raised by organisations regarding a person (details supplied) due to lack of access to social work and OT within their mental health services; and the steps her Department will take to support this person. — Ruth Coppinger. [46986/25]

*2008. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a list of early years and school age childcare services that have withdrawn from the core funding scheme; the number and percentage of services that have signed up to the scheme to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [47083/25]

*2009. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the status of the childcare forward planning unit and when outputs of their work will be seen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47086/25]

*2010. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of public childcare providers operational in north county Dublin; the plans to expand the network to this area which is one of the youngest and fastest growing areas in the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47087/25]

*2011. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childminders registered with her Department from north county Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47088/25]

*2012. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the plans her Department is working on to support childminders to continue to deliver their much needed services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47089/25]

*2013. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers in north county Dublin that have withdrawn from CORE funding since its introduction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47090/25]

*2014. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if a provider withdraws from CORE funding, can parents access the national childcare scheme and if so, the way in which they can this; the rate the NCS reimbursed them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47091/25]

*2015. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of the financial hardship experienced by Early Years Educators during the summer period, and if she will outline any measures being considered to support these workers during period of income loss; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47177/25]

*2016. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if consideration will be given to establishing a more stable income support mechanism for Early Years Educators during seasonal employment gaps; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47179/25]

*2017. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the scope of the public consultation for the proposed detailed action plan to build an affordable, high-quality, accessible early years childhood education and care system with State-led facilities; if the provision of a publicly funded and publicly managed early years and school age care system will be included; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47285/25]

*2018. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of administrative staff linked to the assessment of need process in HA2 Swords and Balbriggan teams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47286/25]

*2019. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average number of assessment of need referrals received each month in 2024 and 2025 by HA2 Swords and Balbriggan teams (Dublin north county); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47287/25]

*2020. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average waiting time for children who are accepted onto the assessment of need waiting list in HA2 Swords and Balbriggan teams (Dublin north county); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47288/25]

*2021. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the way in which resource allocations are determined for CDNT and primary care by the HSE; if they are determined on population numbers; and how often the allocation is reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47289/25]

*2022. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the length of time the HSE internal recruitment process takes when one staff member is moving from one section to another, for example from mental health services to disability services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47290/25]

*2023. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department is actively working to reduce the time period for the internal recruitment process to ensure staff transfers are as efficient as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47291/25]

*2024. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the incentives being offered by the HSE to entice people to work in disability services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47292/25]

*2025. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 2454 of 29 July 2025, if she will instruct the bodies under her aegis to provide the information requested; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47350/25]

*2026. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 2455 of 29 July 2025, if she will instruct the bodies under her aegis to provide the information requested; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47368/25]

*2027. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the status of the business case submitted by Blanchardstown children's disability network team to the HSE regarding providing therapy supports to 12 additional children due to join a school (details supplied) this term, in order that these children are receiving the same therapy supports as the existing 36 students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [47443/25]

*2028. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated average cost of one day of respite for a new placement in respite services. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47486/25]

*2029. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated average cost to deliver an assessment of need (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47488/25]

*2030. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated cost for the delivery of a case management system across HSE-funded disability services (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47489/25]

*2031. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated total number of staff employed delivering HSE-funded disability services across the statutory, section 38, section 39 and tendered sectors, including a separate estimation of disputed numbers (details supplied); and for an approximate breakdown of the skill mix of these employees. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47493/25]

*2032. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for details of any research undertaken into the workforce in the disability sector, particular with respect to determining pay offers that will bring recruitment and retention across the sector in line with targets; the cost to the exchequer of any pay uplifts; the savings to the exchequer if pay uplifts reduce reliance on agency and overtime; and to give an overview of any unpublished findings from this research. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47497/25]

*2033. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the progress made in reducing the waiting times for an assessment of need in County Offaly since the establishment of the 34th Dáil; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47542/25]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*2034. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of recent data indicating a rise in illicit drug use across the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47110/25]

*2035. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant primary care posts currently within HA2 Swords and Balbriggan (Dublin north County), in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47293/25]

*2036. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant primary care posts currently by location (details supplied), in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47294/25]

*2037. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria used to assess children with scoliosis for their first appointment with a paediatric orthopaedic consultant at CHI Crumlin Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47300/25]

*2038. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times from referral date for appointments with a paediatric orthopaedic consultant in CHI Crumlin Hospital for children with scoliosis for each category; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47301/25]

*2039. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times from referral date for appointments with a paediatric orthopaedic consultant in CHI Crumlin Hospital for children with scoliosis for each category; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47301/25]

*2040. To ask the Minister for Health the overall average waiting times for children with scoliosis to see a paediatric orthopaedic consultant in CHI Crumlin Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47302/25]

*2041. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received from the Minister for Health the materials required under regulation 9 of S.I. No. 413 of 2022 in respect of CORU's July 2025 Standards and Criteria for counsellors and psychotherapists; if his Department has notified the European Commission accordingly; and, in view of the psychotherapy entry requirement being set at NFQ Level 9 and counselling at NFQ Level 8, if he will outline the alignment timeline, the higher education capacity and any funding or bridging measures for providers and students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47534/25]

*2042. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists currently employed by the HSE serving County Offaly, the location which they operate from; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47540/25]

*2043. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting list for occupational therapy services, broken down by waiting timeframes of less than 3, 3-6, 6-12 and more than 12 months, in County Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47541/25]

*2044. To ask the Minister for Health if she will confirm the areas that are included in CHO9; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [44448/25]

*2045. To ask the Minister for Health if she will confirm the areas that are included in the newly created Area 6; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [44449/25]

*2046. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details if there are any walk in services available to the community in Balbriggan Community Centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [44450/25]

*2047. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the ongoing delays in access to timely diagnostic and consultant-led care in both public and private healthcare systems, including for patients with urgent referrals and private health insurance; if she will examine the case of a person (details supplied); if she will outline the steps being taken to improve access to diagnostics and reduce wait times in both systems; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [44459/25]

*2048. To ask the Minister for Health if she will set out her Department and the HSE's plans for the development of a new hospital in Cork; the current state of progress, the timelines, to provide the details of the funding that has been ringfenced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [44471/25]

*2049. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide information regarding public hospital waiting lists (details supplied). — Séamus McGrath. [44472/25]

*2050. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide information regarding public hospital waiting lists for surgery (details supplied). — Séamus McGrath. [44473/25]

*2051. To ask the Minister for Health the plans for the development of a primary care health centre at a location (details supplied); the steps in the process; when she expects the primary care health centre to be developed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [44476/25]

*2052. To ask the Minister for Health the plans for the development of a primary care health centre at a location (details supplied); the steps in the process; when she expects the primary care health centre to be developed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [44477/25]

*2053. To ask the Minister for Health if the five reviews of maternity care carried out to date at Portiuncula University Hospital were all high-risk pregnancies; if any limited information can be provided on the nature of the high-risk case in each instance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44480/25]

*2054. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on plans to sell HSE lands (details supplied); the stage the sale is at; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44481/25]

*2055. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on a new service (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44482/25]

*2056. To ask the Minister for Health if she will investigate a means to vastly improve the inter-hospital referral system; if she is aware of a number of cases of patients being discharged from one hospital with the advice to attend A&E in another hospital as the patient was not accepted through an inter hospital referral; and her views on whether this is a complete waste of resources and only puts more pressure on the particular A&E Departments, whilst also endangering the outcomes for patients affected. — Robert Troy. [44484/25]

*2057. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); if consideration will be given to expediting the appointment in light of their individual circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [44497/25]

*2058. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to make operational motorcycle ambulance or paramedic response vehicles in the Cork region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [44498/25]

*2059. To ask the Minister for Health the average ambulance response times in Cork city and county for 2023 and 2024; the breakdown of response times, for example, the percentage of responses in less than 10 minutes, 15 minutes, 20 minutes, 25 minutes, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [44499/25]

*2060. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [44518/25]

*2061. To ask the Minister for Health if she will investigate a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44519/25]

*2062. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the supports available to Irish patients who undergo surgery abroad under the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive and return with serious complications, in particular where surgical error is involved; if she will outline the entitlements such patients have for aftercare, corrective surgery, or clinical support; and if she will consider the introduction of a formal aftercare policy for patients returning from approved cross-border procedures. — Ken O'Flynn. [44531/25]

*2063. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 711 of 1 April 2025, whether there are plans in place to provide a child psychologist for children attending the paediatric ward of St. Lukes Hospital, Kilkenny who are receiving diagnoses of life changing conditions and are finding their new way of life very difficult; and if there will be funding allocated to St. Lukes Hospital to provide this very important service for our children. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [44534/25]

*2064. To ask the Minister for Health if the Health Service Executive look at hiring more invigilators in county Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44564/25]

*2065. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to address the lack of supply of a medicine (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [44571/25]

*2066. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on waiting times for cardiac rehabilitation programmes and the measures being taken to reduce these delays. — Erin McGreehan. [44572/25]

*2067. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2442 of 29 April 2025, regarding primary care psychology services in County Louth, to provide the number of referrals received; a breakdown of referrals by age group 0–5 years, 6–12 years, 13–17 years, 18–65 years, and 66 years and over; and the number of individuals currently on waiting lists. — Erin McGreehan. [44575/25]

*2068. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently intervene in a case in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44579/25]

*2069. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the waiting time for an autism diagnostic assessment for a person (details supplied) has gone from 24/30 months to 30/33 months; and the steps she is taking to decrease this waiting time. — Pat Buckley. [44585/25]

*2070. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of general practitioners (GPs) in Mullingar, County Westmeath which are accepting new patients; and to provide a list of GPs who will accept a pregnant woman for her antenatal appointments under the HSE maternity scheme. — Sorca Clarke. [44586/25]

*2071. To ask the Minister for Health whether there is any regulation of the price of medicines to ensure cheapest possible access. — Thomas Gould. [44588/25]

*2072. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a timeline of 125 days is given to families when a systems analysis review commences; the number of reviews carried out nationwide in 2024 and the percentage of which were completed within the 125 day timeline given; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44590/25]

*2073. To ask the Minister for Health the details of responsibility for overseeing system analysis reviews to ensure they are done effectively, efficiently and within the timeline given to families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44591/25]

*2074. To ask the Minister for Health the basis and criteria the decision was taken by the Health Service Executive and her Department to withdraw funding after the law on abortion changed from pregnancy counselling agencies that had a valuable track record in providing practical support to women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy but made it clear that facilitating abortion would be in violation of their ethos. — Peadar Tóibín. [44593/25]

*2075. To ask the Minister for Health the changes that have been made to the incremental pay grade for multi-task attendants employed by HSE after March 2025; if all new employees regardless of experience are paid at the lowest pay grade; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [44595/25]

*2076. To ask the Minister for Health to reconsider remarks made in Dáil Éireann on 6 March 2025 regarding the free HRT scheme, specifically the assertion that medication dispensed under the scheme must be for the purpose of alleviating symptoms related to menopause, when no such condition is outlined in the legislation underpinning the scheme; and if she will correct the record to ensure that gender diverse individuals can avail of the scheme and access the healthcare prescribed to them by registered medical professionals on an equitable and affordable basis. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [44596/25]

*2077. To ask the Minister for Health to address concerns raised in relation to the free HRT programme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [44599/25]

*2078. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients discharged from nursing homes in each of the past 12 months, by county; and the proportion of persons in each county and month who were evicted or involuntarily discharged in that period, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [44602/25]

*2079. To ask the Minister for Health when she will bring proposals to cabinet regarding a vaccine damage scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44605/25]

*2080. To ask the Minister for Health the number of advance healthcare directives submitted to the Decision Support Service, by month since April 2023; the number of decisions made each month in respect of such submissions, including any refusals, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44615/25]

*2081. To ask the Minister for Health in light of the recent introduction of the free hormone replacement therapy measure for women experiencing menopause, if she has considered extending similar financial support to men diagnosed with hypogonadism or male menopause who require testosterone replacement therapy such as testogel given that both conditions involve hormone deficiencies with significant physical and psychological symptoms; the reason men are excluded from this support; and if there are plans to address this apparent gender-based disparity in access to essential hormone treatments. — Martin Daly. [44629/25]

*2082. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE speech and language therapists by grade based at Ballaghaderren primary care centre in the years of 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in tabular form. — Martin Daly. [44630/25]

*2083. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dietitians by grade based at Strokestown health centre in the years of 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in tabular form. — Martin Daly. [44631/25]

*2084. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dentists and dental nurses based at Castlerea primary care centre in the years of 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in tabular form. — Martin Daly. [44632/25]

*2085. To ask the Minister for Health the action that is being taken in hospitals to improve the awareness amongst healthcare staff of the needs of visually impaired patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [44633/25]

*2086. To ask the Minister for Health if an ADHD assessment will be expedited for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [44634/25]

*2087. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be made for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [44635/25]

*2088. To ask the Minister for Health whether she has considered routine CA-125 testing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44638/25]

*2089. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the upgrade of the emergency department of Galway university hospital; when the project will move to the next stage; the estimated cost; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44640/25]

*2090. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adult ADHD clinics currently operational; in which CHOs those clinics are located; the waiting time for an appointment to the National Programme; the number of posts sanctioned as part of the National Programme that are currently

vacant; how long those post have been vacant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [44653/25]

*2091. To ask the Minister for Health from what year public hospitals have been required to report adverse incidents affecting their patients to NIMS. — Paul Murphy. [44657/25]

*2092. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 836 of 8 July 2025 the reason the National Gender Service chose to start and dedicate time to this systematic review, rather than relying on existing reviews. — Paul Murphy. [44658/25]

*2093. To ask the Minister for Health for a list of the several trans organisations that were involved in the words of the gender-affirming care part of the current Programme for Government, as mentioned recently in the Dáil (details supplied); and when they were each involved. — Paul Murphy. [44659/25]

*2094. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE's gender identity skills training was withdrawn; and when it was withdrawn. — Paul Murphy. [44660/25]

*2095. To ask the Minister for Health if it is HSE policy to instruct pharmacists to deny menopause products to transgender people under the free HRT scheme. — Paul Murphy. [44661/25]

*2096. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently address the lack of out-of-hours mental health services on the Iveragh Peninsula, County Kerry, where there is an urgent need to support individuals who are in mental health crisis outside of regular working hours, to avoid tragedy; if this service will be expanded to support those in crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44666/25]

*2097. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public ophthalmologists available for children across the south east, south, and south-west, WTE and headcount, by catchment area, in each year 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [44667/25]

*2098. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ophthalmologist vacancies in the south east; and her plans to fill them. — David Cullinane. [44668/25]

*2099. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a method for accessing ophthalmology care for children on waiting lists in cases where there is no ophthalmologist currently employed. — David Cullinane. [44669/25]

*2100. To ask the Minister for Health her plans regarding special leave with pay for covid19 after 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44680/25]

*2101. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE residential beds available for nursing home care in Mallow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [44684/25]

*2102. To ask the Minister for Health her views on a report (details supplied) regarding allergy services and policies in Ireland; to respond to each of the recommendations in this report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [44686/25]

*2103. 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. — David Cullinane. [44688/25]

*2104. To ask the Minister for Health to insist that HSE staff are fully informed of the services that the HAA card provides to avoid ongoing issues of accessing help for affected people in receipt of a medical card as part of the mother and baby homes and county homes redress scheme when they ring the HSE highlighting difficulties accessing services. — Jen Cummins. [44704/25]

*2105. To ask the Minister for Health if seasonality is taken into account when providing orthopaedic shoes, to ensure individuals have appropriate footwear for varying weather conditions; and if more than one pair can be provided per year to accommodate these needs. — Erin McGreehan. [44716/25]

*2106. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to ensure return to full capacity of deep brain stimulation for people with Parkinson's in the south-east both in terms of staffing and access to theatre; when recruitment into necessary posts will be completed; the number of WTE required, by grade; if any additional posts are required to be sanctioned above existing approved staffing limits; whether robotic equipment will be deployed to improve efficiency of the procedure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44718/25]

*2107. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to invest in step-down capacity, as distinct from nursing homes, in the south-east for people under 65 as a transitional care option. — David Cullinane. [44719/25]

*2108. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has conducted an impact assessment of the latest increases in private health insurance premiums, particularly in view of the concurrent launch of so-called "cheaper" plans which reportedly restrict access to many public and private hospitals and may offer diminished coverage: if she is satisfied that sufficient regulatory oversight exists to prevent consumers from being misled by plans that appear affordable in premium terms but are materially inferior in protection; and the discussions her Department or the Insurance Authority have held with insurers in relation to pricing transparency, benefit structures and consumer safeguards. — Ken O'Flynn. [44722/25]

*2109. To ask the Minister for Health if she will expedite the allocation of home help support for a person (details supplied) who is currently awaiting assistance; if she will ensure that home help is put in place for three days-a-week upon their return home given the urgency of their situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44740/25]

