



# **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

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

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [46875/25]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Shane Moynihan. [46521/25]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Séamus McGrath. [46844/25]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Tony McCormack. [46858/25]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [50152/25]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [51663/25]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Darren O’Rourke. [51668/25]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [52038/25]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [53181/25]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [53243/25]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Liam Quaide. [55510/25]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [56962/25]
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [56982/25]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Barry Heneghan. [57152/25]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent telephone call with President Zelenskyy. — Shay Brennan. [46841/25]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his participation in meetings of the Coalition of the Willing in support of Ukraine. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [48521/25]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his participation in meetings of the Coalition of the Willing in support of Ukraine. — John Lahart. [48527/25]

18. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his engagement with President Zelensky of Ukraine. — Malcolm Byrne. [51122/25]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his participation in meetings of the Coalition of the Willing in support of Ukraine. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [51664/25]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his participation in meetings of the Coalition of the Willing in support of Ukraine. — Darren O'Rourke. [51669/25]

21. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his engagement with President Zelensky. — Paul Murphy. [53244/25]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his participation in meetings of the Coalition of the Willing in support of Ukraine. — Liam Quaide. [55511/25]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his participation in meetings of the Coalition of the Willing in support of Ukraine. — Shane Moynihan. [56998/25]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — John Connolly. [46877/25]

25. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Catherine Ardagh. [46846/25]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Tom Brabazon. [46849/25]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [48525/25]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [51665/25]

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Darren O'Rourke. [51670/25]

30. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [52039/25]

31. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Matt Carthy. [52996/25]

32. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [53245/25]

33. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [56768/25]

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [56901/25]

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [56963/25]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Mark Ward. [56981/25]

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Aisling Dempsey. [46880/25]

38. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Paul McAuliffe. [46881/25]

39. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Catherine Ardagh. [46848/25]

40. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Martin Daly. [46853/25]

41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [48432/25]

42. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [51781/25]

43. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [52040/25]

44. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Darren O'Rourke. [53072/25]

45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [56964/25]

46. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Mark Ward. [56980/25]

47. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [56995/25]

48. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [57001/25]

49. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [57036/25]

50. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Barry Heneghan. [57153/25]

51. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [46873/25]

52. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Aindrias Moynihan. [48529/25]

53. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Darren O’Rourke. [53073/25]

54. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [56902/25]

55. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [56996/25]

56. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [57002/25]

57. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [57037/25]

58. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the work of the Shared Island unit. — Brendan Smith. [48516/25]

59. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the work of the Shared Island unit. — Erin McGreehan. [48519/25]

60. To ask the Taoiseach the plans of the Shared Island unit in relation to sport; if further Shared Island dialogues, funding streams or specific cross-Border sporting initiatives are envisaged; and the way in which the unit intends to support greater all-island cooperation and investment in sport infrastructure and participation in the years ahead. — Shane Moynihan. [49957/25]

61. To ask the Taoiseach if he will elaborate on the work that is planned under the Shared Island initiative to address divergence in employment standards North and South, particularly in the context of cross-Border employers and workers, and the way in which this will be advanced in the coming period. — Shane Moynihan. [49958/25]

62. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the work of the Shared Island unit. — Cormac Devlin. [50000/25]

63. To ask the Taoiseach if an allocation will be ringfenced from the Shared Island Initiative funding to further cross-Border sporting initiatives in the years ahead. — Shane Moynihan. [55022/25]

64. To ask the Taoiseach if there are specific cross-Border sporting initiatives, beyond the sports club EV charger scheme, envisaged as part of the Shared Island initiative. — Shane Moynihan. [55023/25]

65. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the work of the Shared Island unit. — Darren O'Rourke. [56576/25]

66. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the work of the Shared Island unit. — Ivana Bacik. [56979/25]

67. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the work of the Shared Island unit. — Paul Murphy. [56997/25]

68. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the work of the Shared Island unit. — Ruth Coppinger. [57003/25]

69. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will next meet. — Brendan Smith. [48517/25]

70. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will next meet. — Erin McGreehan. [48520/25]

71. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will meet next. — Mary Lou McDonald. [49935/25]

72. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will next meet. — Cormac Devlin. [50001/25]

73. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the programme plan for his Department's new disability unit for 2025-2027. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [48522/25]

74. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the programme plan for his Department's new disability unit for 2025-2027. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [48526/25]

75. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the programme plan for his Department's new disability unit for 2025-2027. — Darren O'Rourke. [56577/25]

76. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with faith and non-confessional groups to discuss a structured dialogue process. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [48523/25]

77. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the work of the child poverty unit in his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [49646/25]

78. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the progress of the National Security Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [49305/25]

79. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his recent meeting with Prime Minister Keir Starmer. — Brendan Smith. [49999/25]

80. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his recent meeting with the UK prime minister. — Cormac Devlin. [50002/25]

81. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on his Department's plans to coordinate a range of actions aimed at regulatory reform. — Tony McCormack. [50582/25]

82. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the United Nations General Assembly. — Malcolm Byrne. [51121/25]

83. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his bilateral meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney. — Malcolm Byrne. [52402/25]

84. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent meeting with the Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney. — Malcolm Byrne. [54137/25]

85. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Darren O'Rourke. [56578/25]

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

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

86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the situation in Sudan, and the Government's position on same, in particular the need to ensure access to aid in El Fasher, and the flow of weapons to the conflict. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57183/25]

87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his engagement with the European Union and other allies in regard to the peace deal in the Middle East; the role Ireland will play in delivering aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [57172/25]

88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the current progress of the drafting of the Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill 2025. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57184/25]

89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade in the context of the recent ceasefire, the steps Ireland is taking to pursue accountability over the genocide in Gaza, and the continued occupation of the West Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [57171/25]

90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on his Department's recent engagements with the government of Ukraine in relation to the ongoing conflict, and efforts made to reach a ceasefire. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57185/25]

### CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he is aware of current blockages of aid to locations in Sudan; his view on this; the work Ireland is carrying out with international partners to provide humanitarian assistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [56941/25]

92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will consider not granting authorisation for future stopovers of US military planes and planes under the command of the US military in Shannon Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [57130/25]

93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the action he is taking to develop bilateral relations with Canada especially in the context of historical and cultural links. — Erin McGreehan. [56953/25]

94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the discussions he has had about the possibility of utilising €1.87 billion in frozen Russian assets for reparations for the war of aggression against Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [56946/25]

95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his response to the recent escalation in the intensity of Russian aggression against Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [56943/25]

96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to report on his recent meeting with US Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57158/25]

97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which Ireland is supporting the International Coalition for the Return of Ukrainian Children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [57004/25]

98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline the contact he has had from officials from the Trump administration and elected American politicians in regard to the Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [57177/25]

99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will meet with the Irish activists who were on board the Sumud and Thousand Madleen vessels of the freedom flotilla to Gaza to discuss their experiences, and the urgent need for a sustained ceasefire and full humanitarian access to Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [57135/25]

100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the preparations that are ongoing in relation to Ireland's forthcoming Presidency of the Council of the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [57156/25]

101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the role his Department is playing in supporting, strengthening and expanding the areas of cooperation under the North South Ministerial Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [56947/25]

102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline any steps or initiatives being put in place by his Department to encourage Irish people to take up employment opportunities in the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [57157/25]

103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on changing the process used by the passport office to verify a Garda witness (details supplied). — Séamus McGrath. [56821/25]

104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to detail the collaborative efforts between his Department and Enterprise Ireland in supporting SMEs to overcome trade barriers and expand internationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [57070/25]

105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the engagement and supports his Department provides for emigrants seeking to return to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [57053/25]

106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on the engagement there has been at EU level on the EU-Israel agreement and the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [57039/25]

107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the protests, often marred by police violence, that have been ongoing across Serbia for the past 11 months; his views on whether the European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen's visit to Serbia could be seen as a statement of support for President Aleksandar Vučić amidst allegations of corruption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [57023/25]

108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the date by which the Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill 2025 will be introduced in Dáil Éireann; his views on whether there should be no delay in its progression amidst the lull in the conflict; his views on the fact that illegal settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem have only grown in number over the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [57022/25]

109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps which have been taken by Ireland and the EU to ensure a stable and representative new government develops in Syria that respects minorities and the rule of law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [57162/25]

110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the additional measures that will be supported by the increase in the ODA budget this year. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [57155/25]

111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will provide an update on any recent engagement he has had with the British Secretary for Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [56957/25]

112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which Ireland's embassy and consulate network is being utilised to promote SME trade opportunities abroad; if he will provide examples of recent initiatives or successes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [57069/25]

113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the Government's position on the growing crackdown on human rights in Hong Kong by the Chinese Communist Party. — Malcolm Byrne. [56819/25]

114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will outline Ireland's Arab-Ireland trade strategy in view of the recent summit in the Mansion House; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56950/25]

115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will provide an update on Ireland's participation in the Emergency Coalition for the Financial Sustainability of the Palestinian Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [57160/25]

116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which Ireland is supporting the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [56999/25]

117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which the €2.5 million allocation for international market diversification will be targeted to reduce Ireland's trade exposure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [57063/25]

118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which Ireland is working bilaterally, at EU, and at multilateral level, to support Belarus civil society and the democratic opposition in exile; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [57012/25]

119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the action he is taking to support Ukraine in its bid for EU membership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [56960/25]

120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the actions he is taking in view of the increase in drone and hybrid attacks by Russia across Europe. — Malcolm Byrne. [56818/25]

121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps he is taking diplomatically at European and UN level to ensure that the peace deal in Gaza respects the right to self-determination of the Palestinian people and protects them against occupation and apartheid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [57132/25]

122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the details of his Department's new statement of strategy in the context of Northern Ireland and UK-Ireland relations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [57040/25]

123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the recent release of political prisoners by Belarus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56894/25]

124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on his recent engagement with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [57041/25]

125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the details of his engagement to date with the Emergency Coalition for the Financial Sustainability of the Palestinian Authority (PA); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [57025/25]

126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps the Government is taking to ensure a lasting ceasefire and a consistent flow of humanitarian aid into Gaza; if he will outline the commitments received from the European Union to apply pressure on Israel to remove barriers to aid distribution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [57134/25]

127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on his Department's engagements in relation to the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan; and the efforts being made to ensure that peace is sustained in the region. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57179/25]

128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on recent dialogue with the British government, including matters of shared interest on issues such as legacy, trade and migration. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57180/25]

129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline Ireland's position on the EU-Morocco Trade Agreement currently in provisional application, particularly in respect to the inclusion of goods originating from Moroccan settlements in Western Sahara, and the lack of engagement with the Sahrawi people in the drafting of the agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [57128/25]

130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Irish neutrality is now defined only as formal non-membership of NATO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [49147/25]

131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the action being taken at EU level regarding Taliban laws which violate legal obligations and treaties to which Afghanistan is a state party; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56895/25]

132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the discussions he had with EU counterparts with regard to Russia circumventing international and EU sanctions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [57005/25]

133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his assessment of the current situation in Yemen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Brabazon. [56948/25]

134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the measures his Department is taking to support young Irish emigrants who wish to return home, given the practical difficulties many face in securing housing, employment, and basic documentation on their return; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [57136/25]

135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will provide information on the co-ordination of the EU presidency by his Department; and the details of all cross-departmental groups that have been organised and the membership of same. — Aidan Farrelly. [55464/25]

136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his response to the Russian withdrawal from the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [57011/25]

137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline Ireland’s priorities for the EU presidency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [57176/25]

138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his response to the recent election in Moldova. — Martin Daly. [56954/25]

139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his response to the recent elections in Syria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Brabazon. [56949/25]

140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the action he is taking to ensure that frozen Russian assets become central to Ukrainian reconstruction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [56944/25]

141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps his Department and the diplomatic network are taking to support Irish small and medium enterprises seeking to enter new export markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [57060/25]

142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on the Government’s position in relation to potential increased tariffs; and the preparations it is making for same. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57181/25]

143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on Ireland’s participation in the Ukraine Recovery Conference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [56945/25]

144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on the progress made towards achieving the 0.7% of gross national income being spent on official development aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [56942/25]

145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the objectives of his Department’s strategy for adapting to a changing geopolitical context; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [57052/25]

146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on his Department’s engagements in relation to the EU-Morocco trade deal; the Government’s position on this trade deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57182/25]

147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will provide an update on his engagements with EU member states in relation to the full suspension of the EU-Israel Association Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [57161/25]

148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the engagement his Department has had with the Hague Group; and the efforts which have been made to join the Hague Group in order to support that governmental bloc to maximise international diplomatic and legal action against Israel’s human rights crimes and international law violations. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57178/25]

149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason for contradiction between parties in their understanding of what “safeguards for veterans” means within the Joint Framework that was agreed between him and Hilary Benn; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [56956/25]

150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his response to a recent United Nations report which suggests that some 60 politically motivated criminal cases are opened against Russian citizens every month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [57165/25]

151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to confirm the Government’s position with regard to our long-standing policy of military neutrality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [48825/25]

152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the implementation of the Ireland and Germany joint plan of action for enhanced bilateral and EU Cooperation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [57054/25]

153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on the EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement, and Ireland’s position on the adoption of the agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [57131/25]

154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his assessment of the environmental impact of the proposed EU-Mercosur trade agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [49376/25]

155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which the €10 million investment in new embassies and consulates under Budget 2026 will be geographically allocated to support Irish citizens and businesses abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [57062/25]

156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when the next EU Foreign Affairs council will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [56955/25]

157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his response to the recent arrest by the Russian authorities of Maxim Kruglov, deputy leader of Russia's last remaining opposition party; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [57164/25]

158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on his recent engagements in relation to Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [57038/25]

159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which Ireland's diplomatic network is being used to promote Ireland as a tourism destination, particularly in key overseas markets; whether additional initiatives are planned to strengthen tourism ties abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [57137/25]

160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his assessment of the current human rights situation in Russia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [57000/25]

161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the key elements of Budget 2026 for his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Fleming. [57051/25]

162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will stop the use of Shannon Airport by the US military while they are assisting Israel's genocide in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [49150/25]

163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his response to the recent election in Czechia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [56961/25]

164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his assessment of the current situation in Afghanistan, especially in relation to the rights of women and girls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [56898/25]

165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps Ireland will take ahead of next week's EU Foreign Affairs Council meeting, where Ministers are expected to discuss the partial suspension of the EU-Israel Association Agreement; whether Ireland is engaging with other Member States, including Germany, Italy and France, to support the suspension in view of Israel's continued breaches of international law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [57129/25]

166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the current situation in Belarus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [56899/25]

167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for a report on the joint framework on legacy issues published with the Northern Ireland secretary recently. — Erin McGreehan. [56952/25]

168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the additional measures in Budget 2026 to foster stronger trade links with our international partners. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [57154/25]

169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the timeframe for when the new Ireland-Scotland Cooperation Framework will be launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57159/25]

170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his assessment of the situation of the Kurdish people across Turkey, Syria, Iraq and Iran; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56951/25]

171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on his recent bilateral engagement with Secretary Lutnick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [57175/25]