*2110. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the extension of the accident and emergency department for Portlaoise Hospital; if recruitment has begun for additional staffing needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44741/25]

*2111. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists in Laois who will now take on new clients under the dental treatment service scheme; and the list of practices that do so. — David Cullinane. [44742/25]

*2112. To ask the Minister for Health the number of scrambler/quad-related injuries-accidents recorded by hospitals; and if this information is not available, if there are plans to collate this data for road safety research purposes. — Paul Donnelly. [44748/25]

*2113. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if the surgery will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44751/25]

*2114. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who having been referred by their GP to the medical assessment unit at St. John's Hospital, Limerick for assessment has yet to receive an appointment date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [44752/25]

*2115. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons the recommendations of the 2018 Professor Walker report was not fully implemented at Portiuncula university hospital, as referenced in the findings of the recent Professor Coulter Smith report. — Martin Daly. [44765/25]

*2116. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Saolta university health care group or the clinical director at Galway university hospital has provided a rationale for the non-implementation of the one hospital, two sites maternity model between Galway and Portiuncula university hospitals as recommended by the Walker report. — Martin Daly. [44766/25]

*2117. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider publishing any internal reviews or audits undertaken in relation to the non implementation of shared clinical governance structures for maternity services between Portiuncula and Galway University Hospitals. — Martin Daly. [44767/25]

*2118. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant obstetricians that have been appointed specifically to Portiuncula University Hospital's maternity unit since the publication of the 2018 Walker report; and if this aligns with the recommended levels for safe and sustainable maternity care. — Martin Daly. [44768/25]

*2119. To ask the Minister for Health whether a permanent shared governance structure for maternity services between Portiuncula and Galway University Hospitals has been established; and if not, whether any barriers to its implementation have been identified. — Martin Daly. [44769/25]

*2120. To ask the Minister for Health whether Galway University Hospital's maternity unit has undergone an independent review of its clinical outcomes, safety standards and capacity given its expanded role in managing higher risk cases referred from Portiuncula University Hospital. — Martin Daly. [44770/25]

*2121. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is satisfied that the transfer of higher risk maternity care from Portiuncula University Hospital to Galway University Hospital is being supported by appropriate investment, resources and governance structures to ensure patient safety and service quality. — Martin Daly. [44771/25]

*2122. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to maintain access to antenatal services for higher risk pregnancies in the areas traditionally served by Portiuncula University Hospital, particularly in rural and socioeconomically disadvantaged communities. — Martin Daly. [44772/25]

*2123. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department will consider establishing a satellite high risk antenatal unit at Portiuncula University Hospital, in the context of improving accessibility for high risk expectant mothers. — Martin Daly. [44773/25]

*2124. To ask the Minister for Health the transport supports being considered for pregnant women in rural communities who now need to travel to Galway University Hospital for maternity services previously provided at Portiuncula University Hospital. — Martin Daly. [44774/25]

*2125. To ask the Minister for Health whether anonymised summaries of the 12 serious maternity incidents at Portiuncula University Hospital referenced in the Professor Coulter Smith report (details supplied) will be published. — Martin Daly. [44775/25]

*2126. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 12 serious incidents reviewed in the recent report on Portiuncula University Hospital that were classified as high risk under the current criteria being applied to transfer cases to Galway University Hospital during the antenatal period, and the number identified as potentially avoidable based on the clinical review. — Martin Daly. [44776/25]

*2127. To ask the Minister for Health whether there are plans to commission an independent review of the configuration, quality and governance of maternity services across the Saolta hospital group including Portiuncula, Galway and Mayo University Hospitals. — Martin Daly. [44777/25]

*2128. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to maintain the high quality specialist endocrine service currently provided at Portiuncula University Hospital for women with pregnancies complicated by diabetes to Galway University Hospital as a satellite clinic. — Martin Daly. [44778/25]

*2129. To ask the Minister for Health in view of the fact that Portiuncula university hospital serves a wide geographic area including Westmeath, Offaly, East Galway, North Clare, South Mayo and Roscommon, and in light of the criteria now being applied to classify certain pregnancies as high risk, has her Department assessed whether Galway university hospital is geographically suitable to accommodate these cases; and if not, does she envisage that care for such patients will be provided in Dublin maternity hospitals. — Martin Daly. [44779/25]

*2130. To ask the Minister for Health in view of the recommendations made in both the Walker and Coulter Smith reports on Portiuncula maternity services and given the hospital's geographical importance, whether she will commit to providing the necessary resources to enable the restoration of full maternity services at Portiuncula university hospital. — Martin Daly. [44780/25]

*2131. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the remaining five case reviews to be published as part of Professor Coulter Smith's report on Portiuncula maternity services. — Martin Daly. [44781/25]

*2132. To ask the Minister for Health the number of maternity units of similar scale to Portiuncula university hospital that rely on locum consultants for obstetric care, and the actions being taken to address workforce sustainability and ensure continuity of safe care in these units. — Martin Daly. [44782/25]

*2133. To ask the Minister for Health further to the findings of the Coulter Smith review group into Portiuncula university hospital's maternity services, whether she will commit to commissioning a national review of maternity services provided in smaller hospitals across the State, given the report's conclusion that similar inherent risks may exist in other units of comparable size. — Martin Daly. [44783/25]

*2134. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that pharmacies are charging up to €15 for issuing medications blister packed; if she is aware that blister packing multiple medications is often the safer option for many vulnerable people who have large volumes of medication to take daily; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that many pharmacies in Dublin do not apply a charge; if she has plans to help offset this expense for persons on low income; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [44807/25]

*2135. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding undertaking a medical evacuation of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [44809/25]

*2136. To ask the Minister for Health if she will confirm that a product (details supplied) will be placed under the Health Service Executive reimbursable items list so that persons under this scheme can avail of a 2.4mg maximum dosage compared to another product (details supplied) where the maximum dose is 1mg and is only reimbursed for the treatment of diabetes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [44817/25]

*2137. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of all mental health allocations made since Budget 2024, including the amount drawn down by the Health Service Executive regions to date and which projects or community services remain unfunded. — Ken O'Flynn. [44821/25]

*2138. To ask the Minister for Health if she will publish legislation to prohibit commercial sunbed use, following the public consultation closing on 3 October 2025; and the provisions that will be included for existing operators. — Ken O'Flynn. [44822/25]

*2139. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to ensure the sustainability of trauma informed, peer led family addiction support services such as FASN in the North East; and if core funding or targeted investment will be provided to organisations like FASN that deliver a vital service that not only reduces the pressure on statutory services, but improves the lives of families affected by addiction. — Gary Gannon. [44837/25]

*2140. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for grant aid for the supply of a back up generator in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44839/25]

*2141. To ask the Minister for Health if she will examine the case outlined in correspondence (details supplied); if she will address the concerns raised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44849/25]

*2142. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of difficulties that have arisen with transgender women accessing the free HRT scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [44850/25]

*2143. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she and her Department are taking to increase availability of PReP appointments as the clinics in UHL and Dublin are currently not accepting new clients, due to being oversubscribed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [44851/25]

*2144. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the inclusion of doctors in the prehospital crewing model of the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services in Ireland; if there have been

any studies or pilots conducted to examine the matter, or if any are ongoing; the details of such studies or pilots, including methodology and parameters; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44861/25]

*2145. To ask the Minister for Health to specify the waiting list position of a person (details supplied) awaiting care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [44863/25]

*2146. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time the vacancy for a children and young persons occupational therapist and dietician in County Laois has been open; the expected date for when an appointment will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [44864/25]

*2147. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant child psychologist and consultant psychiatrists posts. — Sorca Clarke. [44868/25]

*2148. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait times in Mullingar's emergency department for urgent and non-urgent cases; and the longest recorded wait time in the past year. — Sorca Clarke. [44869/25]

*2149. To ask the Minister for Health if the delay in processing a job offer for a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [44876/25]

*2150. To ask the Minister for Health when the position of occupational therapist manager in Laois will be filled; the length of time the position has been vacant; the steps that have been taken to fill this position; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [44877/25]

*2151. To ask the Minister for Health the total over-expenditure on capital health projects in 2023–2025; and the updated timelines and costs for University Hospital Limerick and Merlin Park, Galway. — Ken O'Flynn. [44883/25]

*2152. To ask the Minister for Health to consider developing a Lyme disease specific department in University Hospital Kerry, for the detection, treatment and research of the condition (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44885/25]

*2153. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting psychological treatment in County Kerry, in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44893/25]

*2154. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting psychological treatment in each county in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44895/25]

*2155. To ask the Minister for Health the plans being put in place to address the large waiting lists for children that are awaiting psychological treatment in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44897/25]

*2156. To ask the Minister for Health for a detailed progress report in regard to the provision of the overdue ambulance base in Killorglin, County Kerry to serve the Killorglin and greater mid-Kerry region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44904/25]

*2157. To ask the Minister for Health for a detailed progress report in regard to the provision of the overdue primary care centre in Cahersiveen, County Kerry to serve the Cahersiveen and greater Iveragh/south Kerry region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44905/25]

*2158. To ask the Minister for Health if she will carry out as a matter of priority, a pilot study/research on all aspects of the health service in the Iveragh Peninsula in County Kerry; the reasons it is proving difficult to get staff; the reasons that all areas throughout the region are struggling with services, including mental health, day care, primary care, home care, keeping beds in St. Anne's Community Hospital, Cahersiveen open, the Ambulance Service, and so on; her views on whether this region in County Kerry is being deprived of the services that the residents who live there deserve and are being discriminated against; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44906/25]

*2159. To ask the Minister for Health if she will carry out as a matter of priority, a pilot study/research on all aspects of the health service in the Dingle Peninsula in County Kerry; the reasons it is proving difficult to get staff; the reasons that all areas throughout the region are struggling with services, including mental health, day care, primary care, home care, keeping beds in West Kerry Community Hospital, Dingle open, the Ambulance Service, and so on; her views on whether this region in County Kerry is being deprived of the services the residents who live there deserve and are being discriminated against; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44907/25]

*2160. To ask the Minister for Health when the overdue primary care centre in Killarney, County Kerry will open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44908/25]

*2161. To ask the Minister for Health when the new community hospital in Killarney, County Kerry will be completed; when patients from St. Columbanus Home will be transferred there; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44909/25]

*2162. To ask the Minister for Health when the overdue minor injuries unit in Killarney, County Kerry will open (details supplied).; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44910/25]

*2163. To ask the Minister for Health the plans being put in place for all the existing vacant buildings and lands in Killarney, County Kerry and other properties that are coming on stream; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44911/25]

*2164. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider introducing a national gonorrhoea vaccination programme in Ireland, similar to the newly launched NHS England initiative which offers a world-first vaccine roll-out through sexual health clinics; if any assessment has been made by the HSE or NIAC regarding the applicability of this vaccine in an Irish public health context; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [44924/25]

*2165. To ask the Minister for Health if favourable consideration will be given to allocating a vacant properties to a group (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44925/25]

*2166. To ask the Minister for Health when the post of occupational therapist in a primary care centre (details supplied) will be filled; the progress she is making in doubling the number of places in high-demand healthcare professions including occupational therapy as outlined in the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [44932/25]

*2167. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of people using omnipod insulin pumps in each county from 2020 to 2025, inclusive. — David Cullinane. [44945/25]

*2168. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the rollout of omnipod insulin pumps across HSE services. — David Cullinane. [44946/25]

*2169. To ask the Minister for Health the location of records relating to Eastern Health Board-funded children's residential facilities (details supplied). — Ciarán Ahern. [44952/25]

*2170. To ask the Minister for Health in light of the findings of the review into Portiuncula university hospitals maternity services (details supplied), if she will commit to a national review of maternity services provided in other small hospitals offering maternity services, given the risks identified in this review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44955/25]

*2171. To ask the Minister for Health the number of maternity hospitals that rely on locum consultants for obstetric care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44956/25]

*2172. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts made to address the job vacancies which are in maternity services in Ballinasloe; the number of vacancies there i.e. doctors, nurses and consultants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44957/25]

*2173. To ask the Minister for Health since Portiuncula university hospital covers a large area, and in light of the criteria that have been applied for certain pregnancies deemed high risk, whether the HSE has assessed if Galway university is suitable from an accessible point of view; if not, is it envisaged that this care will be provided in Mullingar Maternity Hospital or Dublin Maternity Hospitals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44958/25]

*2174. To ask the Minister for Health when the remaining cases in Portiuncula maternity hospital will be reviewed and published, as part of the report (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44959/25]

*2175. To ask the Minister for Health if she will commit to resourcing Portiuncula hospital to enable the full restoration of all maternity services at the hospital, considering two reports (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44960/25]

*2176. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that the high-quality specialist endocrine services at Portiuncula hospital will be maintained for women with diabetes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44961/25]

*2177. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the recommendations of the 2018 report (details supplied) were not fully implemented at Portiuncula university hospital, as referenced in the most recent report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44962/25]

*2178. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to a shared permanent governance structure for maternity services between Portiuncula maternity hospital and Galway university hospital; if there have been any objections to this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44963/25]

*2179. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants appointed specifically to Portiuncula university hospital maternity unit since the 2018 report (details supplied); if this has been the recommended level for safe maternity care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44964/25]

*2180. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm the care plan the HSE have in place for a person (details supplied). — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [44985/25]

*2181. To ask the Minister for Health the current position regarding a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [44998/25]

*2182. To ask the Minister for Health whether she has considered alternative pathways for professional recognition for section 91 applicants with CORU registration boards where an employer does not provide adequate evidence for the applicant, or where an employer does not engage with the process, but the applicant can otherwise demonstrate their employment and professional credentials; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44999/25]

*2183. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the new health diversion scheme expected to begin before November; the funding to be provided to the scheme in 2025 and 2026 respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [45001/25]

*2184. To ask the Minister for Health to address the misunderstanding around the free HRT scheme, whereby eligibility has erroneously been assessed on the basis of the purpose of the prescribed menopause product by participating pharmacies rather than on the basis of being prescribed menopause products, as per section 3 of S.I. No. 226/2025 – Health Act 1970 (Section 59(4)) (Menopause Products) Regulations 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [45009/25]

*2185. To ask the Minister for Health the number of transfers from CUH of neonates to CHI Crumlin/Temple Street in 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date; the numbers discharged from CHI and numbers discharged back to CUH, in tabular form. — Marie Sherlock. [45010/25]

*2186. To ask the Minister for Health the number of transfers from CUH of paediatric patients to CHI Crumlin/Temple Street in 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date; the numbers discharged from CHI and numbers discharged back to CUH, in tabular form. — Marie Sherlock. [45011/25]

*2187. To ask the Minister for Health the discussions that have taken place regarding the continuing future use of Crumlin Children’s Hospital and Temple Street Children’s Hospital after the opening of the National Children’s Hospital in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45014/25]

*2188. To ask the Minister for Health whether consideration has been given to using Crumlin Children's Hospital as an elective surgery hospital for Dublin after the opening of the National Children's Hospital in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45015/25]

*2189. To ask the Minister for Health whether consideration has been given to using Temple St Children's Hospital as a step down facility following the opening of the National Children's Hospital in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45016/25]

*2190. To ask the Minister for Health if she will publish a contingency plan to address the growing backlog of hospital maintenance and refurbishment requests across the South/South west hospital group, including a hospital by hospital breakdown of deferred works. . — Ken O'Flynn. [45022/25]

*2191. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for surgery in Sligo university hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [45024/25]

*2192. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the recent interruption of mammography services in county Mayo; the reasons for this cessation; the measures being taken to reinstate the service; the expected timeline for its resumption; the interim arrangements being made to ensure continued access to breast cancer screening for women in the region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [45025/25]

*2193. To ask the Minister for Health the measures her Department plans to implement to ensure that each severe asthma clinic has a qualified advanced nurse practitioner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45033/25]

*2194. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will commit to allocating funding to universally subsidise inhaled asthma medications on a phased basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45034/25]

*2195. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to reimbursing the financial cost of tezepelumab for asthma patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45035/25]

*2196. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to launching a public campaign to disincentivize smoking and e-cigarette use; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45037/25]

*2197. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to increasing funding for smoking cessation services, in view of the large demand for the QUIT services currently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45038/25]

*2198. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department plans to establish a CORU register for physiologists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45039/25]

*2199. To ask the Minister for Health the number of health care assistants in Donegal employed by the HSE's home help department who have left the service since July 2024, when the pay and numbers strategy commenced; and the number of new home care assistants who have been

recruited by the HSE in Donegal since July, 2024, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [45043/25]

*2200. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of an issue in relation to the organ donation opt-out register (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [45044/25]

*2201. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the number of applications processed by the new organ donation opt-out register system, by month, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [45045/25]

*2202. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the number of complaints received by the HSE in relation to the new organ donation opt-out register system, by month, in tabular form; if a manual mechanism will be created to allow individuals opt out where the system fails to record their preference; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [45046/25]