172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will provide an update on the expansion of Ireland's diplomatic and consular network globally under the Global Ireland strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [57061/25]

173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the up-to-date position on the establishment of the Legacy Commission to advance the implementation of the legacy framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [57024/25]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*174. To ask the Taoiseach the total value and volume of flour imported into Ireland; the total value and volume produced within the State, for each of the years 2015 to 2024. — Malcolm Byrne. [57307/25]

\*175. To ask the Taoiseach the EU funding opportunities that will be open for application for schemes under his Department and at agencies under his aegis in the next six months and in the next 12 months. — Pearse Doherty. [56458/25]

\*176. To ask the Taoiseach if the Central Statistics Office, under his Department's aegis, holds or can provide data on the number and percentage of residents of non-Irish ethnic background in Ballyhaunis, Ballyvaughan, Clones, Lisdoonvarna, Longford, Gort, Granard, and Newport for the census years 2016, 2022, and 2024 or the most recent available figures, if this information can be disaggregated at town level. — Ken O'Flynn. [56414/25]

\*177. To ask the Taoiseach the amount that has been spent by his Department to conduct tendering processes for public infrastructure projects in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024. — Eoghan Kenny. [56700/25]

\*178. To ask the Taoiseach if he or any of his officials received an invitation to attend the multinational Gaza summit in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, that took place on 13 October 2025. — Carol Nolan. [56826/25]

\*179. To ask the Taoiseach the details of the vacant buildings owned by his Department or by agencies under the remit of his Department in Dublin 2, 4, 6, and 6W, including, the address and size in square meters. — Eoin Hayes. [57119/25]

\*180. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Paul Lawless. [57268/25]

\*181. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Paul Lawless. [57269/25]

\*182. To ask the Taoiseach the details of all reports, including consultancy reports commissioned by his Department from 1 January 2024 to date in 2025, that could be categorised as not for external publication or marked for internal use only. — Carol Nolan. [57299/25]

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

\*183. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the production of a film (details supplied), which pertains to the issue of forced child marriage; the actions he is taking to raise this issue at an EU level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [56573/25]

\*184. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to clarify the way in which Ireland is pressuring Hungary to drop its veto on Ukraine joining the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [57173/25]

\*185. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to a change in policy in China in relation to the licensing requirements for companies that are involved in the export of technologies used in rare earth mining and processing (details supplied); if he proposes to raise this at an EU level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [56512/25]

\*186. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount that has been spent by his Department to conduct tendering processes for public infrastructure projects in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [56693/25]

\*187. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether he supports the view, as recently expressed by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen (details supplied), that simplification at EU level should equate to deregulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [56773/25]

\*188. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for details of his engagements with his UK counterparts regarding the detention of Irish citizens in the UK for attending Palestine solidarity protests or breaking the controversial ban on the Palestine Action organisation. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [56776/25]

\*189. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on the work being done by his Department, and agencies under its remit, to facilitate, in line with the commitment under the Programme for Government, the easier return to Ireland for emigrants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56788/25]

\*190. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he or any of his officials received an invitation to attend the multinational Gaza summit in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, that took place on 13 October 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56825/25]

\*191. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the percentage of staff that are based at the Irish Embassy in Bangkok that are fluent in speaking and writing in Thai. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [56886/25]

\*192. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a birth and baptismal certificate for a person born in Ireland in March 1923 is acceptable evidence for their grandchild, when applying for Irish citizenship and an Irish passport. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [57033/25]

\*193. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the average processing time for passport applications whereby reckonable residency must be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [57066/25]

\*194. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to consider implementing changes to the online passport tracker to better reflect processing times in the instance of a 'non-standard' or 'complex' application, as these applications currently present with an estimated issue date based on 'standard' application processing times and said estimated issue date does not update once it has passed, therefore leaving said applicants with no indication on turnaround times, as is afforded to applicants with 'standard' applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [57067/25]

\*195. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of passport applications processing 6+ months; 12+ months; 18+ months, 24+ months, as of October 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [57068/25]

\*196. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the details of the vacant buildings owned by his Department or by agencies under the remit of his Department in Dublin 2, 4, 6, and 6W, including, the address and size in square meters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57111/25]

\*197. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the means by which Ireland's Action Plan on Market Diversification will reduce the country's over-reliance on key trading partners such as the US, UK and EU; the concrete benchmarks and timelines for its implementation and success; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [57145/25]

\*198. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his assessment of the risk to Irish exports given ongoing tensions in transatlantic trade for example, US tariff threats and supply-chain disruptions; the contingency strategies his Department has developed to shield Irish businesses from sudden shocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [57146/25]

\*199. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the discussions he has had with EU counterparts in regard to Russian cyberattacks, disinformation, and political subversion aimed at weakening democracies and dividing societies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [56958/25]

\*200. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has considered appointing a trade envoy to Ukraine to build relationships for the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [56959/25]

\*201. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the details of his recent engagement at EU level with regard to suspending the EU Israel Association Agreement; if he will push for full suspension of the agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [57191/25]

\*202. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide the Abridged Estimates Volume for Budget 2026 for Vote 28, including the provisional sub head and programme level allocations. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57198/25]

\*203. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of trips he took part in during 2025; and the destinations of those trips. — Paul Lawless. [57270/25]

\*204. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the details of all reports, including consultancy reports commissioned by his Department from 1 January 2024 to date in 2025, that could be categorised as not for external publication or marked for internal use only; the cost of each report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57291/25]

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

\*205. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he recognizes the State's clear obligations to prioritize rapid and effective emissions reductions now in order to support and protect children's rights; the plans to implement the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child General Comment No. 26 through law and policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [56627/25]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will arrange for an independent and transparent investigation into the recent Blackwater fish kill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [57239/25]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the recreational fisheries which will be subject to fishing authorisations and catch declarations in the future as per Article 55.4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1224/2009; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [57334/25]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his plans with respect to the transposition of Article 18 of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive, 2024 revision; and the way in which he intends to meet the objectives of a one-stop-shop for physical renovation as set out in the article. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57393/25]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department's allocation in Budget 2026 makes provision for the estimated €220m in national contributions to

match the €663m in funding under the EU Social Climate Fund which can be drawn down from 2026; which vote this allocation will fall under; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56564/25]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the public event planned as part of the Social Climate Plan (SCP) national consultation will take place; when the draft SCP will be published; the provision that will be made for those wishing to join online; how he intends to engage with anti-poverty and civil society organisations throughout the development of the SCP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [56592/25]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on the Taoiseach's comments on 9 October 2025 in which he suggested that climate initiatives will not be fulfilled due to a risk of causing polarisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [56628/25]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the amount that has been spent by his Department to conduct tendering processes for public infrastructure projects in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [56687/25]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if Budget 2026 makes provision for Ireland's required national co-financing contribution (estimated at approximately €220 million) to match the €663 million in EU funding available to Ireland under the Social Climate Fund from 2026; under which Vote or Departmental subhead this national contribution will be allocated; if he will report on the way in which this funding will support the implementation of Ireland's Social Climate Plan and measures targeting vulnerable households and transport users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56751/25]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the way in which his Department intends to ensure that national co-financing for the EU Social Climate Fund is directed towards new or scaled-up measures targeting energy poverty, building renovation, and clean mobility for low-income households and vulnerable transport users, in line with the Social Climate Fund Regulation; and if he will outline how duplication or double-funding with existing schemes such as the Climate Action Fund and SEAI programmes will be avoided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56752/25]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the steps being taken by his Department to support the deployment of demand flexibility technologies in Ireland's electricity system, with a view to reducing renewable energy curtailment and maximising the use of surplus wind power; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [56765/25]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department or any State agency is engaging with the EnergyCloud initiative, which uses surplus renewable energy to provide free hot water and heating to households experiencing energy poverty; if he will consider supporting or co-funding pilot projects aimed at integrating demand-flexible technologies such as smart immersions, heat pumps, batteries and storage heaters into Irish homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [56766/25]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if Budget 2026 makes provision for Ireland's required national co-financing contribution (estimated at approximately €220 million) to match the €663 million in EU funding available to Ireland under the Social Climate Fund from 2026; if he will confirm under which vote or Departmental subhead this national contribution will be allocated; the way in which this funding will support the implementation of Ireland's Social Climate Plan and measures targeting vulnerable households and transport users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [56813/25]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the way in which his Department plans to ensure that national co-financing for the EU Social Climate Fund is directed towards new or scaled-up measures targeting energy poverty, building renovation, and clean mobility for low-income households and vulnerable transport users, in line with the Social Climate Fund Regulation; the way in which duplication or double-funding with existing schemes such as the Climate Action Fund and SEAI programmes will be avoided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [56814/25]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has been notified of a proposed development (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [57055/25]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the details of the vacant buildings owned by his Department or by agencies under the remit of his Department in Dublin 2, 4, 6, and 6W, including, the address and size in square meters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57105/25]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the details of the funding that has been provided to Wexford County Council in the past five years to implement local climate action plans, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [57208/25]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department's allocation in Budget 2026 makes provision for the estimated €220 million in national contributions to match the €663 million in funding under the EU Social Climate Fund which can be drawn down from 2026; which vote/ departmental subheading this allocation will fall under; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [57223/25]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when Ireland's draft Social Climate Plan (SCP) will be published; and how he intends to engage with anti-poverty and civil society organisations throughout the development of the SCP. — Roderic O'Gorman. [57224/25]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the efforts his Department is taking to ensure that Ireland's Social Climate Plan will target vulnerable households explicitly; the research and data sets will be used to inform the definition of vulnerability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [57225/25]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the steps he will take to ensure that the EU's 'simplification' process as it applies to the ETS2 directive and social climate fund is conducted transparently and that the SCF will target vulnerable households explicitly, and not weaken the ETS2 directive obligations on member states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [57282/25]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the details of all reports, including consultancy reports commissioned by his Department from 1 January 2024 to date in 2025, that could be categorised as not for external publication or marked for internal use only; the cost of each report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57285/25]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the actions he is taking to investigate the allegation of price gouging levelled by the Taoiseach against energy suppliers during Leaders' Questions on 14 October and in light of evidence of price gouging highlighted by the International Energy Agency report (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [57356/25]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he plans to match fund for the full allocation of the Social Climate Fund. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57357/25]

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

\*229. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the specific measures the Government is taking to ensure that Ireland's participation in the European Union's permanent structured cooperation framework and any EU defence arrangements do not compromise Ireland's commitment to multilateralism, the UN charter, and its sovereign right to not participate in collective defence given Ireland's long-standing policy of military neutrality; if he will detail the direct financial and logistical costs incurred by the Irish State to date for PESCO participation. — Paul Lawless. [57271/25]

\*230. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the amount that has been spent by his Department to conduct tendering processes for public infrastructure projects in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [56689/25]

\*231. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update on the work being done by his Department, and agencies under its remit, to facilitate, in line with the commitment under the Programme for Government, the easier return to Ireland for emigrants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56784/25]

\*232. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the details of the vacant buildings owned by his Department or by agencies under the remit of his Department in Dublin 2, 4, 6, and 6W, including, the address and size in square meters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57107/25]

\*233. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence given the investment of over €230 million in two new maritime surveillance aircraft for the Air Corps delivered in 2024, the targets that have been set by his Department and military command for a minimum level of surveillance flying hours per year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [57166/25]

\*234. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence since the retirement of the King Air 200, multi-engine flight training in the Air Corps has been outsourced to civilian flight schools, if he intends continuing with this policy; if not, if there will be efforts to bring multi-engine conversion and airline pilot standards multi crew coordination courses back in-house; if this will feature as part of any future PC9 replacement contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [57167/25]

\*235. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence given the approval of the master plan for the infrastructural development of Casement Aerodrome, when these plans will be published; if

they will be resourced as part of voted budget or funds set aside under the NDP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [57168/25]

\*236. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence given the Air Corps has previously employed the armed PC9 as an air interceptor for high profile security events such as the visit of Queen Elizabeth II and given recent personnel issues in the Air Cops, if the Air Corps presently has trained pilots to employ the PC9 in this armed role; if it will feature as a part of security arrangements for the upcoming EU presidency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [57169/25]

\*237. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence given the recent investment of over €350 million in aircraft for the Air Corps (details supplied), if he is satisfied that sufficient hangar space exists in Casement Aerodrome to protect these aircrafts from the corrosive moist Irish climate; if not, when additional hangar space will come online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [57170/25]

\*238. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide the Abridged Estimates Volume for Budget 2026 for Vote 36, including the provisional sub head and programme level allocations. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57199/25]

\*239. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the details of all reports, including consultancy reports commissioned by his Department from 1 January 2024 to date in 2025, that could be categorised as not for external publication or marked for internal use only; the cost of each report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57287/25]

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

\*240. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm the revised delivery timeline for the DART+ coastal north project; if he will clarify whether the project has been further delayed to Q2 2027; the reasons for any such delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [56506/25]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to carry out an audit of public transport services in the Laytown–Bettystown district. — Darren O’Rourke. [56515/25]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to improve accessibility to public transport services such as busses and train services in Laytown/Bettystown. — Darren O’Rourke. [56516/25]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Transport if he aware of the issues with a bus service not stopping at a bus stop (details supplied); the service issues which are causing this; and the steps which are being taken to rectify the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [56520/25]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps his Department is taking to ensure that the agreed pension increases for Córás Iompair Éireann pensioners will go ahead as planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [56574/25]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to ensure that the regulations for the number of skippers aboard a fishing vessel and the qualifications of the skippers are aligned to the