*2203. To ask the Minister for Health whether the local mental health form in Dublin 15 (CHO9) has been stood down, and if so the reason for this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45048/25]

*2204. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of resourcing issues at the endometriosis clinic in Tallaght Hospital and that the hospital now only include women with stage 4 endometriosis to its waiting list and no longer include women with stage 3 endometriosis to its waiting list; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45056/25]

*2205. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 291 of 16 July 2025, to provide a breakdown of how the €13.156 million for outsourcing was spent at University Hospital Kerry; the number of procedures and treatments that were paid or partially paid for; the number of patients impacted; and the amount spent by each department, in each of the years 2010 to 2025, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [45083/25]

*2206. To ask the Minister for Health the number of care workers currently working under the home support scheme in each county, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [45091/25]

*2207. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people currently in receipt of the home support scheme in each county, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [45092/25]

*2208. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether the number of care workers currently working under the home support scheme is adequate to provide the full number of care hours approved for all recipients of the scheme; the steps she will take to address any such shortfalls identified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [45093/25]

*2209. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently provide home help for a person (details supplied) given the exceptional circumstances of this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45096/25]

*2210. To ask the Minister for Health if a response will issue in relation to an ADHD diagnosis (details supplied). — Máire Devine. [45105/25]

*2211. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to clear the waiting list for children in life changing pain from scoliosis (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45119/25]

*2212. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the number of persons who have been involuntarily detained under the Mental Health Act 2001 in each of the past five years whose primary or secondary diagnosis was autism spectrum disorder and severe or profound intellectual disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [45121/25]

*2213. To ask the Minister for Health if exceptions exist to facilitate children (details supplied) that were due to be born after 1 October 2024 when the Chickenpox vaccine was added to the Children's immunisation schedule but were instead born premature to receive the vaccine free of charge; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [45129/25]

*2214. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the implementation of alcohol labelling; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45136/25]

*2215. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the referral process to join a rehab gym (details supplied); the number of persons on the waiting list to join this gym following referral and the number of gym sessions permitted following being referred to this gym. — Tom Brabazon. [45138/25]

*2216. To ask the Minister for Health if she will expedite a hospital procedure for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45158/25]

*2217. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to improve access to healthcare for women suffering from endometriosis (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [45160/25]

*2218. To ask the Minister for Health whether she intends to increase the weekly eligibility income threshold in respect of the medical card for persons over 70; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [45162/25]

*2219. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has recorded deaths in Ireland as a direct result of vaping; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [45170/25]

*2220. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of all unused properties, lands and buildings, under the ownership or control of her Department within County Kerry; the length of time they have been idle; the plans in place, if any, for future use; if these unused properties, lands and buildings can be used for affordable and social housing and low cost sites; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45182/25]

*2221. To ask the Minister for Health if an urgent matter in relation to staff shortages (details supplied) in County Kerry will be investigated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45190/25]

*2222. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hours that are currently approved nationally for home support services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [45193/25]

*2223. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hours that are currently approved in Kilkenny for home support services; the breakdown the number of these hours being carried out by HSE staff and hours carried out by agency staff; the number of hours currently awaiting personnel, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [45194/25]

*2224. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hours approved in Carlow for home support services; the breakdown of the number of these hours being carried out by HSE staff and hours carried out by agency staff; the number of hours currently awaiting personnel, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [45195/25]

*2225. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who having been referred for a MRI scan at UHL 18 months ago has yet to receive an appointment date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [45209/25]

*2226. To ask the Minister for Health the total funding given by the HSE/State towards the MRI unit in Navan Hospital. — Peadar Tóibín. [45212/25]

*2227. To ask the Minister for Health the nature of the arrangement between Navan Hospital Alliance for the MRI scanner in the hospital; if there are a certain number of scans available to the HSE weekly under the GP access to community diagnostics; if there is an agreement for each MRI to be paid for by the HSE, if for medical card holders; if so, the average price per scan paid; her views on the arrangement agreed; and the full details of any costs to the State that were or are being incurred. — Peadar Tóibín. [45213/25]

*2228. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any public staff working the MRI unit or machine in Navan Hospital. — Peadar Tóibín. [45214/25]

*2229. To ask the Minister for Health if the liability of the MRI unit in Navan Hospital is covered by Navan Hospital Alliance or by the State under the umbrella insurance of Navan Hospital. — Peadar Tóibín. [45215/25]

*2230. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of medical card patients scanned in Navan Hospital MRI unit in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [45216/25]

*2231. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 304 of 11 June 2025, the full list of MRI scans available to medical card holders within the Navan Hospital MRI unit; the breakdown of the number of scans performed in 2024 and to date. — Peadar Tóibín. [45217/25]

*2232. To ask the Minister for Health the eligibility of transgender women under the free hormone replacement therapy scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [45221/25]

*2233. To ask the Minister for Health the spend on agency staffing in each region, by service division in each of the years 2021 to 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [45222/25]

*2234. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of the entire project for the MRI scanner unit in Navan Hospital. — Peadar Tóibín. [45228/25]

*2235. To ask the Minister for Health the total budget for the GP access to community diagnostics in each of the past ten years; the units that received the highest amount; the breakdown of the procedures performed under this scheme; and the breakdown of the number of each of the procedures performed in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [45229/25]

*2236. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review correspondence (details supplied); the possible avenues or supports available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45234/25]

*2237. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 460 of 20 March 2025, of the 1744.75 hours unallocated, the number of persons this figure represents; the number of these people who have no homecare hours allocated to date; and the number that are additional hours to care hours already provided by the service. — Peadar Tóibín. [45254/25]

*2238. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 460 of 20 March 2025, when geographical and carer limitations are mentioned in regard to filling home care hours, if this means there is an issue with people in a more rural setting; if so, the actions being taken by her to encourage these hours be taken up by potential carers. — Peadar Tóibín. [45255/25]

*2239. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 459 of 20 March 2025, of the 730243 homecare hours allocated in 2024 (details supplied) the number that were supplied by private companies; the share of the budget this represents; if homecare hours are supplied in the Meath area by direct HSE staff; and the share this represents in both budget and hours. — Peadar Tóibín. [45256/25]

*2240. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a difference in cost to supply home care through the HSE directly, as opposed to the use of private companies; and if so, the difference. — Peadar Tóibín. [45257/25]

*2241. To ask the Minister for Health if the free hormone replacement therapy scheme for those experiencing menopause symptoms includes non-cisgendered women experiencing those symptoms; if not, the reason and by which method is it proposed to provide access to the same products on the same basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45258/25]

*2242. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of an individual with a very serious injury who waited more than five hours for an ambulance to arrive, during which time their condition worsened (details supplied); the specific circumstances that occurred that evening to render the service unable to respond in good time; the measures being taken to ensure wait times such as these are eliminated; the breakdown of NAS response times for each triage category for the most recently available year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45259/25]

*2243. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied) given the urgency of the case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45270/25]

*2244. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm when the long overdue new community nursing unit in Killarney, County Kerry will open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45277/25]

*2245. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE treatment abroad scheme includes provision for the treatment of coccydynia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [45286/25]

*2246. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify who is responsible for the indemnity insurance in instances where a public patient is treated by a private clinic-doctor from the waiting list; and if these patients are covered under the HSE insurance, private doctor-clinic insurance or other. — Peadar Tóibín. [45304/25]

*2247. To ask the Minister for Health of all the legal medical claims made against the State in the past ten years, if any of these claims for operations or procedures were made through the TAS scheme; and if so, the number and what was the cost to the State. — Peadar Tóibín. [45305/25]

*2248. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients with scoliosis that have presented each year for the past ten years; the number of these cases that were treated through the public system; and the number treated through private the TAS scheme. — Peadar Tóibín. [45306/25]

*2249. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals for scoliosis treatment that have been put in for the TAS scheme; whether this referral done by the consultant-doctor; and whether the HSE have directed consultants to forward patients names and forms for this scheme. — Peadar Tóibín. [45307/25]

*2250. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1108 of 13 May and No. 217 of 9 July 2025, the total number of adults and the total number of children on these waiting lists, clarifying the total number for each and by the location at which they are waiting, in tabular form; the underlying data which was used to determine the average wait times in Parliamentary Question No. 1108, including the total number of patients waiting and the time bands within which they are waiting. — David Cullinane. [45310/25]

*2251. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that a telephone support service (details supplied) will cease operation after November 2025; if she will outline the measures her Department will take to ensure that this vital support remains available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [45312/25]

*2252. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on recruitment and staffing to address the public health nurse shortage in Sligo, as outlined in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [45316/25]

*2253. To ask the Minister for Health the number of holter monitors and cardiac event monitors available in a hospital (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [45328/25]

*2254. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients awaiting the use of a holter monitor and cardiac event monitor and the average wait time to access such monitors in a hospital (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [45329/25]

*2255. To ask the Minister for Health the actions she will take to ensure continued access to child adolescent counsellor hours for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45348/25]

*2256. To ask the Minister for Health if she will examine matters raised by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45349/25]

*2257. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for delays in advanced nurse practitioner applications with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (details supplied) in view of the shortage of advanced practitioners in remote areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45350/25]

*2258. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review correspondence regarding a person (details supplied); if she will address the concerns raised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45355/25]

*2259. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review correspondence (details supplied) regarding delays in the provision of an autism assessment for a child; if she will address the concerns raised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45362/25]

*2260. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children hospitalised for eating disorders in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025. — Sorca Clarke. [45376/25]

*2261. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the recent decision to expand the number of maternity cases to be transferred away from Portiuncula University Hospital to other hospitals; the person in the HSE or Department who made this decision; how this decision was made; whether she had any involvement, input or knowledge of the process of making this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [45386/25]

*2262. To ask the Minister for Health in light of the recent decision to expand the number of maternity cases to be transferred away from Portiuncula University Hospital to other hospitals, whether she will commit to the re-establishment of maternity services for such cases at Portiuncula University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [45387/25]

*2263. To ask the Minister for Health the average response times for ambulances in Ireland, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45398/25]

*2264. To ask the Minister for Health the strategies in place to reduce response times for ambulances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45399/25]

*2265. To ask the Minister for Health the targeted surge measures that are funded for Cork University Hospital and the south/southwest region for September–December for example, additional step-down capacity, short-stay surgical hubs and weekend diagnostics (details supplied); and the weekly KPIs admissions, LOS and 12-hour breaches that will be published for CUH from September. — Ken O'Flynn. [45422/25]

*2266. To ask the Minister for Health the current total projected out-turn cost of the National Children's Hospital, including the €1.88 billion envelope for construction and equipment, the €362 million allocation for ICT and commissioning and any additional notified claims or liabilities; and if the €853 million in additional contractor claims has been accepted, contested, or set aside in Departmental risk projections. — Ken O'Flynn. [45424/25]

*2267. To ask the Minister for Health the status of contractor claims relating to the National Children's Hospital, including the €107 million paid to BAM in July 2024 under bond; the total number and value of claims submitted; proportion accepted, rejected or in legal dispute; and the Department's current exposure to further litigation or arbitration. — Ken O'Flynn. [45425/25]

*2268. To ask the Minister for Health the current target date for substantial completion of the National Children's Hospital given the revised programme to 30 September 2025; and the earliest realistic date for patient services to commence given the nine-month commissioning period indicated by Children's Health Ireland. — Ken O'Flynn. [45426/25]

*2269. To ask the Minister for Health if Children's Health Ireland has been granted early access to the National Children's Hospital to begin equipment installation and systems testing; if not, the specific obstacles preventing such access; and the timeline for resolution to avoid further delay. — Ken O'Flynn. [45427/25]

*2270. To ask the Minister for Health her Department's assessment of the risks associated with transferring patients to the new National Children's Hospital during winter months, as advised against by Children's Health Ireland; and the contingency measures to mitigate clinical and operational risks if the commissioning period overlaps with the November to March window. — Ken O'Flynn. [45428/25]

*2271. To ask the Minister for Health the publication schedule for monthly progress reports on the National Children's Hospital; the number and value of variation orders; the number of rooms accepted to substantial completion standard; the updated risk register; and the independent assurance reports furnished to her Department and the Oireachtas Public Accounts Committee. — Ken O'Flynn. [45429/25]

*2272. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the costs incurred in the naming and branding of the National Children's Hospital, including the reported €4,500 spent on the June 2025 naming process; and if further public funds are expected to be allocated to marketing, naming, or rebranding before the hospital opens. — Ken O'Flynn. [45430/25]

*2273. To ask the Minister for Health if a date for surgery in the department of vascular surgery WUH has been arranged for a person (details supplied); and if the matter will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [45433/25]

*2274. To ask the Minister for Health if an application for an emergency medical card submitted by the medical team caring for a person (details supplied) will be reconsidered urgently; and if not, if a temporary card will be issued immediately while their family gathers the paperwork for a full application. — John McGuinness. [45436/25]

*2275. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that the home care hours promised by the home support office, HSE Kilkenny, relative to the care of a person (details supplied) are delivered in full including weekend cover; and if the matter will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [45437/25]

*2276. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of children on waiting lists for scoliosis and spina bifida surgery; the length of time each child has been waiting; and the number of surgeries cancelled or rescheduled in the past three years, disaggregated by reason for cancellation. — Ken O'Flynn. [45441/25]

*2277. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the 2017 Government commitment that no child would wait longer than four months for scoliosis surgery has not been delivered; and the new binding guarantees that will now be made to ensure no child experiences such delays in the future. — Ken O’Flynn. [45442/25]

*2278. To ask the Minister for Health if the parents of a child (details supplied) were at any stage informed of their child’s removal from the urgent waiting list; the clinical and administrative basis for this decision; and the measures being introduced to ensure that parents are fully informed and consulted before any such removal in the future. — Ken O’Flynn. [45443/25]

*2279. To ask the Minister for Health if she will commit to the establishment of a statutory inquiry into the governance of Children’s Health Ireland in relation to paediatric spinal surgery delays and oversight of orthopaedic services; and if the scope of such an inquiry will include accountability for unmet ministerial commitments. — Ken O’Flynn. [45444/25]

*2280. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric orthopaedic surgeons employed by Children’s Health Ireland; the annual caseload capacity of each; the number of unfilled consultant and theatre nursing posts in this area; and the immediate steps being taken to recruit and retain additional clinical expertise. — Ken O’Flynn. [45445/25]

*2281. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has considered arrangements with overseas hospitals to provide treatment for Irish children currently on spinal waiting lists; if not, the reason; and if so, the details of any negotiations or agreements reached to date. — Ken O’Flynn. [45446/25]

*2282. To ask the Minister for Health if she will commit to publishing monthly, publicly accessible reports on paediatric spinal surgery waiting lists, including numbers, average wait times, cancellations, and rescheduled procedures, in order to ensure transparency and accountability. — Ken O’Flynn. [45447/25]

*2283. To ask the Minister for Health the psychological and bereavement supports being provided to families whose children have died while awaiting treatment; and if these supports are standardised across all Children’s Health Ireland sites. — Ken O’Flynn. [45448/25]

*2284. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting time for a child to access psychology services via primary care in County Kerry. — Michael Cahill. [45449/25]

*2285. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently address the transport requirements of a person (details supplied) and allow funding for transport in this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45466/25]

*2286. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45470/25]

*2287. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultants in emergency medicine based at Sligo University Hospital in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [45479/25]

*2288. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant psychiatrists in old age based in Waterford in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [45480/25]

*2289. To ask the Minister for Health the vacancies currently, by job title within Carlow-Kilkenny mental health services; and when each of those vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [45481/25]

*2290. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric endocrinologists based at CHI Temple Street in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [45482/25]

*2291. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE advanced nurse practitioners in epilepsy based at St. James's Hospital in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [45483/25]

*2292. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant child and adolescent psychiatrists based in Donegal in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [45484/25]

*2293. To ask the Minister for Health the number of individuals currently waiting for complex menopause services in County Westmeath, by length of time waiting that is up to 3 months, between 3-6 months, between 6-12 months and over 12 months, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [45485/25]

*2294. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE paediatric haematologist registrars based at CHI Crumlin in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [45486/25]

*2295. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided to each regional and local drugs task force in each of the years 2020 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [45492/25]

*2296. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided to the north eastern regional drug and alcohol task force in each of the years 2016 to 2025, in tabular form. — Joanna Byrne. [45493/25]

*2297. To ask the Minister for Health if there are proposals in Budget 2026 for the provision of additional funding for addiction services provided through the north eastern regional drugs and alcohol task force. — Joanna Byrne. [45497/25]

*2298. To ask the Minister for Health to detail all the Department of Health and Health Service Executive owned sites in County Louth; the number of these sites currently in use; the purpose for which they are used; the number of these sites earmarked for proposed development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [45499/25]

*2299. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if she will address concerns raised by the family; if an appointment will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45505/25]