designation by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine of all fishing vessels under 18 metres as “inshore”. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [56602/25]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Transport to address the situation regarding validating driving licences from citizens returning home having spent a couple of years abroad (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [56614/25]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of the funding that has been provided in Budget 2026 for new bus routes versus existing services in Dublin, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [56672/25]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount allocated to the National Transport Authority under Budget 2026 for the provision of new services across the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [56673/25]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Transport the budget invested in the bus network in Dublin west in 2025 in new bus routes versus existing services in Dublin, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [56674/25]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount that has been spent by his Department to conduct tendering processes for public infrastructure projects in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [56701/25]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the work being done by his Department, and agencies under its remit, to facilitate, in line with the commitment under the Programme for Government, the easier return to Ireland for emigrants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56797/25]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will clarify who will be the beneficiary of the recently raised parking charges at railway stations, Irish Rail or the company contracted to manage car parks on behalf of Irish Rail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56875/25]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will clarify who owns the large crane at Colbert Railway Station, Limerick; the future plan for this crane; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56876/25]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of WTE senior application specialist at the grade of higher executive officer level working within the Department in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [56883/25]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide data on the current usage of public bus transport services between Carlow and Dublin City; the details on when and the way in which additional capacity is added or scaled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Natasha Newsome Drennan. [56897/25]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the CIÉ pension agreement (details supplied); and if he is aware of the concerns. — Paul McAuliffe. [56928/25]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Transport the spend to date on 90-minute Leap card fares in Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [56933/25]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Transport the spend on hardware that was deemed to not process fast enough in Cork city for 90-minute Leap card fares; and whether additional hardware will now be purchased. — Thomas Gould. [56934/25]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the introduction of new bus routes in Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [56966/25]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the review into the 203, 208, 207, 214 and 215 bus routes in Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [56967/25]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to deal with the ongoing issues with regard to illegal sulky racing causing danger to road users and horses; if he will consider strengthening legislation in this area to increase protections for other road users; if he has concerns about children being in control of a horse drawn carriage on a public road; if those in control of a horse drawn carriage must follow rules of the road including mobile phone usage; if there is legislation outlining the clear restrictions on the control of sulkies on public roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [56991/25]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Transport the average waiting time for an NCT test appointment in County Mayo; the current backlog of the Westport and Ballina centres; if the RSA will carry out a needs assessment for an additional test centre to service the Erris area in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [56992/25]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Transport the criteria used by the RSA to determine the location of NCT test centres; if rural needs are considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [56993/25]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to provide future interconnectivity between the DART+ North Project and the Metro once the Metro is operational, whether by rail or bus link; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [57008/25]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review existing legislation and regulation of drone operations and delivery systems to strengthen safeguards relating to noise, privacy, and safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [57064/25]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures being taken to ensure that the expansion of drone delivery services does not negatively impact residential communities (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [57065/25]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a progress report on the provision of traffic calming measures in the vicinity of a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [57088/25]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a progress report on the provision of traffic calming measures in Glenbeigh village, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [57089/25]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a progress report in regards to the provision of traffic calming measures in Sneem village, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [57090/25]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a progress report on the provision of traffic calming measures in Cahersiveen town, County Kerry, including new road and footpaths, car parking, etc.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [57091/25]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the acceptance of credit and debit card payments on all public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57096/25]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Transport the Government's position regarding permitting drivers and passengers with disabilities to use bus and taxi lanes, in line with existing parking certification, particularly in Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57100/25]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the vacant buildings owned by his Department or by agencies under the remit of his Department in Dublin 2, 4, 6, and 6W, including, the address and size in square meters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57120/25]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Transport In view of the renewed consultation on Cork light rail proposals, if he will release the costed feasibility and ridership study, commit to fast-tracking funding and planning approval for example, statutory orders for the Cork route with defined milestones; and if central Government will underwrite cost overruns or reduce risk for the local authority or developers. — Ken O'Flynn. [57123/25]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Transport the year search and rescue helicopters started to operate from Casement Aerodrome; when this operation stopped; if air traffic controllers are required for the operation of search and rescue helicopters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [57195/25]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Transport the current waiting times for driving tests in each centre in County Wexford; and the number of applicants currently waiting beyond ten to 12 weeks in each test centre, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [57209/25]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated total committed annualised costs for bus services operating within the Dublin west area from 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [57247/25]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to allow the installation of private home EV chargers for those with access to on-street or public parking space outside their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [57255/25]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Transport the financial allocation in Budget 2026 for the advancement of the N2 Ardee to Castleblayney road scheme; when the next phase of this project will commence; the estimated final completion date for this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [57264/25]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of all reports, including consultancy reports commissioned by his Department from 1 January 2024 to date in 2025, that could be categorised as not for external publication or marked for internal use only; the cost of each report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57300/25]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the progression of the Cork to Limerick motorway (M20); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [57310/25]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be provided for the provision of a cantilever footbridge alongside the river bridge over the Shannon at Rooskey, County Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [57338/25]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps being taken by the National Transport Authority to examine and progress service enhancements to the Castleconnell/Montpelier area under the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Programme, coordinated with the planned bus connects improvements in Limerick city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [57415/25]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to deal with the ongoing issues regarding illegal sulky racing causing danger to road users and horses; if he will consider strengthening legislation in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [57688/25]

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

\*285. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to engage with the Central Bank on the subject of bridging finance for older people seeking to right size; the engagements he has had with the Central Bank and commercial lenders to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [56562/25]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Finance to outline the regulations, standards or oversight mechanisms in place regarding the allocation and printing of registration plates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [56604/25]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Finance the controls or regulations in place to ensure that vehicle registration plates can only be printed or supplied by authorised providers, and that each plate issued is properly linked to a registered vehicle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [56605/25]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of consumer complaints previously submitted to the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman which at the end of 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 were in the formal investigation process but awaiting a preliminary or legally binding decision by the ombudsman, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [56620/25]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the Government's position regarding the deemed disposal rule for Irish-domiciled investment funds; if he plans to reform or abolish this measure in line with recommendations from the Tax Strategy Group and the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation, and Taoiseach; and the timeline for the proposed roadmap on investment taxation reform announced in Budget 2026. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [56655/25]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount that has been spent by his Department to conduct tendering processes for public infrastructure projects in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [56692/25]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps being taken to ensure the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund is not investing in corporations profiting from trade with Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [56712/25]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Finance why the 9% reduction in VAT in Budget 2026 did not include funfairs and circuses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56746/25]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Finance to clarify an issue regarding the 9% VAT rate for the hospitality sector (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [56748/25]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the work being done by his Department, and agencies under its remit, to facilitate, in line with the commitment under the Programme for Government, the easier return to Ireland for emigrants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56787/25]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider including beauticians along with hairdressers in the 9% VAT reduction in the 2026 Finance Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [56803/25]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Finance using data from local property taxes, to provide the number of landlords with over 100 residential properties and the total number of properties; the number of landlords with between 50 - 99 residential properties and the total number of properties; the number of landlords with between 20 - 49 residential properties and the total number of properties; the total number of landlords with between 10 -19 residential properties and the total number of properties; the number of landlords with between five to nine residential properties and the total number of properties; the number of landlords with four residential properties; the number of landlords with three residential properties; the number of landlords with two residential properties; the number of landlords with one residential property, by year, from 2016 to date, in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [56808/25]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Finance the exclusions from the hospitality VAT reduction; the saving associated with each exclusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [56809/25]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Finance the rationale for applying the VAT reduction on new apartments from Budget 2026 given the fact it will only mean savings and higher profitability for apartments which were already viable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [56810/25]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide a list of all jurisdictions outside the EU/EEA that Ireland does not have a double taxation treaty in place, that will apply a non-refundable dividend withholding tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [56812/25]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Finance the total value of all residential property based on local property tax data; the total value of residential property owned by landlords; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [56823/25]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has spoken formally with a person (details supplied) to date in 2025. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [56878/25]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Finance for the abridged estimates volume for Budget 2026 for Vote 7, 9 and 10, including the provisional sub head and programme level allocations. — Pearse Doherty. [56927/25]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding reforms to the deemed disposal tax in respect of exchange traded funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57102/25]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of the vacant buildings owned by his Department or by agencies under the remit of his Department in Dublin 2, 4, 6, and 6W, including, the address and size in square meters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57110/25]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Finance which political parties put in a submission for suggestions on insurance reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [57140/25]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Finance the exemptions to carbon tax in place for products that are designed specifically to reduce carbon emissions, including consumer products; and how exemptions for these can be sought. — Peadar Tóibín. [57144/25]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 351 of 14 October 2025, if the standard fund threshold will increase from €2 million to €2.2 million in 2026; to outline a credible cost associated with the measure that includes change in behaviour that would directly result from this measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [57147/25]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 348 of 14 October 2025, if any loan sharks rather than fraud cases have been reported to the Central Bank of Ireland since the enactment of the Consumer Credit (Amendment) Act 2022, in June 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [57148/25]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 350 of 14 October 2025, the cost of the VAT change for new apartment construction for apartments completed and sold in 2025; the cost of the VAT change for new apartment construction for apartments completed and sold in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [57149/25]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost to the Exchequer of capital allowances on the purchase of residential property broken down by investment company, trade company and individual landlord; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [57150/25]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost to the Exchequer of capital allowances on the cost of furniture and fittings in rental residential property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [57151/25]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the exclusion of cinemas from the recent hospitality VAT reduction from 13.5% to 9%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [57220/25]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Finance all qualifying cost for the higher rate deduction regarding the enhanced corporation tax deduction for apartment construction costs announced in budget 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [57254/25]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of the growing number of elderly people whose life assurance policies are becoming unaffordable due to annual premium increases; if he will outline what consumer protections currently exist for persons over the age of 70 who have paid premiums for decades but now face either the loss of their policy or sharply reduced cover; if his Department has engaged with the Central Bank regarding this matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [57256/25]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 352 of 14 October 2025, to provide further detail on how the legislation was functioning in relation to balancing allowances arising in respect of intellectual property asset; the cost to the exchequer of the ring-fencing and 80% not being applied to balancing allowances in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 as a result of allowances being used at a faster rate than was intended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [57262/25]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has received any proposals to reduce the VAT rates for the cinema industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [57265/25]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of reducing the VAT rate for the cinema industry to 9%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [57272/25]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Finance the specific actions local authorities must undertake for the living city initiative to commence in newly designated areas. — Erin McGreehan. [57278/25]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of all reports, including consultancy reports commissioned by his Department from 1 January 2024 to date in 2025, that could be categorised as not for external publication or marked for internal use only; the cost of each report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57290/25]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Finance the criteria used to determine which cities and towns are included in the living city initiative; if a town (details supplied) will be able to join the initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [57302/25]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the Government took no actions to address the long-standing issue of deemed disposal for Irish investors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [57306/25]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if the individual qualifies under the scheme in such circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57311/25]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to allow for companies to claim the increased 35% research and development tax credit from 1 January 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [57317/25]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider amending the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 to provide for companies to claim the research and development credit from 1 January of each year, irrespective of when their account periods commence; if he agrees that such an initiative will improve Ireland's competitiveness given the current geopolitical and prevailing trading environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [57318/25]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Finance if companies will be allowed to treat 100% of a research and development employee's emoluments as qualifying expenditure provided that at least 95% of the employee's time is spent on eligible research and development activities; if such claims can be made from 1 January 2026 irrespective of when a company's accounting period starts in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [57319/25]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of VAT collected on the supply and artificial insemination of greyhounds, transactions which benefit from the reduced rate of tax. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57354/25]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Finance if transactions to stay in accommodation (details supplied) are subject to VAT; if so, the obligations on hosts to collect that VAT; and if having planning permission or otherwise impacts any obligation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57355/25]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider extending the recent reduction in the VAT rate to include cinema admissions given the sector's ongoing challenges, such as rising energy and wage costs, incomplete recovery from the pandemic, and increased competition from global streaming platforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [57430/25]

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

\*329. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the budget allocation and full contract cost for construction works and refurbishment of Portlaoise Garda Station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [56513/25]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of staff working in the OPW buildings in Trim for each of the past five years; the staff per square metre ratio at the OPW buildings in Trim for each of the past five years; if the OPW in Trim will provide accommodation for the Trim Women's Shed to operate; and if he will meet with the Trim Women's Shed. — Peadar Tóibín. [56540/25]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of empty buildings that the Office of Public Works have in the County Meath, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [56541/25]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the reason a project (details supplied) has not yet been approved to commence by the OPW; when will it be approved; and the reason for the delay in it being approved. — Pat Buckley. [56581/25]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to instruct the OPW to pursue all avenues to provide flood mitigation in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [56582/25]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his attention has been drawn to local bargaining instalment within the Public Service Agreement 2024-2026, that stipulates a 1 percent pay increase from 1 September 2025; if he will confirm this increase has been implemented, and if it affects the pay of civil servants on the grades of executive officer and higher executive officer. — Claire Kerrane. [56642/25]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the way in which Ireland has implemented the requirements of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/138 on High-Value Datasets; the Department, unit, or official responsible for coordinating national compliance; and if the June 2024 availability deadline and the February 2025 reporting obligations under Articles 5 and 6 have been fully met. — Albert Dolan. [56753/25]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the way in which progress on high-value datasets will be monitored and reported to the European Commission from 2025 onwards; to list the datasets included in Ireland's initial submission; and the criteria being used to assess completeness, technical quality, and accessibility of the data published. — Albert Dolan. [56754/25]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the technical and operational standards adopted nationally to ensure high-value datasets (HVD) are published in full compliance with Article 4 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/138, including requirements for open licensing (CC0 or CC BY 4.0), machine-readable formats, API access, bulk download, and comprehensive metadata; and if all designated HVDs are now listed and accessible on data.gov.ie. — Albert Dolan. [56755/25]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the coordination arrangements in place across Departments, local authorities and State agencies to ensure consistent implementation of the High-Value Datasets Regulation; and if technical or training supports have been provided through the Technical Services Framework for Open Data and Data Management. — Albert Dolan. [56756/25]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will consider designating public procurement and contracting data as a high-value dataset-equivalent category for domestic purposes; and if he will introduce a circular or statutory instrument requiring that procurement data, including tenders, contract awards, supplier identifiers, contract values, and links to eTenders notices, be published in open, machine-readable formats (e.g. OCDS-compliant CSV or JSON) with stable identifiers and public APIs. — Albert Dolan. [56757/25]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will consider using Ireland's forthcoming 2026 EU Council Presidency to advance the inclusion of Public Procurement and Contracting Data within the European

Commission's list of high-value datasets; and to outline any preparatory work under way to position Ireland as a leading example of open, structured procurement transparency. — Albert Dolan. [56758/25]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if the National Open Data Strategy 2023–2027 and forthcoming Public Service Digital Strategy explicitly incorporate high-value dataset obligations; and the way in which these frameworks will ensure alignment with the Open Data and Public Sector Information Directive (EU) 2019/1024, particularly in relation to the accessibility and reuse of financial and procurement information. — Albert Dolan. [56759/25]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to set out Ireland's recent achievements in open data and high-value datasets, including highlights from the latest EU Open Data Maturity assessment, notable flagship datasets/APIs released on data.gov.ie, examples of measurable reuse and public value (e.g. research, SME innovation or service improvement), progress on implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/138, and key milestones planned for 2025–2027, including any initiatives Ireland intends to champion at EU level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [56760/25]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on the work being done by his Department, and agencies under its remit, to facilitate, in line with the commitment under the Programme for Government, the easier return to Ireland for emigrants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56793/25]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 311 of 5 November 2024 and No. 427 of 10 June 2025, the progress made on the provision of a planned new Garda station in Laytown, County Meath; if he will provide a detailed update the development of a business case; the timeline for the completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56868/25]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of male and female qualified horticulturists employed by the OPW as of 13 October 2025. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [56885/25]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his views on the lengthy delay in the OPW sourcing a suitable site for a new Garda station at Carndonagh, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [57043/25]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department has been notified of a proposed development (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [57059/25]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total number of service contracts awarded to private consultancy firms, broken down by projects in IT, management, accounting and auditing, Department and cost, each year to date since 2000, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57099/25]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the details of the vacant buildings owned by his Department or by agencies under the remit of his Department in Dublin 2, 4, 6, and 6W, including, the address and size in square meters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57116/25]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide the Abridged Estimates Volume for Budget 2026 for Vote 11, including the provisional sub head and programme level allocations. — Mairéad Farrell. [57194/25]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will review the operation of the revised spouses' and children's pension scheme (2004) as it applies to teachers and other public servants, and to address the issue of compulsory contributions by single members with no dependents, who cannot benefit under the scheme, and for whom contributions are not refundable on retirement or death; and whether this constitutes discriminatory treatment of single employees compared with married or partnered colleagues. — Ken O'Flynn. [57238/25]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the details of all reports, including consultancy reports commissioned by his Department from 1 January 2024 to date in 2025, that could be categorised as not for external publication or marked for internal use only; the cost of each report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57296/25]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on the proposed flood relief works for Inchigeelagh, Cork which is included in the CFRAM plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [57331/25]