*2300. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the launch of Ireland's first publicly funded oral immunotherapy service in Cork University Hospital (details supplied); and her views on whether this should be rolled out nationwide. — Paul Murphy. [45506/25]

*2301. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether EpiPens should be available in public spaces on a similar basis to the public availability of defibrillators. — Paul Murphy. [45507/25]

*2302. To ask the Minister for Health if she will examine access to sensory rooms in hospitals; the sensory-friendly facilities that are currently available in hospitals across the State, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45509/25]

*2303. To ask the Minister for Health if she is considering the advice of the Law Reform Commission to regulate the provision of independent advocacy services in Ireland; if so, the form of regulation this is likely to take; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [45511/25]

*2304. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE has ceased refunding batteries for sleep apnoea machines under the drugs payment scheme as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45517/25]

*2305. To ask the Minister for Health the reason persons that successfully completed the privileging course on 11 July 2025 were initially allowed to practice as advanced paramedics and were subsequently notified on 13 August 2025 that the letters provided permitting them to do so were rescinded and they were not allowed to practice as advanced paramedics until further notice; if and when it is expected these individuals will be allowed to practice as advanced paramedics; the process for allowing these individuals to practice as advanced paramedics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [45519/25]

*2306. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting surgical removal of their wisdom teeth in CHO8, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [45529/25]

*2307. To ask the Minister for Health the full year cost to fully staff three extra perinatal mental health teams. — Darren O'Rourke. [45530/25]

*2308. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole time equivalent staff by job title in HSE adult safeguarding teams within CHO8; and the timeframe for filling each of the vacancies, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [45538/25]

*2309. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost to recruit two additional WTE senior pharmaceutical technicians; and two additional senior pharmacists to work in the Public Health Services. — Darren O'Rourke. [45539/25]

*2310. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons a child reported as being at risk of sexual abuse in the Dublin south central area was left on a waiting list for over 14 months without allocation to a child welfare officer, despite a second referral being made within one month; and if she will outline the measures being taken to ensure that such delays are not repeated in future cases. — Ken O'Flynn. [45546/25]

*2311. To ask the Minister for Health the names of all community health networks; whether the names correspond with the regional population profiles (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [45572/25]

*2312. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residents accommodated by the HSE in a property acquired for residential mental health service use in a location (details supplied) and the opening date of that service. — Liam Quaide. [45573/25]

*2313. To ask the Minister for Health whether evaluation has taken place regarding the implementation of the Irish food allergy network's guidance about best practices in schools and childcare settings. — Paul Murphy. [45577/25]

*2314. To ask the Minister for Health to address the lack of dental practices in Kerry accepting new patients under the medical card scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45578/25]

*2315. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance attendances at each emergency department nationwide in July 2025; the number of such ambulances that waited longer than 20 minutes to hand over patients, get their trolleys back and return to responding to calls; and the number that waited longer than 40 minutes, 60 minutes, 90 minutes, 120 minutes and more than 180 minutes. — Martin Daly. [45579/25]

*2316. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of clinical status 1 ECHO incidents responded to by a first responder in 7 minutes and 59 seconds or less; and the percentage of clinical status 1 DELTA incidents responded to by a patient carrying vehicle, in 7 minutes and 59 seconds or less by ambulance station in each of the months in 2025 to July or latest date available. — Martin Daly. [45580/25]

*2317. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the health technology assessment of the muscular dystrophy drug (details supplied); if she will consider the inclusion of this drug on the drugs payment scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [45581/25]

*2318. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the provision of Portiuncula University Hospital Maternity Services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45584/25]

*2319. To ask the Minister for Health the operational or administrative measures within the Health Service Executive run psychiatric units have been or will be implemented to fulfil the principle of 'support there and then' under Maxi's Law specifically regarding referral agreements with private facilities when public units such as Crosslanes Drogheda Co Louth are at capacity. — Paula Butterly. [45588/25]

*2320. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant posts funded by the Health Service Executive; the number of posts which are filled and unfilled per hospital (details supplied), by hospital, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [45590/25]

*2321. To ask the Minister for Health to outline her Department's official position on the definition of biological sex and gender; whether she accepts that biological sex is immutable apart

from rare intersex conditions; and if she will clarify whether the HSE's training materials reflect official departmental policy or an ideological interpretation. — Ken O'Flynn. [45610/25]

*2322. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for HSE funding and promoting pronoun awareness training modules which state that "biological sex can change over time, in light of the established scientific consensus that biological sex is determined by chromosomes and does not change during a person's lifetime. — Ken O'Flynn. [45611/25]

*2323. To ask the Minister for Health the cost to date of HSE-funded pronoun and gender identity training programmes, including those provided by FDYS youth service under the social Inclusion budget; if she will provide a breakdown of costs by year; and the justification for allocating public health funding to these initiatives. — Ken O'Flynn. [45612/25]

*2324. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is satisfied that HSE training content which discourages the use of terms such as mother and father, parent, or guardian is compatible with maintaining clear communication in clinical and family health contexts, particularly in paediatrics, maternity services, and elder care. — Ken O'Flynn. [45613/25]

*2325. To ask the Minister for Health whether she considers it appropriate that HSE training instructs staff that persistent refusal to use new or neo-pronouns requires re-education, and if she will clarify whether disciplinary processes are envisaged for staff who, on conscientious or scientific grounds, believe there are two biological sexes. — Ken O'Flynn. [45614/25]

*2326. To ask the Minister for Health the way the HSE reconciles its training materials that describe biological sex as a spectrum with standard medical science which recognises male and female biological categories, alongside a small number of intersex conditions; and if she will provide the scientific or clinical sources underpinning the HSE's position. — Ken O'Flynn. [45615/25]

*2327. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has consulted with medical, psychiatric, and endocrinological experts in the preparation of its pronoun and gender identity training materials; if so, if she will publish those expert reports; and if not, if she will provide a reason such consultation was not undertaken. — Ken O'Flynn. [45616/25]

*2328. To ask the Minister for Health whether HSE staff are mandated to display pronoun badges, alter their email signatures, or otherwise publicise their pronouns; and if she will clarify whether participation in pronoun disclosure practices is voluntary or compulsory for HSE employees. — Ken O'Flynn. [45617/25]

*2329. To ask the Minister for Health whether she has considered the risk of patient confusion or diminished trust in clinical settings arising from HSE staff introducing themselves with pronouns, and whether an impact assessment has been conducted to evaluate effects on patient care. — Ken O'Flynn. [45618/25]

*2330. To ask the Minister for Health whether it is the role of the HSE to promote contested ideological views on sex and gender, as opposed to focusing on the delivery of medical care and the promotion of evidence-based health education. — Ken O'Flynn. [45619/25]

*2331. To ask the Minister for Health if she will examine HSE training modules on gender and pronouns to ensure that they accurately reflect biological science and do not compromise the clarity of communication essential in healthcare settings. — Ken O'Flynn. [45620/25]

*2332. To ask the Minister for Health the support and assistance available to a family based in County Louth (details supplied) who do not meet the criteria for the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [45621/25]

*2333. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting to access residential detox beds in CHO3; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [45623/25]

*2334. To ask the Minister for Health the whole time equivalent staff, by job title currently vacant at the medical assessment unit based at Ennis General Hospital; the timeframe for filling each of those vacancies, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [45625/25]

*2335. To ask the Minister for Health whether all primary care eye teams are in full operation nationwide; to provide details of all primary care eye teams in operation and all PCETs that are not operational as of 14 August 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [45626/25]

*2336. To ask the Minister for Health the number of catering managers employed by the HSE within CHO3 in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [45627/25]

*2337. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the eligibility of transgender women under the free hormone replacement therapy scheme; if this matter has been clarified with the Irish Pharmacy Union; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45631/25]

*2338. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline of when she expects to see a comprehensive roll out of a full 7-day roster across the hospital network; when she envisages waiting lists can be sufficiently addressed without the need for insourcing and outsourcing initiatives; the additional number of healthcare staff required to achieve full capacity in the health service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45632/25]

*2339. To ask the Minister for Health if she will commission a cost-benefit analysis of a potential policy decision that moves away from procuring insourcing activity in the health service, including any additional investment required to treat the same number of public patients on waiting lists via outsourcing activity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45633/25]

*2340. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer cases that have been diagnosed via insourcing activity between 2021 and 2024; the extent to which cancer appointments have been cancelled because of recent guidance from the Health Service Executive to senior hospital management to immediately limit insourcing activity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45634/25]

*2341. To ask the Minister for Health when a policy decision on the future use of insourcing activity in the health service will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45635/25]

*2342. To ask the Minister for Health if she will instruct her officials and the HSE to carry out a detailed assessment of the impacts of a phasing out of insourcing activity in the health service

including on patients on hospital waiting lists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45636/25]

*2343. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she is taking to consult all relevant stakeholders in advance of making a policy decisions on the future of insourcing activity, including hospital management, patient advocacy groups and insourcing providers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45637/25]

*2344. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients in each of the years 2021 to 2024 on waiting lists who have received care via insourcing activity, in tabular form; the extent to which this has activity reduced waiting lists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45638/25]

*2345. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the processing of a medication (details supplied) on the HSE reimbursement list; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45641/25]

*2346. To ask the Minister for Health the names of organisations funded by the Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme; the total amount received in each of the years 2014 to 2024, and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [45649/25]

*2347. To ask the Minister for Health when a medication (details supplied) to treat people who have a nut allergy will be made available for those under 18 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45650/25]

*2348. To ask the Minister for Health to examine the challenges posed by sexually transmitted infections in the State as recent data from the Health Protection Surveillance Centre underscores the need for renewed focus and action; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45651/25]

*2349. To ask the Minister for Health to address issues in a hospital (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45652/25]

*2350. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public referrals made to a mental health service (details supplied) in 2024; and the number of referrals refused, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [45659/25]

*2351. To ask the Minister for Health if she will address the case of a person (details supplied) who has been unable to access either residential accommodation or day service transport service; if she will confirm when adequate accommodation space, transport services and staff supports will be made available to ensure that individuals with disabilities can safely live out their lives and consistently attend their day services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [45660/25]

*2352. To ask the Minister for Health to set out the current pathway by which a person in Ireland who suffers a serious adverse reaction following vaccination may obtain compensation, including whether any ex-gratia or statutory routes exists; the number of cases compensated by the State since 2000; the total amounts paid, itemised by year and vaccine, if available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [45666/25]

*2353. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the establishment of a State vaccine injury compensation scheme; the target go-live date; the proposed administrator; whether the scheme will be statutory or administrative; whether it will be retrospective to vaccinations administered since 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [45667/25]

*2354. To ask the Minister for Health the proposed standard of proof for eligibility under any State vaccine injury compensation scheme; whether determinations will operate on the balance of probabilities; whether presumptive conditions will be listed on a “vaccine injury table” with defined time-to-onset criteria, as used in comparable international schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [45668/25]

*2355. To ask the Minister for Health if she will publish draft heads of bill or scheme rules for public consultation before commencement of a State vaccine injury compensation scheme; the planned appeals mechanism; whether appeals will lie to an independent tribunal; the expected average decision time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [45669/25]

*2356. To ask the Minister for Health whether legal costs in any State vaccine injury compensation scheme will be borne by the scheme for unsuccessful as well as successful applicants subject to basic merit thresholds, in line with international comparators; the projected annual budget impact and contingency provision for the first five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [45670/25]

*2357. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the number of suspected adverse reaction reports for vaccines received by the HPRA in each year from 2019 to 2025, disaggregated by vaccine, seriousness, age band, and outcome; and to confirm the number of these cases proceeded to any form of compensation or settlement. — Ken O’Flynn. [45671/25]

*2358. To ask the Minister for Health whether any planned State vaccine injury compensation scheme will cover non-COVID vaccines in the National Immunisation Programme; how childhood, HPV, influenza, and adult booster vaccines will be treated; whether coverage will extend to off-schedule but HSE-administered vaccines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [45672/25]

*2359. To ask the Minister for Health whether a State vaccine injury compensation scheme will include a tax-free lump-sum model, periodic payments, or both; the proposed award calibration for death, severe disability, loss of earnings, care, medical costs, and rehabilitation; whether indexation will apply; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [45673/25]

*2360. To ask the Minister for Health to publish an annual report on vaccine adverse events and compensation, integrating HPRA pharmacovigilance data with scheme outcomes; to include rates per million doses administered by vaccine and year; and to benchmark Ireland against the EU and the UK. — Ken O’Flynn. [45674/25]

*2361. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently on the outpatient gynaecology waiting list at Mullingar Regional Hospital; and of these the number awaiting investigation or treatment for endometriosis. — Sorca Clarke. [45675/25]

*2362. To ask the Minister for Health the number of day-case and inpatient surgical procedures carried out for endometriosis at Mullingar Regional Hospital, in the past five years. — Sorca Clarke. [45676/25]

*2363. To ask the Minister for Health if she has plans to expand endometriosis services at Mullingar Regional Hospital. — Sorca Clarke. [45677/25]

*2364. To ask the Minister for Health the funding spent on ambulance bases (details supplied) in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [45688/25]

*2365. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the cessation of child developmental checks under the National Healthy Childhood Programme in Dublin mid-west due to staff shortages in the public health nurse network; the areas in the constituency that remain impacted; the actions being taken to ensure a full service; when a full service will be reinstated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45692/25]

*2366. To ask the Minister for Health the number, category and response time for ambulance call-outs to addresses in Ashbourne, County Meath in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45693/25]

*2367. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to improve ambulance services serving Ashbourne, County Meath; if she intends to provide a dedicated service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45694/25]

*2368. To ask the Minister for Health if she will publish FSAI analysis for 2015 to 2025 on saturated-fat trends in mass-market products including chocolate, ice cream and frozen desserts; and if she will indicate whether Ireland has met the 10% reduction target under the reformulation roadmap. — Ken O'Flynn. [45699/25]

*2369. To ask the Minister for Health if she will mandate a temporary "Recipe changed on [date]" front-of-pack notice where the primary fat changes to a higher-saturated-fat ingredient i.e. switch to coconut or palm, with thresholds and category guidance. — Ken O'Flynn. [45700/25]

*2370. To ask the Minister for Health if she will direct the HSE to run a short public information campaign explaining saturated fat guidance in plain language, aligned with WHO/EFSA. — Ken O'Flynn. [45701/25]

*2371. To ask the Minister for Health if a fair deal application for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45711/25]

*2372. To ask the Minister for Health to provide for each SATU in Ireland, including Mullingar Regional Hospital, the number of approved posts at every staff grade/role; the number of posts currently filled; and the number of posts currently vacant. — Sorca Clarke. [45712/25]

*2373. To ask the Minister for Health for each post in every SATU, if she will provide details of any position that has been unfilled or vacant for more than four weeks, specifying whether the vacancy is due to leave, sick leave, maternity leave or other reasons. — Sorca Clarke. [45713/25]

*2374. To ask the Minister for Health to detail her progress in getting a profession recognised with CORU (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45719/25]

*2375. To ask the Minister for Health the spending to date with a company (details supplied) and any external contractors or management consulting firms on the electronic health records system for the National Children's Hospital, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [45740/25]

*2376. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in each of the past five years who have been discharged from nursing homes; the proportion of same who were recipients of fair deal supports and for a breakdown of the reasons for these discharges, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [45751/25]

*2377. To ask the Minister for Health when a person will receive a medical procedure (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45763/25]

*2378. To ask the Minister for Health to examine the case of a child (details supplied) who is not receiving the correct homecare for his needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [45764/25]

*2379. To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency ambulances that have been decommissioned by the Health Service Executive (HSE) national ambulance service to date in 2025; the number of new emergency ambulances that have been acquired to date in 2025; the number of intermediate care ambulances that have been decommissioned by the HSE national ambulance service to date in 2025; the number of new intermediate care ambulances that have been acquired to date in 2025; the number of rapid response vehicles that have been decommissioned by the HSE national ambulance service to date in 2025; the number of new rapid response vehicles that have been acquired to date in 2025; the number of vehicles that have been commissioned or purchased as rapid response vehicles by the national ambulance service acquired to date in 2025; the number in use; the number awaiting entry into service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [45766/25]

*2380. To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency ambulances in service by the year they entered service, between pods and vehicles in terms of the date they entered service and the Health Service Executive (HSE) region in which they are based; the number of intermediate care ambulances in service by year they entered service; by pods and vehicles in terms of the date they entered service, the HSE region in which they are based, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [45767/25]

*2381. To ask the Minister for Health the distances travelled by emergency ambulances, intermediate care ambulances and rapid response vehicles, in service in such a capacity respectively by Health Service Executive region and subdivided by every 50,000 miles or 80,000 kilometres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [45768/25]

*2382. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to expand the oral immunotherapy programme for children with peanut and tree nut allergies at Cork university hospital to children aged five years and older; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [45776/25]

*2383. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the external retrospective review of children who have undergone unnecessary hip dysplasia surgery has been delayed until January 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [45779/25]

*2384. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she is taking to ensure clear and transparent communication between the HSE and families affected by the retrospective review into

unnecessary hip dysplasia surgeries; and if she will instruct the HSE to provide immediate updates. — Sorca Clarke. [45780/25]

*2385. To ask the Minister for Health if she has considered establishing a dedicated webpage or platform to provide families with timely updates on the review into unnecessary hip dysplasia surgeries. — Sorca Clarke. [45781/25]

*2386. To ask the Minister for Health whether psychological and practical support services are being offered to families whose children have undergone unnecessary hip surgeries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [45782/25]

*2387. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to address the uncertainty facing staff at a unit which is due to transfer from a healthcare provider (details supplied) to the HSE at the end of August 2025; the arrangement made to retain the existing staff employed at the unit, and the steps the HSE is taking to ensure continuity of employment and service delivery during this transition; if she will ensure that the HSE engages directly with all affected staff to clarify their employment status and to support a smooth transfer process. — Michael Lowry. [45784/25]

*2388. To ask the Minister for Health the national standards that maternity hospitals follow in relation to bereavement care following pregnancy loss and perinatal death; the staffing requirements outlined in these standards including whether bereavement midwife posts must be full-time or part-time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [45789/25]

*2389. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing levels in the maternity department of Mayo university hospital in relation to bereavement care; the number of bereavement midwife posts filled and unfilled; the number of days per week the bereavement midwife post is covered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [45790/25]

*2390. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding allocated to Mayo university hospital by the HSE for bereavement services in its maternity department from 2016 to date in 2025, in tabular form; the posts this funding was intended to support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [45791/25]

*2391. To ask the Minister for Health whether Mayo university hospital has utilised all funding allocated for bereavement services in its maternity department since 2016; whether this funding has been used to maintain a full-time bereavement midwife post; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [45792/25]

*2392. To ask the Minister for Health whether any patients at Mayo university hospital have had to travel to other hospitals due to the absence of bereavement care staff; the measures being taken to ensure full-time bereavement support is available at all times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [45793/25]

*2393. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has assessed the public health implications of requiring high strength beers often 10-12% ABV to be served only in imperial pint (568ml), half-pint (284ml) rather than smaller quantities such as 150ml, which may better align with safe consumption guidelines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [45802/25]

*2394. To ask the Minister for Health if she will support amending the legal metrology (intoxicating liquor) regulations to allow smaller CE-marked metric serving sizes of draught beer and cider, in order to promote safer alcohol consumption in line with the national drugs strategy's aim of reducing alcohol harm; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [45803/25]

*2395. To ask the Minister for Health if she will engage with the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment on ensuring that metrology regulations relating to draught beer and cider are consistent with both EU law and Ireland's public health objectives. — Gary Gannon. [45804/25]

*2396. To ask the Minister for Health whether a premises (details supplied) is still in the ownership of the HSE; if so, the future plans for the building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [45815/25]

*2397. To ask the Minister for Health if she will assist in the case of person experiencing chronic pain (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45817/25]

*2398. To ask the Minister for Health the current target waiting time for scoliosis surgery; the plans and timeline for reducing average waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [45831/25]

*2399. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department is considering including the shingles vaccine as part of the national immunisation programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45832/25]

*2400. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the dual diagnosis pilot scheme; the current sites where the pilot is in operation; the number of service users who have been supported to date; the outcomes achieved; the staffing and funding allocated to the scheme in 2024 and 2025; the timeline for the full rollout of dual diagnosis teams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [45834/25]

*2401. To ask the Minister for Health to review and increase the current resources being allocated to the National Ambulance services given issues that have been raised (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [45839/25]

*2402. To ask the Minister for Health her views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to the standards and criteria for counsellors and psychotherapists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [45847/25]

*2403. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position regarding a development at a location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45848/25]

*2404. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position regarding a development at a location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45849/25]

*2405. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position regarding a development at a location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45850/25]

*2406. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position regarding a development at a location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45851/25]

*2407. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical evacuation will be expedited for a person from Gaza (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [45852/25]

*2408. To ask the Minister for Health if a proportionality assessment was carried out prior to the adoption by CORU of the new Standards of Proficiency and Criteria for Education and Training Programmes for Counsellors and Psychotherapists, as required under the Proportionality Regulations (S.I. No. 413 of 2022); the process followed, including consultation with stakeholders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [45855/25]

*2409. To ask the Minister for Health her views in relation to issues raised (details supplied) regarding the recent publication of the Standards and Criteria for Counsellors and Psychotherapists by the Counsellors and Psychotherapists Registration Board of CORU; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45857/25]

*2410. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the reported delayed introduction of alcohol health-warning labels; if she intends to proceed with the introduction of labelling in the lifetime of the Government; if so, the timeline for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45859/25]

*2411. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated number of hospital beds which are unavailable due to delayed transfer of care on grounds of homelessness; and the estimated cost to the Exchequer of same. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45870/25]

*2412. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the impact delayed transfers of care on grounds of homelessness have on the capacity of the health system to treat new patients and for any research undertaken or commissioned in relation to this by her Department or any agencies under its remit (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45871/25]

*2413. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide clarity on the process followed by the Counsellors and Psychotherapists Registration Board of CORU in adopting the recently published Standards and Criteria for Counsellors and Psychotherapists; if a proportionality assessment was carried out before their adoption; the consultation process undertaken; the rationale for the changes made between the 2023 draft standards and the final published version; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [45872/25]

*2414. To ask the Minister for Health the eligibility of people accessing HRT for gender affirming care under the free HRT scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [45876/25]

*2415. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position regarding a development at a health centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45885/25]

*2416. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position regarding a development at a health centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45886/25]

*2417. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently examine concerns raised in correspondence regarding a recent publication (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45888/25]

*2418. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 482 of 24 September 2024 if a medical procedure will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if she will request an explanation from the hospital as to why numerous dates for the operation over a three year period were cancelled when his case was deemed extremely urgent by his medical team. — John McGuinness. [45904/25]

*2419. To ask the Minister for Health for an overview of the current neurosurgery services provided at a hospital (details supplied); the current infrastructure available to surgical teams at this site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [45916/25]

*2420. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the HSE's plans to expand Ireland's neurosurgery programme and infrastructure to ensure patients can potentially more readily avail of life-changing procedures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [45917/25]

*2421. To ask the Minister for Health if she ensured a proportionality assessment and public consultation was carried out regarding the set standards of proficiency and criteria for education and training programmes for counsellors and psychotherapists, as published by the Counsellors and Psychotherapists Registration Board of CORU in July 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [45921/25]

*2422. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on any human resources processes regarding a person (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [45927/25]

*2423. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on the services currently provided for adult patients with epilepsy at Limerick University Hospital; the number and grade of staff that are currently attached to this service at this site; the number of current staff vacancies within this service; the number of epilepsy patients currently registered with this service; the number of patients currently awaiting first consultations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [45937/25]

*2424. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on the services currently provided for paediatric patients with epilepsy at Limerick University Hospital; the number and grade of staff that are currently attached to this service at this site; the number of current staff vacancies within this service; the number of epilepsy patients currently registered with this service; the number of patients currently awaiting first consultations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [45938/25]

*2425. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the date in which the new ophthalmologist appointed in South Tipperary will take up their post; the number of children waiting to be seen by the ophthalmologist; the plan to reduce the waiting lists for those who have missed out on appointments while there was no ophthalmologist; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45939/25]

*2426. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the concerns of members of an association (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45954/25]

*2427. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will commit to reviewing the Government's recycling contract (details supplied) that launched in 2024, as there is no accommodation for wheelchair users to access this public service; the reason disability access wasn't deemed essential as part of this contract; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45958/25]

*2428. To ask the Minister for Health if she will request the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh to provide details of the background to the decision taken by the hospital in 2009 to operate on a person (details supplied) If the appliance or metalwork used in the operation was the appropriate one and if it was quality approved, certified and licensed; if the consultant had written or verbal approval from senior professionals in that department; if the hospital will also explain the rationale behind the decision to shorten the good leg by shaving the bone in that leg; if this case will be included with others in any review or investigation into this type of procedure undertaken by this hospital; the reason it was advised by WUH that this patient be confined to a wheelchair prior to the various operations when some years later a consultant at WUH described that advice as being incorrect and absolutely unnecessary; if the appropriate follow up was undertaken by both hospitals; if the email issued to the patients mother, dated 22/08/2025 will be withdrawn given the current controversy's; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [46021/25]

*2429. To ask the Minister for Health the options open to a person applying for a GP visit card (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [46027/25]

*2430. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify if under the free HRT scheme transgender people who require HRT can also avail of it for free when prescribed by a doctor; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [46028/25]

*2431. To ask the Minister for Health for the status of the regaining of pedestrian access behind the rialto Luas stop which has been closed due to the construction of the new children's hospital. — Jen Cummins. [46033/25]

*2432. To ask the Minister for Health if she will detail the total number of staff on a whole time equivalent basis at the end of June 2025; the number of medical-dental staff on a whole time equivalent basis in each public-voluntary hospital at the end of June 2025; and the number of nursing & midwifery staff on a whole time equivalent basis in each public-voluntary hospital at the end of June 2025, for each public-voluntary hospital, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [46098/25]

*2433. To ask the Minister for Health if she has received correspondence from an organisation (details supplied) expressing concerns with regard to the recent publication of the standards and criteria for counsellors and psychotherapists by the Counsellors and Psychotherapists Registration Board of CORU; her response to such concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [46102/25]

*2434. To ask the Minister for Health if she will detail the gross exchequer allocation, the net allocation, the gross budget outturn, and the net budget outturn, for each public-voluntary hospital for each year 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [46104/25]

*2435. To ask the Minister for Health if she will detail the gross exchequer allocation and the net allocation for each public-voluntary hospital for 2025 in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [46105/25]

*2436. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of emergency department personnel currently on annual leave and sick leave from duty; the total number absent, by a categorisation of their leave type; the number and percentage of emergency department personnel on leave; and the breakdown of the length of leave, by categorisation of leave type. — Paul Lawless. [46107/25]

*2437. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite the primary care centre in Cahersiveen, County Kerry for the residents of Cahersiveen, Iveragh and south Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [46122/25]

*2438. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans in place to review the health insurance levy and to explore options for its reduction which could focus on the potential for increased affordability and accessibility for the public; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [46125/25]

*2439. To ask the Minister for Health the reason BreastCheck failed to meet its annual screening targets in 2023 and 2024; her plans to ensure they meet their target in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [46131/25]

*2440. To ask the Minister for Health the total funding allocated to the BreastCheck programme in each of the years 2020-2025; the projected allocation for 2026; and her views on whether this funding is sufficient to meet the annual screening target. — Sorca Clarke. [46132/25]

*2441. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of radiographers, radiologists, breast surgeons, and triple assessment clinic staff employed by BreastCheck, compared to the number required to deliver screening and assessment to target capacity and the current number of vacancies. — Sorca Clarke. [46133/25]

*2442. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of BreastCheck resources, by RHA, including staff numbers, budget and access to a triple assessment clinic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [46134/25]

*2443. To ask the Minister for Health when the report into the review of CAMHS in north Kerry will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [46135/25]

*2444. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the significantly higher cost of gluten-free food products compared with standard equivalents; the impact this has on people with coeliac disease and gluten intolerance; and the steps she is taking to make gluten free food more affordable. — Sorca Clarke. [46137/25]

*2445. To ask the Minister for Health her response to the announcement by an organisation (details supplied) that it will be forced to cut staff due to a fall in donations; her Department’s assessment of the impact these cuts will have on the provision of suicide prevention and crisis intervention services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [46139/25]

*2446. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the continued use of pharmaceutical products manufactured by Israeli companies within the HSE, in light of calls from CHI consultants to end the use of Israeli drugs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [46140/25]

*2447. To ask the Minister for Health to review a case (details supplied) and expedite an appointment for surgery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [46142/25]

*2448. To ask the Minister for Health the measures she is taking to improve supports for people with early onset Parkinson's disease; if she plans to increase capacity for deep brain stimulation procedures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [46143/25]

*2449. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if she will address the concerns raised; if she will expedite an appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [46145/25]

*2450. To ask the Minister for Health the average time of a handover from ambulance staff to emergency department staff, broken down by hospital category; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [46158/25]

*2451. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of in-patients beds in each public/voluntary hospital including any beds currently/temporarily closed; the total number of day case beds in each including any beds currently/temporarily closed; the equivalent figures for both categories of bed in each public/voluntary hospital on 1 January 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [46162/25]

*2452. To ask the Minister for Health if she will sanction the reimbursement of versatis under the drugs payment scheme. — Thomas Gould. [46165/25]

*2453. To ask the Minister for Health to review and expediate the case of a medical evacuation for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [46166/25]

*2454. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that average wait-times in the Tallaght University Hospital emergency department have risen by 43% since 2020; the actions she is taking to remedy the situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [46177/25]

*2455. To ask the Minister for Health to publish an annual report on vaccine adverse events and compensation, integrating HPRA pharmacovigilance data with scheme outcomes; to include rates per million doses administered by vaccine and year; and to benchmark Ireland against the EU and the UK. — Ken O'Flynn. [46187/25]

*2456. To ask the Minister for Health if the scheme will include non-financial supports, including medical cards, counselling, vocational rehabilitation, and independent case-management for successful applicants and their families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [46188/25]

*2457. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which GPs and vaccinators will be informed about the new scheme; the patient-facing information materials to be provided at the point of

vaccination; and the process for informed consent updates once the scheme commences; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [46189/25]

*2458. To ask the Minister for Health if the scheme will recognise injuries following mixed-brand or heterologous schedules where causation apportionment is complex; the approach to multi-dose temporal associations; if a proportional liability model will apply; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [46190/25]

*2459. To ask the Minister for Health the data-sharing arrangements between the scheme administrator, the HPRA, the HSE, and the Department for actuarial forecasting and safety signal detection; to confirm compliance with GDPR and patient confidentiality; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [46191/25]

*2460. To ask the Minister for Health to publish an initial actuarial and sensitivity analysis for the scheme, using international experience on applications per million doses, success rates, average award and administration costs to include a worked example using the US figure of approximately one compensated case per million doses distributed over 2006-2023 as a comparator; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [46192/25]

*2461. To ask the Minister for Health if the scheme will include a fast-track process for clearly table-listed injuries, target decision times for those cases, and performance metrics to be reported quarterly to the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [46193/25]

*2462. To ask the Minister for Health if adverse events following vaccination administered outside HSE settings but within the State, or administered abroad to Irish residents, will be eligible; the way in which domicile and jurisdiction will be assessed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [46194/25]

*2463. To ask the Minister for Health if deaths temporally associated with vaccination will be eligible where a coroner’s verdict is inconclusive but medical evidence supports probability; the evidentiary threshold; the role of independent medical experts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [46195/25]

*2464. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a legal analysis of the way in which the proposed scheme will interact with existing tort remedies; if acceptance of an award will bar subsequent civil action; if structured settlements will be available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [46196/25]

*2465. To ask the Minister for Health if interim payments will be available pending final determination; the criteria for hardship; the process for periodic review of awards where clinical status changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [46197/25]

*2466. To ask the Minister for Health to publish scheme governance documents, including conflict-of-interest policies, panel selection criteria for medical assessors, and external audit arrangements; the way patient representatives will be included in oversight; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [46198/25]

*2467. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of children waiting for speech and language, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and psychology services in south Tipperary; the

average waiting time for each service; the number of children waiting for an assessment of needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [46199/25]

*2468. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which a family can access vaccines for their child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [46205/25]

*2469. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for a decision to award limited home help and home support hours to a person (details supplied); if she is satisfied that the service offered fully responds to the needs of this person as a holder of an enhanced medical card under the mother and baby home scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [46207/25]

*2470. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to change the rules for the shingles vaccination and allow patients over 70 years to receive it through the medical card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [46211/25]

*2471. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the correspondence (details supplied); if she will expedite the appointment referred to therein; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [46219/25]

*2472. To ask the Minister for Health if a response will issue to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [46221/25]

*2473. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultancy rooms for doctors practicing privately in the new Children’s Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [46223/25]

*2474. To ask the Minister for Health when an overdue reviewed service statement in respect of a child (details supplied) will be provided; if she will contact the HSE in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [46225/25]

*2475. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant nephrologists based at Tallaght University Hospital in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [46228/25]

*2476. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE paediatric occupational therapist posts that were actually filled within primary care system within CHO7 in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [46229/25]

*2477. To ask the Minister for Health the current vacancies, by job title within older persons services within CHO7; the estimated timeframe for filling each of the vacancies, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [46230/25]

*2478. To ask the Minister for Health the number of missed or delayed cancer detections identified following the cytology review of a hospital (details supplied); and if she will order an independent nationwide audit to protect patient safety. — Ken O’Flynn. [46261/25]