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

\*354. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the supports, financial or otherwise, that would be available to a start-up (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [56555/25]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the amount that has been spent by his Department to conduct tendering processes for public infrastructure projects in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [56691/25]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will identify the locations and completion dates for each advanced building solutions delivered under the IDA Regional Building Programme, in tabular form. — Roderic O'Gorman. [56744/25]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the work being done by his Department, and agencies under its remit, to facilitate, in line with the commitment under the Programme for Government, the easier return to Ireland for emigrants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56786/25]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the conflict of interest disclosures that adjudicators of the Workplace Relations Commission are required to make prior

to taking up their position; if adjudicators may engage in discussions with legal representatives prior to a hearing; and if such communications must be declared. — Ken O’Flynn. [56872/25]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when the next call for tourism projects to apply for The Shared Island Fund 2026 will come; and the way in which local groups hoping to establish cross-Border initiatives should apply for this funding. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [56932/25]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when applicants will learn if they have received funding under the strategic tourism festival investment scheme 2026-2028; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [57095/25]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the details of the vacant buildings owned by his Department or by agencies under the remit of his Department in Dublin 2, 4, 6, and 6W, including, the address and size in square meters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57109/25]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the supports being put in place to attract new employers to County Wexford and the surrounding region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [57201/25]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the plans in place to create more opportunities in order that persons can work closer to home in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [57202/25]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps being taken to ensure that rural enterprises and businesses in County Wexford remain funded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [57203/25]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when the national AI office will open; when it is expected to be fully operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [57261/25]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the details of all reports, including consultancy reports commissioned by his Department from 1 January 2024 to date in 2025, that could be categorised as not for external publication or marked for internal use only; the cost of each report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57289/25]

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

\*367. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department maintains data on the number of teachers currently assigned to special education needs classes who hold specific qualifications or accredited training in dyslexia support, structured literacy instruction, or numeracy interventions; if not, the reason for the absence of such data; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [56476/25]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has assessed the extent to which unqualified or non-registered personnel are currently delivering special education support, including literacy and numeracy interventions, in mainstream schools; the rationale for permitting such practice; the safeguards in place to ensure quality and consistency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [56477/25]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will consider introducing mandatory, accredited training modules in dyslexia support and numeracy intervention for all those assigned to special education needs roles in mainstream settings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [56478/25]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has conducted a workforce planning analysis for areas of high population growth such as Fingal, specifically in relation to the availability of teachers with specialist training in dyslexia, literacy and numeracy support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [56479/25]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the mechanisms in place to monitor the quality and consistency of special education provision in mainstream schools, particularly in relation to literacy and numeracy support for children with dyslexia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [56480/25]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department tracks the uptake and impact of professional development programmes related to dyslexia and numeracy support among teachers assigned to special education needs roles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [56481/25]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of a secondary school place for a child (details supplied) in County Cork. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [56482/25]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware that school bus escorts were paid from the moment they began their working day and now they are not being paid until the moment a child gets on the bus despite many escorts being on the bus for up to an hour before hand; and if she will engage with the ETBs to resolve this issue. — Darren O'Rourke. [56501/25]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when she will launch an online national survey of all primary parents and preschool parents to determine local preferences for school type, including for multid denominational patronage to inform potential future changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [56503/25]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason for the delay in publishing the national survey on parents' patronage choice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [56504/25]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on correspondence regarding an application for a child (details supplied) and ensure that school transport has been arranged. — Mary Lou McDonald. [56510/25]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of empty buildings that the Department of Education and Youth have in County Meath, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [56543/25]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to examine issues in correspondence (details supplied) affecting an amalgamation project for a school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [56557/25]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to clarify the reason a school (details supplied) was excluded from the science implementation support grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [56569/25]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the policy rationale for the continued exclusion of minority faith schools from the school improvement service guarantee, the free schoolbooks scheme, and similar supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [56570/25]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Department's long-term strategy for supporting the sustainability and inclusivity of minority faith schools and their pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [56571/25]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the application submitted by a school (details supplied) to have their roof replaced under the Climate Action Summer Works Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [56575/25]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the exceptional interim grant for parents of children in special schools who have not received school transport. — Thomas Gould. [56579/25]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special transport grants paid out, by county, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [56580/25]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the sanctioned ASA extension for a school (details supplied) falls within the capital expenditure allocation referenced in the Department of Education and Youth Budget 2026 Document; whether it falls within the 260 schools or 80 school buildings referenced in that document; if not, when specifically it is expected that the extension at the school will progress to construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [56594/25]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of the emergency funding application submitted by a school (details supplied), regarding structural issues arising from defective concrete; if her Department has completed or commenced an assessment of the extent of the defects; the interim measures being put in place to ensure the safety of pupils and staff; and if she will outline the expected timelines for decision, approval, and commencement of any approved works. — Charles Ward. [56601/25]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an urgent update on a school buildings project (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [56626/25]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the amount that has been spent by her Department to conduct tendering processes for public infrastructure projects in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [56690/25]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth is she will respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); the actions her Department is taking to address the staffing shortages at this school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [56711/25]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is considering the inclusion of minority faith schools in initiatives such as the science implementation support grant, the free schoolbooks scheme and the climate action works scheme; if not, the reason such schools continue to be excluded from the schemes; the supports her Department is providing and is considering implementing for the sustainability and inclusivity of minority faith schools going forward; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [56777/25]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the work being done by her Department, and agencies under its remit, to facilitate, in line with the commitment under the Programme for Government, the easier return to Ireland for emigrants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56785/25]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps her Department will take to end the Industrial and Reformatory School Survivors hunger strike; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [56815/25]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the new DEIS plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [56816/25]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the breakdown of the way in which expenditure allocated to youth work in Budget 2026 will be spent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [56841/25]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware that children with disabilities are frequently granted exemptions from studying Irish in order to access special educational needs support; if she accepts that this practice effectively denies these children access to the Irish language curriculum on the basis of their disability; if she will outline the steps she is taking to ensure that children with disabilities can access Irish language education on an equal basis with their peers and also receive support for their disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [56873/25]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reasons capitation per head for second level students is significantly higher than for primary; whether there is any intention to equalise the payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [56922/25]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether there is any restriction on a school seeking external funding for a building project; whether a school is permitted to seek private/corporate funding or sponsorship to progress a building project that has not been funded by the Department, such as a general purpose hall; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [56925/25]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason the mainstream class teacher grant, which encompasses a furniture and ICT grant, has not been paid to schools yet, despite commitments that this would be paid on 8 September 2025; and the measures being taken to ensure schools are paid this grant as quickly as possible. — Darren O'Rourke. [56969/25]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason her Department has not contacted schools regarding the mainstream class teacher grant since 2 September 2025; if she will make contact to eligible schools informing them of any delays in payment; and measures being taken to ensure payment is made as quickly as possible. — Darren O'Rourke. [56970/25]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a local school building project (details supplied); the reason for the ongoing delays in realising this project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [56983/25]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on proposed works to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [57014/25]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to address issues raised in correspondence regarding the urgent needs of teachers, particularly in primary and special schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [57016/25]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for clarification and information in relation to school bus ticket for a child (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [57018/25]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the progress of school building projects in Donabate, including any sites earmarked for schools as part of housing developments currently underway or planned; if she will outline the engagement to date between her Department, Fingal County Council, and relevant developers or construction companies regarding these sites; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [57026/25]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which a school (details supplied) can proceed to re-open much needed capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57032/25]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the implementation of the proposed timebound provision for transferring teachers from route 3 to route 1 of the Teaching Council register; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [57079/25]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of ongoing communication challenges between the Teaching Council and applicants seeking to transfer their registration routes; the steps being taken to ensure timely, transparent and supportive communication with teachers who are actively employed in schools and awaiting guidance on their registration status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [57080/25]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will investigate reported inconsistencies in the Teaching Council's handling of registration route transfers, particularly in cases where teachers with similar qualifications and experience have received differing outcomes; if she will ensure that all applicants are treated equitably and in a timely manner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [57081/25]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will request the Teaching Council to review cases where teachers with comparable qualifications and experience have received inconsistent decisions regarding their registration route; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [57082/25]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the means by which her Department is addressing the situation whereby teachers registered under route 3 are currently prevented from commencing the Droichead process, despite being actively employed in Irish schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [57083/25]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will intervene to ensure that teachers registered under route 3, who are actively teaching in Irish schools, are not excluded from accessing the Droichead process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [57084/25]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the impact the current barriers to registration and induction are having on teacher supply, particularly in areas experiencing acute shortages such as north County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [57085/25]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will assess the impact of Teaching Council registration delays and route transfer barriers on the availability of qualified teachers in Dublin schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [57086/25]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the Teaching Council's current policy regarding the recognition of teaching qualifications obtained through online programmes from UK universities; if she will ensure that such qualifications are treated equitably in the registration process, particularly where professional placement was completed in an Irish school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [57087/25]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the details of the vacant buildings owned by her Department or by agencies under the remit of her Department in Dublin 2, 4, 6, and 6W, including, the address and size in square meters; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57108/25]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on comments regarding the education budget for 2026 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [57139/25]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 482 of 14 October 2025, if she will provide a breakdown of the capital funding for youth affairs under Project Ireland 2040, where €7.55 billion will be invested in the education and youth sector over the period 2026 to 2030; if she will provide an annual breakdown of funding going to youth affairs under Project Ireland 2040; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [57193/25]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the breakdown of the number of applications for school transport in County Wexford for the 2025/2026 academic year; the number of pupils who were issued a bus ticket under the scheme; the number of pupils who were refused a place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [57206/25]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children with additional needs in County Wexford who are currently without a suitable school place for the upcoming academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [57210/25]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the engagement she has had with a group (details supplied); the actions she is taking to work with this group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [57233/25]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth where parents can find guidance on the structure for children opted out of religion under the new primary school curriculum. — Thomas Gould. [57241/25]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware that single teachers appointed since 2004 are required to make mandatory 1.5% pension contributions to the spouses' and children's pension scheme despite being ineligible for benefits under that scheme; if she considers this requirement to be equitable; and if she will engage with the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitisation to examine possible reform or refund mechanisms for single teachers. — Ken O'Flynn. [57242/25]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on the building project at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [57243/25]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of suspensions and expulsions in special schools under the patronage of the ETBs in the school years 2021–22, 2022–23 and 2023–24, respectively. — Liam Quaide. [57244/25]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when grants awarded under her Department's physical activity in teaching and learning scheme will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [57249/25]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to calls from parents and representative groups in relation to students with dyslexia and dyspraxia and other conditions what may require them to have additional time allocated and other accommodations for State examinations; if this is under review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [57279/25]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the details of all reports, including consultancy reports commissioned by her Department from 1 January 2024 to date in 2025, that could be categorised as not for external publication or marked for internal use only; the cost of each report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57288/25]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the options available to urban parents for school transport (details supplied); the funding schemes which are available to assist such parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [57304/25]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding accessibility of Leaving Certificate applied examinations for students who are deaf or hard of hearing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57321/25]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an application for incremental credit (details supplied); if the Teaching Council will accept the documents provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [57337/25]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 197 of 9 October 2025, and the fourth Topical Issue selected of 9 October, if she has reviewed this issue with regards to the shortfall in ancillary grant funding for a school (details supplied) following the move to paying the school secretary through the Department of Education; the