*2479. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for EU (Regulated Professions Proportionality Assessment) Regulations 2022 (S.I. No. 413 of 2022) to be complied with in order for standards of proficiency and criteria in education and training programmes to be finalised for psychotherapists and counsellors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [46295/25]

*2480. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the strategic workforce planning programme detailed in the Path to Universal Healthcare: Sláintecare & Programme for Government 2025+; if a specific unit in her Department is leading on this work; the timeframe being worked towards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [46298/25]

*2481. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a breakdown of the number of audiologists employed by the HSE, by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [46299/25]

*2482. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for an audiology assessment and fitting of hearing aids, broken down by RHA; the steps being taken to reduce these waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [46300/25]

*2483. To ask the Minister for Health whether the free HRT scheme has been fully rolled out; whether the scheme has delays and if they have been resolved. — Ann Graves. [46314/25]

*2484. To ask the Minister for Health the average handover time from the ambulance staff to ED staff, by category in main hospitals. — Paul Lawless. [46318/25]

*2485. To ask the Minister for Health when the vacancy for a position (details supplied) will be filled; the funding provided for the post; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [46320/25]

*2486. To ask the Minister for Health the steps her Department and the HSE will take to ensure that newly qualified nurses are provided with employment opportunities within the Irish health system; if she will address the difficulties being experienced by graduate nurses (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [46329/25]

*2487. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on audiology waiting lists in the past 5 years, per year, in tabular form, and the number of persons that received audiology assessments and hearing aids in the same period. — Sorca Clarke. [46330/25]

*2488. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the total funding allocated to County Louth under this Department from 2023 to date, per year in tabular form. — Erin McGreehan. [46353/25]

*2489. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the adoption of standards and criteria for counsellors and psychotherapists by the counsellors and psychotherapists registration board of CORU given issues that have been raised (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [46367/25]

*2490. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a proportionality assessment of the standards and criteria for counsellors and psychotherapist; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [46368/25]

*2491. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for children and young people to access specialist eating disorder services in each RHA, in 2024 and to date in 2025. — Sorca Clarke. [46370/25]

*2492. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the concerns raised by an association (details supplied) regarding changed standards and criteria for counsellors and psychotherapists by the Counsellors and Psychotherapists Registration Board of CORU (the Board); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [46371/25]

*2493. To ask the Minister for Health if she has considered introducing a structured screening programme for prostate cancer, similar to BreastCheck and CervicalCheck, given international evidence and recent high-profile cases highlighting the consequences of late diagnoses. — Ken O'Flynn. [46373/25]

*2494. To ask the Minister for Health the public information campaigns that are in place to encourage men over 50, or those in high-risk categories, to request PSA testing from their GP; and if she will consider funding a targeted awareness initiative. — Ken O'Flynn. [46374/25]

*2495. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of prostate cancer cases diagnosed at stage three or four in each of the past five years; and the steps being taken to improve earlier detection rates. — Ken O'Flynn. [46375/25]

*2496. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will review whether men without regular GP access are at a disadvantage in accessing PSA testing; and if alternative access pathways will be considered. — Ken O'Flynn. [46376/25]

*2497. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has conducted a cost-benefit analysis of introducing routine PSA screening for men in certain age brackets, in terms of both survival outcomes and reduced treatment costs for late-stage cancer. — Ken O'Flynn. [46377/25]

*2498. To ask the Minister for Health if she will state whether or not she or her officials were fully aware of the connections between companies (details supplied) and the Department of Health during the 1950's; if similar files on thalidomide are being withheld; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [46390/25]

*2499. To ask the Minister for Health if agreement has been reached with an association (details supplied) on a health plan for its members; if thalidomide victims who are not members of that association will be approved for medical cards; if she will provide an update on this scheme; if she will outline the status of the general compensation scheme and explain the reasons for such an inordinate delay in finalising matters; if all the Government leaders are still committed to the outcome outlined to the association at high level meetings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [46395/25]

*2500. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2101 of 29 July 2025, if the information is now available regarding the number of prisoners transferred to the central mental hospital from each prison in 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, including the average wait time for transfer each year, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46407/25]

*2501. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be made for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [46416/25]

*2502. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in the Republic of Ireland who have been granted a long-term illness card under the diagnosis of spina bifida, for each year from 1997 to the most recent year available, by year of birth, in tabular form; to clarify whether these figures include deceased persons; if not, if she will provide both sets of figures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [46423/25]

*2503. To ask the Minister for Health if the ‘lookback’ review of matters relating to the miscategorising of pre-cancerous cells by a consultant at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Drogheda was prompted exclusively by the hospital’s quality assurance process or were concerns over the performance of the consultant in question raised independently, and in any other context, with management; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [46428/25]

*2504. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm the current employment status of the consultant who is the subject of the review into matters relating to the miscategorising of pre-cancerous cells by a medic at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Drogheda; if the consultant is still operating in a patient-facing role; if not, on which date were they taken out of a patient-facing role; are there any similar reviews currently underway into the actions of any other doctor at the hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [46429/25]

*2505. To ask the Minister for Health for the date on which hospital management and the HSE were first informed of the issues that prompted the ‘lookback’ review into matters relating to the miscategorising of pre-cancerous cells by a consultant at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Drogheda; the steps management took from that date to the HSE’s media statement announcing the review on the 26 August 2025; the date on which it was decided to carry out an independent review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [46430/25]

*2506. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the details and addresses of all properties in the ownership of the Department that are absolved from paying commercial rates to the relevant local authority of the location that the property is in; to provide a similar list of properties for agencies or bodies under its remit that are also absolved from commercial rates, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [46441/25]

*2507. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update regarding a health centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [46456/25]

*2508. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount spent by the State on advertising campaigns related to abortion provision, by year in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025; by category, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [46460/25]

*2509. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm the reasons behind the decision to discontinue the provision of coronial post mortems at University Hospital Waterford from 1 January 2026, if she will consider reversing this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [46474/25]

*2510. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [46483/25]

*2511. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the planned discontinuing of coronial postmortems in University Hospital Waterford, effective from 1 January 2026 and that this will mean that no such postmortems can then be carried out in the south-east region from that date. — Conor D. McGuinness. [46492/25]

*2512. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the process and reasoning behind the decision to discontinue coronial postmortems in University Hospital Waterford effective from 1 January 2026. — Conor D. McGuinness. [46493/25]

*2513. To ask the Minister for Health the actions her Department will take to ensure that coronial postmortems will continue to be provided in the south-east region (Waterford, Wexford, Kilkenny, Tipperary and Carlow) after 1 January 2026, and if such steps will include the overturning of the HSE decision to withdraw such services from University Hospital Waterford. — Conor D. McGuinness. [46494/25]

*2514. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which the HSE informed her Department about issues regarding a consultant at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital and the miscategorisation of pre-cancerous cells; the date on which her Department informed her of the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [46501/25]

*2515. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which she and her Department were informed that the cases of more than 1,000 patients were to be reviewed as part of the lookback in relation to the miscategorisation by a consultant at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, of pre-cancerous cells; the date on which she and her Department were informed that a number of patients were being recalled to the hospital as part of open disclosure procedures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [46502/25]

*2516. To ask the Minister for Health if a verbal and/or written briefing was provided to An Taoiseach, his officials or political staff by any official of her Department, the HSE, the she and/or her staff in relation to the identification of issues regarding a consultant at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital and the miscategorising of pre-cancerous cells which is the subject of an independent review; the date on which the Taoiseach; his Department or political staff were briefed/informed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [46503/25]

*2517. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which she and/or her Department was briefed and informed of issues regarding a consultant at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital and the miscategorising of pre-cancerous cells which is now the subject of an independent review; and if the briefing came from the Department of Health or the HSE. — Ged Nash. [46504/25]

*2518. To ask the Minister for Health if she will assist in improving the waiting conditions in a clinic (details supplied) where patients are required to stand for long periods due to a lack of seating and where patients are required to wait two+ hours for appointments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [46525/25]

*2519. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide figures on the proportion of practising counsellors and psychotherapists who are contracted with or provide services directly to the HSE; and the proportion that operate privately and are subject to VAT. — Sorca Clarke. [46529/25]

*2520. To ask the Minister for Health the status of services available at Sheil Hospital, Ballyshannon, County Donegal since it was reopened in February 2024; if all services will be listed; and the status of each. — Martin Kenny. [46538/25]

*2521. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for patients referred from primary care to dermatology services for assessment of potentially cancerous moles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [46543/25]

*2522. To ask the Minister for Health the interventions that can be undertaken to ensure that a person (details supplied) receives the medical care they need as promptly as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [46545/25]

*2523. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) to review its English language requirements for overseas-qualified nurses, particularly those already registered with the UK NMC (details supplied); if he will consider requesting the NMBI to review its policy to allow more flexible recognition, for example through a one-year exemption or an hours-based practice requirement, in order to ensure fairness and help address staffing needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [46548/25]

*2524. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a surgery appointment for a person (details supplied) on the NTPF; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [46549/25]

*2525. To ask the Minister for Health when a retirement home (details supplied) in Waterford was closed; the reason for its closure; if her Department plans to reopen the facility as a public nursing home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [46563/25]

*2526. To ask the Minister for Health further to previous Parliamentary Questions, the status of the urgent after-care required by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [46564/25]

*2527. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the inordinate delay in providing an appointment for an urgent facial procedure for a person (details supplied) at St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [46565/25]

*2528. To ask the Minister for Health to revise upwards the qualifying income limits for the over 70's medical card. — Séamus McGrath. [46570/25]

*2529. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if she will expedite the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [46573/25]

*2530. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider awarding a person (details supplied) a diabetic sensor due to their health circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [46575/25]

*2531. To ask the Minister for Health if urgent consideration will be given to a query (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [46592/25]

*2532. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment to see a consultation at National Orthopaedic Hospital, Cappagh; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46597/25]

*2533. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on plans to extend the cohort eligible for screening under the National Bowel Screening Programme, BowelScreen; when those age 74

years will be eligible for screening under the BowelScreen programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [46598/25]

*2534. To ask the Minister for Health if the BowelScreen programme has given consideration to extending the screening programme to those beyond 74 years-of-age, on a case-by-case basis; if not, if BowelScreen is keeping research supporting this under consideration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [46599/25]

*2535. To ask the Minister for Health when biopsies for DMG and DIPG gliomas began in Ireland. — Paul Murphy. [46615/25]

*2536. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children diagnosed with DMG and DIPG since Ireland began carrying out biopsies on these particular tumours, broken down by year. — Paul Murphy. [46616/25]

*2537. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children diagnosed with DMG and DIPG that have undergone biopsies since they began in Ireland, broken down by year. — Paul Murphy. [46617/25]

*2538. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who have received a place on a clinical trial since biopsies began in Ireland for DMG and DIPG, broken down by year. — Paul Murphy. [46618/25]

*2539. To ask the Minister for Health the engagements she has had with the HSE since storm Éowyn this year to ensure that vulnerable people with medical conditions are supported during times of storm related electricity and water outages given many vulnerable people received minimal State support in the aftermath of storm Éowyn; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [46624/25]

*2540. To ask the Minister for Health to outline any possible funding sources to assist an organisation (details supplied) nationally to purchase equipment to digitise patient details and records. — Séamus McGrath. [46634/25]

*2541. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider including Guillain-Barré syndrome as a long-term illness considering the disease presents similarly to other illnesses included on the list; if consideration has been given to re-examining the eligibility criteria for the long-term illness scheme to expand the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [46636/25]

*2542. To ask the Minister for Health the number of checks each year by BreastCheck (details supplied); if BreastCheck prioritises the persons missed in year one for screening in year two; the way in which BreastCheck rations the resources; the way in which and when the glitch in the register came to light; if BreastCheck has a formal protocol for contacting women who need further investigation of a mammogram; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [46658/25]

*2543. To ask the Minister for Health if she will report on the work of the independent expert carrying out a comprehensive assessment of the physician assistant role internationally, with a view to making recommendations for standardisation, scope of practice, and appropriate deployment in Ireland; if the assessment has been commenced; if it has been completed; when it will be published; whether the recruitment pause on physician assistant will be maintained while

the assessment process is ongoing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [46678/25]

*2544. To ask the Minister for Health if she will respond to queries in correspondence regarding scoliosis correction and the correction of hip dysplasia (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [46680/25]

*2545. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to introduce plain packaging for vaping products in the upcoming Public Health (Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill and if such as a proposal is permissible under the provisions of the EU tobacco products directive. — Emer Currie. [46694/25]

*2546. To ask the Minister for Health the number of chefs on the HSE Dublin north east region panel; When the panel will expire. — Paul Donnelly. [46699/25]

*2547. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of staffing levels within the ophthalmology department of the Mater hospital. — Paul Donnelly. [46700/25]

*2548. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full and partial knee replacement surgeries carried out at Beaumont hospital in the years 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [46701/25]

*2549. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners based within the accident and emergency department of Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown in the years 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and the days and hours of the week where the GP is available within A&E department. — Paul Donnelly. [46702/25]

*2550. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the discrepancy in care provided to some people with type 1 diabetes (details supplied) compared to the treatment available in the UK and other EU countries; the actions she will take to address this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [46710/25]

*2551. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant posts by speciality that are vacant at the Mater hospital; and when those vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [46715/25]

*2552. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE registrar's posts by speciality that are vacant at the Mater hospital; and when those vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [46716/25]

*2553. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients from 2021 to 2025 on waiting lists in Letterkenny University Hospital who have received care via insourcing activity; the extent to which this activity has reduced waiting lists, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [46746/25]

*2554. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the standards and criteria for a sector (details supplied); if she will ensure proper procedure has taken place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [46759/25]

*2555. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dietitians recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [46776/25]

*2556. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [46777/25]

*2557. To ask the Minister for Health the number of orthoptists recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [46778/25]

*2558. To ask the Minister for Health the number of podiatrists recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [46779/25]

*2559. To ask the Minister for Health the number of chiropodists recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [46780/25]

*2560. To ask the Minister for Health the number of audiologists recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [46781/25]

*2561. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [46782/25]

*2562. To ask the Minister for Health the number of counsellors recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [46783/25]

*2563. To ask the Minister for Health the number of therapists recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [46784/25]

*2564. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychologists recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [46785/25]

*2565. To ask the Minister for Health the number of radiographers recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [46786/25]

*2566. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [46787/25]

*2567. To ask the Minister for Health the reason(s) a type of hearing aid will no longer be issued by the HSE (details supplied); if she is satisfied that these hearing aids are of the same

standard and quality as those previously issued by the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [46788/25]

*2568. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a type of hearing aid will continue to be issued to children but not adults (details supplied); if in future patients will have to change hearing aids when they move from children to adult audiology services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [46789/25]

*2569. To ask the Minister for Health the number of business cases received from a hospital in each of the past ten years (details supplied) regarding the expansion of the neurosurgery programme; the decisions that have been made on these cases to date; the reasons they may have been refused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [46790/25]

*2570. To ask the Minister for Health further to PQ No. 254 of 9 July 2025, if her Department has concluded its review of the 2017 Dickson Report regarding Paediatric Urology; if it has received the initial assurances and additional information sought from the HSE; if she will publish the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [46791/25]

*2571. To ask the Minister for Health if a medication for post-excision management of endometriosis (details supplied) will be added to the drug payment scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [46792/25]

*2572. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that the importance of long-term medication access for women recovering from severe endometriosis is recognised; if she will prioritise investment in multidisciplinary care pathways to reduce the long-term cost burden on the health system by preventing repeat surgeries as a result of endometriosis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [46793/25]

*2573. To ask the Minister for Health further to PQ No. 379 of 10 April 2025, to confirm if the four new allergy service beds that will be opened in the new National Children's Hospital represents a reduction in the number of beds currently available to children with allergy based conditions (details supplied); the number available to children with allergy based conditions across public hospitals at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [46794/25]

*2574. To ask the Minister for Health to list the service providers used by the HSE and Section 28 hospitals to store patient data; if, in each case, this data is being stored in this jurisdiction or on international servers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [46795/25]

*2575. To ask the Minister for Health further to PQ no. 2679 of 29 July 2025, the status of the HSE's consideration of the recommendation of the Medicines Management Programme (MMP) to reclassify high-protein ONS to List B; if her attention has been brought to the rebuttal of the MMP's interpretation of ONS cost data by experts in clinical nutrition (details supplied); if she will meet with clinical experts before any decision is taken; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [46796/25]

*2576. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the external retrospective review of children who may have undergone unnecessary hip surgeries has been delayed; if the HSE is still committed to a six month timeframe for the process; the status of the shortlisting and recruitment process for the independent panel; to confirm that the panel will be convened in September; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [46797/25]

*2577. To ask the Minister for Health the reason no correspondence related to the external retrospective review of children who may have undergone unnecessary hip surgeries have been issued to families; if correspondence will be issued to families as a matter of urgency outlining the status of the review and the next steps; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [46798/25]

*2578. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the HSE's new rules surrounding travel and subsistence allowances; to detail the changes that have taken place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [46799/25]

*2579. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Programme for Government commitment to review the drugs reimbursement process; if work has commenced on advancing this commitment; the timeline she is working towards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [46800/25]

*2580. To ask the Minister for Health if she or her Department has referred a formal complaint to the medical council in relation to the professional conduct of a medic who worked at a hospital (details supplied) whose work is the subject of the review into the mis-categorisation of pre-cancerous cells; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [46812/25]

*2581. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has referred a formal complaint to the medical council in relation to the professional conduct of a medic who worked at a hospital (details supplied) whose work is the subject of the review into the mis-categorisation of pre-cancerous cells; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [46813/25]

*2582. To ask the Minister for Health if HIQA has initiated or been requested by her Department to undertake an investigation into the mis-categorisation of pre-cancerous cells in the case of a number of patients at a hospital (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [46814/25]

*2583. To ask the Minister for Health regarding the HIQA HTA for reimbursement support for continuous glucose monitoring, if there is a clinical basis for extending reimbursement support only to patients with type1 diabetes mellitus regardless of age who have required insulin from the outset; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46829/25]

*2584. To ask the Minister for Health if access to reimbursement for continuous glucose monitoring will be reconsidered for a person (details supplied) given their initial diagnosis was incorrect; and given their medical team support the application. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46830/25]

*2585. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a child (details supplied) was denied treatment under the treatment abroad scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46833/25]

*2586. To ask the Minister for Health for clarification on the parking charge policy at a hospital (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [46840/25]

*2587. To ask the Minister for Health the means by which baby and infant vaccination services are typically administered; if parents are required to be registered with a local GP in order for their children to receive a vaccination; the options that exist for parents where a GP service is inaccessible or unavailable for whatever reason; if she will provide a list of such options with

respect to the Dublin 15 area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [46868/25]

*2588. To ask the Minister for Health the outcome of the advertised tender for the provision of a contracted satellite haemodialysis unit for UL Hospital Group (Ennis); when the service will be operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [46894/25]

*2589. To ask the Minister for Health whether a proportionality assessment was carried out in setting the standards and criteria for counsellors and psychotherapist; if so, if she will publish the outcome of that assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [46895/25]

*2590. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the published standards set level 9 as the appropriate psychotherapy entry level (details supplied); the reason her Department has narrowed the scope of counsellors’ practice to mild to moderate issues, reserving moderate to severe and complex distress for psychotherapists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [46896/25]

*2591. To ask the Minister for Health to list the emergency departments that have achieved the baseline of the framework for safe nurse staffing and skill mix in adult emergency care settings (Phase II). — Joe Cooney. [46897/25]

*2592. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent senior occupational therapists in neuromuscular services 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. [46899/25]

*2593. To ask the Minister for Health the names of HSE funded day care centres for older persons, within CHO9, that provide transport for users to and from the day care centre where that user has no transport available to them, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [46900/25]

*2594. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a copy of staffing levels, by job title at a centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [46901/25]

*2595. To ask the Minister for Health the locations within CHO9 where current vacancies exist within dental and orthodontic services; the estimated timeframe for filling each of those vacancies, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [46902/25]

*2596. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a copy of staffing levels, by job title at a centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [46903/25]

*2597. To ask the Minister for Health when a position as registered general nurse for schools in the Limerick, Clare and North Tipperary area will be filled in the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [46912/25]

*2598. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients from 2024 to 2025 on waiting lists for neurology treatment in Cork University Hospital who have received care via

insourcing activity; the extent to which this has activity reduced waiting lists, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [46914/25]

*2599. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients from 2024 to 2025 on waiting lists for neurology treatment in Cork University Hospital who have received care via outsourcing activity; the extent to which this has activity reduced waiting lists, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [46915/25]

*2600. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients from 2024 to 2025 on waiting lists for neurology treatment in Cork University Hospital who have received care via the HSE and not via insourcing or outsourcing activities; the extent to which this has activity reduced waiting lists, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [46916/25]

*2601. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients currently on waiting lists for neurology treatment in Cork University Hospital to receive treatment on waiting lists, including the waiting time, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [46917/25]

*2602. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients currently on waiting lists for neurology treatment across Cork hospitals to receive treatment on waiting lists, including the waiting time, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [46918/25]

*2603. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients from 2024 to 2025 on waiting lists for neurology treatment across Cork hospitals who have received care via insourcing activity; the extent to which this has activity reduced waiting lists, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [46919/25]

*2604. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients from 2024 to 2025 on waiting lists for neurology treatment across Cork hospitals who have received care via outsourcing activity; the extent to which this has activity reduced waiting lists, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [46920/25]

*2605. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients from 2024 to 2025 on waiting lists for neurology treatment across Cork hospitals who have received care via the HSE and not via insourcing or outsourcing activities; the extent to which this has activity reduced waiting lists, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [46921/25]

*2606. To ask the Minister for Health the number of operations CHI has undertaken for children with scoliosis and spina bifida, respectively in each of the past 15 years. — Peadar Tóibín. [46933/25]

*2607. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children since November 2022 on the waiting list to see the community orthoptist in the HSE mid-west area, by adult and children, and year, in tabular form. — Joe Cooney. [46935/25]

*2608. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide State recognition of a valid medical exemption for an exemption against administration of any future vaccines for a person (details supplied). — Joe Cooney. [46937/25]

*2609. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she has taken to ensure physician associates, who have graduated from a State funded program sponsored by the Royal College of Surgeons, can be employed by the HSE; if she will provide an update on the work of the independent expert who is undertaking a comprehensive assessment of the physician assistant role; when his recommendations will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [46938/25]

*2610. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to improve mental health services for young people in county Clare, including details of additional resources allocated to mental health service delivery in 2024 and 2025. — Joe Cooney. [46939/25]

*2611. To ask the Minister for Health the reforms being introduced to address long waiting times for paediatric surgeries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [46940/25]

*2612. To ask the Minister for Health the reforms being introduced to address overcrowding at University Hospital Limerick; and the improvements achieved in this regard since January 2025. — Joe Cooney. [46941/25]

*2613. To ask the Minister for Health to report on the steps taken to support a person (details supplied) following the private psychiatry needs assessment they were advised to provide; when she expects that the issues raised in the psychiatric report will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [46985/25]

*2614. To ask the Minister for Health the number of social workers allocated specifically to older person services in November 2023 and July 2025. — Liam Quaide. [46987/25]

*2615. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided for specialist social work posts to assist in the roll out of assisted decision-making legislation; the number of specialist posts in place; the reasons the HSE has not used this funding to provide essential and specialist role in all CHO/acute settings to date; when the HSE plans to recruit and provide these specialist roles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [46988/25]

*2616. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals HIQA has made to the HSE safeguarding and protection teams since 2020; if a memorandum of understanding exists between HIQA and the HSE to ensure all relevant safeguarding concerns received by HIQA are referred to the HSE safeguarding and protection teams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [46989/25]

*2617. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals an advocacy service (details supplied) has made to the HSE safeguarding and protection teams since 2020. — Liam Quaide. [46990/25]

*2618. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the NCPE appraisal of ritlecitinib (litfulo) for severe alopecia areata, including current stage, any ongoing HSE pricing and reimbursement engagement with the applicant; the expected timelines for a decision and proposed prescribing setting if approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [46999/25]

*2619. To ask the Minister for Health if an application has been received by the HSE for pricing and reimbursement of baricitinib for the alopecia areata indication; if not, if the HSE or her

Department has engaged with the marketing authorisation holder regarding a submission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47000/25]

*2620. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department, the HSE or the HPRA has engaged with the manufacturer of deuruxolitinib (leqselvi) regarding plans for EU submission and availability in Ireland; if any named-patient or compassionate access requests have been received; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47001/25]

*2621. To ask the Minister for Health if JAK inhibitor treatments for severe alopecia areata, where reimbursed will be provided via the high tech arrangement; the intended initiation and monitoring setting; the proposed stop rules; the estimated annual budget impact and eligible patient numbers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47002/25]

*2622. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients treated for alopecia areata with JAK inhibitors in public hospitals in each of the past three years, by CHO and by medicine, including any named-patient access, and associated monitoring protocols; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47003/25]

*2623. To ask the Minister for Health if she will publish a national clinical pathway for alopecia areata within the HSE Model of Care for Dermatology (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47004/25]

*2624. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public dermatology centres that provide topical immunotherapy for example DPCP or SADBE for extensive alopecia areata; the number treated in each of the past three years; the average waiting times; if capacity expansion is planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47005/25]

*2625. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the availability of intralesional corticosteroid clinics for patchy alopecia areata, by hospital group; the average wait time from referral; the actions to standardise access nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47006/25]

*2626. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will establish a national registry to capture outcomes for alopecia areata (details supplied); the proposed data controller and governance; the expected start date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47007/25]

*2627. To ask the Minister for Health if she will issue guidance on vaccination including the shingles vaccination and infection-risk mitigation for patients commencing JAK inhibitors for alopecia areata, including funding and delivery arrangements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47008/25]

*2628. To ask the Minister for Health for Ireland's position on the amendments to the international health regulations adopted by the World Health Assembly on 1 June 2024; if Ireland has lodged any reservation or objection to the amendments with the World Health Organisation; the timeline for the Government's consideration of the amendments; the details around the impact of the amendments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47009/25]

*2629. To ask the Minister for Health if she will clarify the eligibility of dermatology outpatient consultations for alopecia areata under the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive; the documentation required; whether take-home medicinal products prescribed abroad for alopecia areata are

reimbursable under the CBD scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47014/25]

*2630. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dermatology referrals for alopecia areata supported by the national treatment purchase fund (NTPF) in each of the past three years; the median and 95th percentile waits before and after NTPF intervention; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47015/25]

*2631. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure access to psychological support services for patients with visible hair loss conditions, including alopecia areata and scarring alopecias; the referral pathway from dermatology clinics; the planned service improvements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47016/25]

*2632. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE medicines management programme will include alopecia areata therapies in its horizon-scanning outputs and publish periodic patient friendly updates on access status for new treatments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47017/25]

*2633. To ask the Minister for Health the regulatory food safety changes that have been implemented to prevent small schools that were registered as food business operators, staff had undergone appropriate training levels commensurate with their work activity, had been inspected by an Environmental Health Officer and were formerly approved to reheat school meals, from continuing to do so; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [47020/25]

*2634. To ask the Minister for Health when her Department intends entering into negotiations with the pharmaceutical industry regarding the medicine pricing agreement, given that the existing agreement expires on 30 September 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47050/25]

*2635. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department is prepared to engage with the pharmaceutical industry with a view to putting in place a process which will enable new medicines to be assessed within the 180-day time frame set out in legislation under the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Act 2013; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47051/25]

*2636. To ask the Minister for Health if the figures for HSE mental health staff in the June 2025 HSE Employment Report for the Limerick City and Tipperary North Integrated Health Area are correct; if the figures for HSE mental health staff in the June 2025 HSE employment report for the Clare and Limerick County Integrated health area are correct; and the reason there are 23 times more HSE mental health staff in the latter IHA than in the former. — Willie O'Dea. [47071/25]

*2637. To ask the Minister for Health the number of mental health crisis resolution teams in place; the location of each; the number of personnel WTE in each; if all the teams are operational and providing out of hours services in each location; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [47080/25]

*2638. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who were referred for a colonoscopy under BowelScreen; and the number of people offered a colonoscopy appointment within the recommended 28 days under BowelScreen in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [47099/25]

*2639. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to ensure nicotine pouches cannot be legally sold to children under 18 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [47100/25]

*2640. To ask the Minister for Health when a draft of the Public Health (Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [47101/25]

*2641. To ask the Minister for Health the plans her Department has to include Amfexa (quick release Dexamfetamine) for the treatment of ADHD in the drugs payment scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47107/25]

*2642. To ask the Minister for Health whether the demand for HRT medication has increased since the launch of the free HRT scheme in June 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47108/25]

*2643. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 127 of 13 May 2025, to provide an update on the progress of a building project (details supplied); when she expects the building to be operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [47135/25]

*2644. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the plans to increase the number of senior physiotherapists nationwide; the engagement her Department has had to date with a body (details supplied) on its call for the direct employment of senior physiotherapists, as outlined in its business case for inclusion in the 2026 National Service Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [47152/25]

*2645. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitals with islandable power or at least 7–14 days' backup power and water resilience; the planned upgrades for 2025–2027, by hospital group; the associated funding, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47191/25]

*2646. To ask the Minister for Health the current days of cover for the top 100 essential medicines, by category; the medicines experiencing repeated shortages since 2023; the plan to establish a rotating national reserve and domestic fill finish capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47208/25]

*2647. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitals with islandable power, on-site oxygen generation and at least 7 to 14 days fuel and water resilience; the capital works underway to address gaps; the schedule for annual black-start drills across acute sites, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47209/25]

*2648. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be announced for the provision of a new community nursing home in Roscrea. — Alan Kelly. [47231/25]

*2649. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that have been put in place by her Department to ensure strategic emergency management responses to future storm and severe weather events taking into account the experiences and learnings of winter 2024/2025 and the review into the response by the State and State agencies to the impact of storm Éowyn; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47248/25]

*2650. To ask the Minister for Health the total allocation in 2023, 2024 and 2025 for the provision of eye care and ophthalmological services, including outpatient and inpatient treatment, surgical interventions and community ophthalmic services; the amounts allocated under the National Treatment Purchase Fund specifically for ophthalmology; the breakdown of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [47257/25]

*2651. To ask the Minister for Health whether versatis plasters for the purpose of providing pain relief for those undergoing cancer treatment will be considered for inclusion in the drugs payment scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [47270/25]

*2652. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which funding for vacant resident placements is made (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47303/25]

*2653. To ask the Minister for Health if GPs can refer their patients directly for x-rays and other radiology services locally without the need to refer them to accident and emergency departments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47312/25]

*2654. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for patients referred by their GPs for an x-ray in Beaumont Hospital, Connolly Hospital and Lourdes Hospital, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47313/25]

*2655. To ask the Minister for Health if she will detail the historical commercial ties between her Department, a distributor (details supplied) and Chemin Grunenthal during the 1950s; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47317/25]

*2656. To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline the safeguards that were in place during the 1950s to ensure that providers of thalidomide fully disclosed any potential side effects; if she can provide evidence that proves her Department was satisfied that these safeguards were sufficient; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47318/25]

*2657. To ask the Minister for Health if she can provide a timeline, dating back to the 1950s, of each instance where her predecessors as Minister were briefed by officials on the potential negative effects of thalidomide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47319/25]

*2658. To ask the Minister for Health if she can confirm that all files detailing the State's relationship with providers of thalidomide are publicly available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47320/25]

*2659. To ask the Minister for Health if she can confirm that seed funding will be provided to a hospital (details supplied) to commence progress towards an extension which could deliver an additional 72-beds and theatre capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47321/25]

*2660. To ask the Minister for Health the remaining budget for respite for carers in 2025 for CHO4, broken down by area. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47340/25]

*2661. To ask the Minister for Health 3361. the number of days respite that can be provided within the remaining budget for CHO4, broken down by area. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47341/25]

*2662. To ask the Minister for Health the budget that has been spend to date for respite for carers in 2025 for CHO4, broken down by area. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47342/25]

*2663. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3085 of 29 July 2025, if she will instruct the bodies under her aegis to provide the information requested; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47359/25]

*2664. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3086 of 29 July 2025, if she will instruct the bodies under her aegis to provide the information requested; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47377/25]

*2665. To ask the Minister for Health the status of all-island health service collaborations supported by the Shared Island Fund including the expansion of bespoke all-island services building on paediatric cardiac care, specifying funded capital elements, service start dates and evaluation metrics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47402/25]

*2666. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for MRI scans at each hospital in Dublin and nationally in each of the past three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47435/25]

*2667. To ask the Minister for Health the changes to the way in which newly qualified paramedics and advanced paramedics are being offered their authorisation to practice letter; to detail the new process and the way it will be implemented; if this has resulted in any delays to having letters of authorisation issued to graduates of recent courses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [47441/25]

*2668. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department is considering whether the SIMPATHY (Stimulating Innovation Management of Polypharmacy and Adherence in The Elderly) pilot programme, which was evaluated in 2024, is to be mainstreamed; if so, will this be budgeted for in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [47444/25]

*2669. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive neurological end or stroke care therapy. — Edward Timmins. [47476/25]

*2670. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the expansion of community intervention teams operating in Dublin Bay North; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [47484/25]

*2671. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the process for MedEvac Palestinians, with Stamp 4 visas, to apply to have family members join them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47501/25]

*2672. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting list for home help in south Lee, Cork. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47505/25]

*2673. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new applications for home help that were approved but not allocated due to financial constraints in the south and north Lee areas in County Cork, in each of the past 12 months, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47506/25]

*2674. To ask the Minister for Health if all home help organiser positions in south and north Lee have been filled; and if not, when they will be filled. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47507/25]

*2675. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting on home help allocation longer than six, 12, 18 and 24 months respectively. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47508/25]

*2676. To ask the Minister for Health to estimate the cost of providing a medical card to all individuals receiving carer's allowance if the means test is removed. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47509/25]

*2677. To ask the Minister for Health if rescheduled orthopaedic surgery is confirmed in Letterkenny University Hospital for a person (details supplied); the reason it was cancelled for a third time; if every avenue inside and outside the State has been explored; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47515/25]

*2678. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary care centres with backup generators and resilient communications; the planned upgrades for 2025–2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47523/25]

*2679. To ask the Minister for Health if she will confirm whether a proportionality assessment under S.I. No. 413 of 2022 was carried out, whether by her Department or by CORU on delegation, prior to the adoption on 11 July 2025 by the Counsellors and Psychotherapists Registration Board of the Standards of Proficiency and the Criteria for Education and Training Programmes for counsellors and for psychotherapists; if she will publish any such assessment together with the consultation report required under regulation 8; if no assessment was completed, if she will direct that the decision be revisited pending a compliant assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47533/25]

*2680. To ask the Minister for Health the basis for the delineation of practice whereby counsellors are trained to work with mild to moderate presentations while psychotherapists are trained for moderate to severe and complex presentations in the Standards of Proficiency adopted in July 2025; if she will provide the workforce and access to care impact assessment underpinning this delineation; the proposed transition and grandparenting arrangements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47535/25]

*2681. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm that funding will be provided to a hospital (details supplied) to refurbish theatres and introduce robotics capabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47539/25]

*2682. To ask the Minister for Health if a proportionality assessment was carried out prior to the recent publication of the Standards and Criteria for Counsellors and Psychotherapists by the Counsellors and Psychotherapists Registration Board of CORU; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [47547/25]

*2683. To ask the Minister for Health in view of the CSO showing Ireland's population reached 5.38 million, driven by net migration of 79,300 in a single year, the specific hospital beds places that will be delivered by the Government in 2026 to keep pace with this surge. — Ken O'Flynn. [47967/25]

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

*2684. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to examine the case of a person (details Supplied); the reason she has been refused a position

as an assistant lecturer when she was verbally told she was successful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44467/25]

*2685. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether an application has been received by his Department for recognition of a part-time course (details supplied) for the purposes of SUSI grants, in order to support persons of limited means in progressing on their career paths; if such an application has been received, when will it be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [44510/25]

*2686. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason widow's pension is treated as a household income in the SUSI grant assessment process; if he has plans in place to review the assessment to exclude widows pension, or treating it differently, to reflect the financial reality of bereaved families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [44662/25]

*2687. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a breakdown of all craft apprenticeships and the number of students in each county who began their apprenticeships in each category in 2024; the number of students in each county that dropped out of their studies in 2025, by category, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [44830/25]

*2688. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the actions his Department will take to address the unfair tendering process for Dublin City University to build student accommodation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [44832/25]

*2689. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the dropout rates for first-year students at TUS Athlone. — Sorca Clarke. [44872/25]

*2690. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason a HEAR grant application (details supplied) has been refused; if his Department was aware of the personal circumstances of the applicant when refusing the grant and if the case will be reviewed. — Ruth Coppinger. [44875/25]

*2691. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the public expenditure at third level education, per student, for each academic year from 2020 to date in 2025, in tabular form; the number of students at third level for each of the same years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [44970/25]

*2692. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students at third level education at each level of fees, for each year from 2020 to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [44976/25]

*2693. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of places being provided as part of the recently published 2025 Springboard+ programmes for courses covering artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, cloud computing, software development, e-commerce, and traditional ICT courses; the cost of providing the courses for this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [45018/25]

*2694. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the funding sources available for individuals or companies working on development new and innovative sources of renewable energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [45063/25]

*2695. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures that could be implemented to ensure Springboard+ applicants are not penalised for administrative errors (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45103/25]

*2696. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if he will provide details of the financial supports, grants, or funding schemes available for students in this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45146/25]

*2697. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a list of all unused properties, lands and buildings, under the ownership or control of his Department within County Kerry; the length of time they have been idle; the plans in place, if any, for future use; if these unused properties, lands and buildings can be used for affordable and social housing and low cost sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45180/25]

*2698. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the avenues currently available to individuals who are unable to meet the entry requirements for the MTSLEB apprenticeship electrician programmes due to a colour vision deficiency, specifically, those who do not pass the Ishihara colour vision test; if his Department, in consultation with relevant bodies, is considering revisions to the colour vision criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [45223/25]

*2699. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason his Department missed its purpose-built student accommodation target by over 50% for 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [45237/25]

*2700. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures that will be taken to address instability and lack of security in digs accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [45238/25]

*2701. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps his Department will take to ensure that the current tax incentives for the digs model of student accommodation do not replace critically needed investment in purpose-built student accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [45239/25]

*2702. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department plans to reduce the high cost of rent for digs accommodation for students, currently at an average of €660.55; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [45240/25]

*2703. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which Government policy will ensure equitable access to accommodation for international and low-income students who have no options to leave at the weekend so the cost in

rent for them is far greater; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [45241/25]

*2704. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the accountability mechanisms in place to track delivery of promised beds under the short-term activation programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [45242/25]

*2705. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the alternative delivery models being considered to bypass high construction costs for planned purpose built student accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [45244/25]

*2706. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the ways in which his Department will ensure that student voices are included in policy making; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [45245/25]

*2707. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the action he will take to support middle-income families who are being unfairly squeezed in the current financial crisis, with student grant assessments based on gross income and limited supports, making it increasingly difficult for students to fund their college education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [45288/25]

*2708. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of the case of a student (details supplied); if he will clarify the reason students are penalised for working modest hours during term-time, despite being allowed to earn up to €8,000 annually; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [45289/25]

*2709. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address concerns regarding the eligibility criteria currently being applied to EU fees (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45463/25]

*2710. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to visit the east coast of the United States before year end 2025. — Darren O'Rourke. [45540/25]

*2711. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprentices that have completed Phase 1 and are awaiting a Phase 2 placement; the average and projected waiting times if the pause on new Phase 2 classes continues in 2025; if there are any budgetary constraints; and whether supplementary funding is being sought to address delays. — Paula Butterly. [45589/25]

*2712. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans for new apprenticeships to be offered in Roscommon and the timeframe for their operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [45605/25]

*2713. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to visit (details supplied) before the end of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [45606/25]

*2714. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans for capital investment in the higher education facilities in Kilkenny over the next three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [45607/25]

*2715. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of instructors employed by the City of Dublin Education and Training Board to conduct commis chef apprenticeship training in the years of 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [45608/25]

*2716. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to concerns related to the lack of provision of online versions of course material in some college courses that are supported under SUSI, for prospective students with medical conditions that prevent them from attending in person classes; if this is something that is under review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [45738/25]

*2717. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the rationale for the recent changes to the Research Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship Programme which prevent second-year PhD students, who were unsuccessful in their first application, from reapplying; if he will consider transitional arrangements to allow current students who had a legitimate expectation of reapplying to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [45840/25]

*2718. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to consider increasing to 60 credits the maximum credits that a part-time student at undergraduate level can study in a single academic year in order to be eligible to receive a SUSI grant, given that the maximum amount of credits that a student can study in a single academic year and be in receipt of a SUSI grant while studying part time is 50 credits, as this is inhibiting those with financial issues to complete their academic studies in a timelier manner whilst studying part-time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45915/25]

*2719. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to expand the amount of biomedical science degrees that are accredited with relevant professional bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [46030/25]

*2720. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if funding will be allocated to a service (details supplied) to allow this service to reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [46141/25]

*2721. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports, grants or alternative financial assistance available to students commencing a master's in social work; if he will review the SUSI criteria in cases where applicants have modest incomes but face prohibitive fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [46156/25]

*2722. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in view of volatile CAO points locking students out of medicine, nursing, and pharmacy, the number of additional places that will be created for 2026, particularly in UCC and MTU. — Ken O'Flynn. [46264/25]

*2723. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the total funding allocated to County Louth under this Department from 2023 to date, per year in tabular form. — Erin McGreehan. [46349/25]

*2724. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students from the Republic of Ireland who enrolled in undergraduate allied health professional courses, such as radiography, radiation therapy, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, dietetics, orthotics, and nursing, in the Britain and the north of Ireland, for each of the past ten years; and his views on the impact of Brexit on the fees payable by Irish students studying in Britain and the north of Ireland, and the effect this has had on numbers studying there. — Peadar Tóibín. [46420/25]

*2725. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of undergraduate students studying in Irish universities in allied health professional courses (such as radiography, radiation therapy, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, dietetics, and nursing, in each of the past ten years; and the number of each that are Irish citizens, the number that are EU citizens and the number that are from outside the EU. — Peadar Tóibín. [46421/25]

*2726. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to establish an undergraduate programme in orthotics, given that none currently exists in the State. — Peadar Tóibín. [46422/25]

*2727. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide the details and addresses of all properties in the ownership of the Department that are absolved from paying commercial rates to the relevant local authority of the location that the property is in; to provide a similar list of properties for agencies or bodies under its remit that are also absolved from commercial rates, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [46440/25]

*2728. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are plans to increase the compensation of Board members who sit on ETB interview panels boards. — Darren O'Rourke. [46478/25]

*2729. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of recent closures of evening classes in some ETB colleges (details supplied); if he will assist ETB's in continuing to provide evening classes in north Dublin given they are of huge benefit to the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [46537/25]

*2730. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of places being provided as part of the recently published 2025 Springboard+ programmes for courses covering artificial intelligence; cybersecurity; cloud computing; software development; e-commerce; and traditional ICT courses; and the cost of providing the courses for this year. — Emer Currie. [46687/25]

*2731. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether he visited the National University of Singapore during his visit to Singapore. — Paul Donnelly. [46711/25]

*2732. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the review of QQI Level 5 awards for healthcare assistants and pre-nursing students in the further education sector; the work carried out to date; the timeline for completion of this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [46801/25]

*2733. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the revenue raised from apprenticeship fees, including pro-rata registration fees, in 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46872/25]

*2734. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current offerings available at an education centre (details supplied); the supports provided by his Department to the expansion of higher education provision at the facility; and the future plans in place to support such an expansion. — Joe Cooney. [47024/25]

*2735. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will review the reckonable income limits for SUSI grants and consider assessing them based on net income rather than gross income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [47025/25]

*2736. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will examine the case of a person outlined in correspondence (details supplied); the financial supports, grants, or funding schemes available for students in this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [47226/25]

*2737. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports that are being provided to DDL-ETB to develop flagship FET colleges of scale; the way in which these developments align with national targets for lifelong learning and skills development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47306/25]

*2738. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the way in which DDL-ETB is being supported to make FET an attractive pathway for school leavers, particularly in areas with high youth unemployment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [47307/25]

*2739. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 3403 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47358/25]

*2740. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 3404 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47376/25]

*2741. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the Ulster University Derry campus expansion supported under the Shared Island Fund, including scope, capital profile, co-funders and delivery timeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47401/25]

*2742. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated number of third level places associated with training therapists to work in the

disability sector (details supplied); the full-year cost to the exchequer of delivering these places; and the full-year cost to students, including international students, to take up these places. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47490/25]

*2743. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of new apprenticeships created in electrical, mechanical, and welding trades in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47525/25]

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

*2744. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if a club (details supplied) will receive funding under measure 1 of the CLÁR funding 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47296/25]

*2745. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if funding will be made available to support and strengthen the Irish language in non-Gaeltacht communities that have a number of Gaelscoileanna and a significant number of Irish speakers, such as Ballymun; the work being done at a national level in this respect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [44442/25]

*2746. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when the allocations under the 2025 town and village renewal scheme will be announced; if he will consider awarding funding to a community group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [44643/25]

*2747. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when the community centre investment fund will reopen for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [44687/25]

*2748. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the details of the representatives of fishing communities that were invited to the consultations regarding the next iteration of Our Rural Future. — Conor D. McGuinness. [44721/25]

*2749. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the reason the Summary Report from the Rural Youth Assembly 2024 acknowledges housing as a challenge for young people living in rural areas, but housing recommendations were not included in the delegates' final list of recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [44723/25]

*2750. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta cé mhéad airgid, lena n-áirítear airgead reatha nó eile nach airgead caipitiúil é, de bhuiséad na Roinne Gaeltachta a caitheadh ar Rannóg na nOileán nuair a bhí na hoileáin faoi chúram na Roinne sna blianta seo a leanas 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44739/25]

*2751. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to support an application in respect of a community organisation in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44971/25]

*2752. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether another round of the Community Centre Investment Fund will open in 2025; when this will occur; the type of expenditure that will be covered under this round of funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45008/25]

*2753. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide a list of all unused properties, lands and buildings, under the ownership or control of his Department within County Kerry; the length of time they have been idle; the plans in place, if any, for future use; if these unused properties, lands and buildings can be used for affordable and social housing and low cost sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45189/25]

*2754. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on an application made under CLÁR (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45300/25]

*2755. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to consider amending the rules in regard to the local improvement scheme by allowing pothole repairs to be carried out to assist in prolonging the lifespan of these roads and make inroads into the local improvement scheme priority lists in each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [45418/25]

*2756. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to outline the supports available for the establishment of a meals on wheels project in a large town (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45949/25]

*2757. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when the applications will next be launched for the community centre investment fund; the expected timescale to process applications and approval issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45950/25]

*2758. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when applications for the 2025 Clár programme will be examined; an estimated timetable as to when an announcement of approvals will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [45951/25]

*2759. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to introduce permanent, rolling funding for the community centre investment fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [46070/25]

*2760. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when the next Séala Creidiúnaithe d'Aistritheoirí exam will be; if he plans to increase the frequency of these exams, perhaps to two exams each year given the scarcity of translators and the volume of work available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [46224/25]

*2761. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the funding available for the startup of community cafes in rural areas; if funding is available for the purchase of a building for purposes of setting up a community café; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [46286/25]

*2762. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta an raibh aon teagmháil aige leis an Ionad Tacaíochta Teaghlaigh in Indreabhán ó foilsíodh scéalta sna meáin go raibh sé i mbaol dúnadh i mí Eanáir 2024; an bhfuil sé ar an eolas faoi aon ghanntanas foirne atá fós le sárú ag an Ionad; agus an bhfuil sé i gceist aige an soláthar atá ag an naíolann is mó lánGhaeilge sa Ghaeltacht a leathnú trí mhaoiniú nó tacaíochtaí breise a chur ar fáil di. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [46291/25]

*2763. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide an update on the total funding allocated to County Louth under this Department from 2023 to date, per year in tabular form. — Erin McGreehan. [46350/25]

*2764. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide the details and addresses of all properties in the ownership of the Department that are absolved from paying commercial rates to the relevant local authority of the location that the property is in; to provide a similar list of properties for agencies or bodies under its remit that are also absolved from commercial rates, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [46445/25]

*2765. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if additional funding has been allocated for the local improvement scheme in Donegal in 2025; the number of outstanding local improvement scheme roads in Donegal; if he will review the local improvement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [46580/25]

*2766. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will re-establish the Scéim na mBóithre Áise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [46583/25]

*2767. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will detail the criteria by which NGOs are selected for multi-annual funding; the proportion of total State NGO funding allocated to small, volunteer-led organisations; and the proportion concentrated in the largest 100 NGOs. — Ken O'Flynn. [46642/25]

*2768. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether his Department has conducted any assessment of duplication or overlap among State-funded NGOs; and if so, if he will publish those findings. — Ken O'Flynn. [46645/25]

*2769. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will assist a soccer club in county Kerry (details supplied) with a Clár application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [46775/25]

*2770. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will outline the monies spent, and the works carried out to date, on the Youghal Library project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [46976/25]

*2771. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the breakdown of LEADER funding since 2015, by county, and in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [47172/25]

*2772. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide a list of the funding allocated to community centres under the Community Centres Investment Fund, by county, since 2020, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [47173/25]

*2773. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the breakdown of CLÁR programme funding since 2015 by county, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [47174/25]

*2774. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the way in which his Department is measuring the impact of LEADER projects on rural job creation and enterprise development. — Conor D. McGuinness. [47175/25]

*2775. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the initiatives in place to address rural depopulation in areas affected by it; and the way in which success is being measured. — Conor D. McGuinness. [47176/25]

*2776. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht further to Parliamentary Question No. 3472 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47363/25]

*2777. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht further to Parliamentary Question No. 3473 of 29 July 2025, if he will instruct the bodies under his aegis to provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [47381/25]

*2778. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the plans to build an all weather pier at Roonagh, County Mayo (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47520/25]