actions she will take to address this shortfall; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [57344/25]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the design stage of each project under her Department, in each county, and year of application submitted, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [57346/25]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the number of projects under her Department that are at design stage 2B, and the year of application submitted, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [57347/25]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the name and location of UBU-funded youth services, per constituency, and the funding provided to each service in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026; as well as the number of staff and number of young people engaged in the service for each of those years, in tabular form. — Aisling Dempsey. [57348/25]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if all the construction-related reports required to progress a school building project (details supplied) advised by her Department in July 2024 to proceed with a new planning application, which should include decarbonisation, have been completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [57349/25]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will urgently address the matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [57363/25]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the options in place for the provision of education to secondary school students where there is a shortage of teachers for a core curriculum subject; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57382/25]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to respond to concerns (details supplied) that several Leaving Certificate Applied subjects are inaccessible for deaf and hard of hearing students; for details of any plans to address this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57400/25]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the additional accommodation project application lodged by a school (details supplied); the timeline for a decision in respect of this badly needed development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [57401/25]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the Abridged Estimates Volume for Budget 2026 for Vote number 26, including the provisional sub head and programme level allocations. — Darren O'Rourke. [57422/25]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for a list of additional school accommodation projects approved for County Offaly in each of the past ten years, 2015-2025; the date of their completion; if not yet completed, their current status and expected completion date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [57429/25]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update in respect of opening the autism class in a school (details supplied). — Aidan Farrelly. [57431/25]

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

\*444. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the internet infrastructure will be upgraded in an area (details supplied) in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [56587/25]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the amount that has been spent by his Department to conduct tendering processes for public infrastructure projects in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [56688/25]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when consultation will open for the permanent basic income for the arts scheme; the form that consultation will take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [56774/25]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether artists on the pilot scheme will be eligible to apply for the permanent basic income for the arts scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [56775/25]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the work being done by his Department, and agencies under its remit, to facilitate, in line with the commitment under the Programme for Government, the easier return to Ireland for emigrants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56783/25]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide the Abridged Estimates Volume for Budget 2026 for Vote 33, including the provisional sub-head and programme level allocations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [57013/25]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the details of the vacant buildings owned by his Department or by agencies under the remit of his Department in Dublin 2, 4, 6, and 6W, including, the address and size in square meters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57106/25]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether there are any funding streams available to young people playing darts on the world stage. — Thomas Gould. [57252/25]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the details of all reports, including consultancy reports commissioned by his Department from 1 January 2024 to date in 2025, that could be categorised as not for external publication or marked for internal use only; the cost of each report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57286/25]

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

\*453. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in view of the recent EPA's report on the ecological collapse of Our Lady's Island Lake (lagoon), a priority area under the EU Habitat Directive, if he will instigate a coordinated response to this report and insure funding is forthcoming to protect and restore this lagoon, as it is of enormous ecological,

historical and spiritual significance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [57196/25]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to review the 20 year claw back requirement for owners of rental properties that avail of remediation under the defective concrete blocks grant scheme. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [56505/25]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the proposed purchase of lands at Glen of the Downs, County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [56511/25]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 57 of 9 October 2025, the timeframe in which he intends to progress legislation to amend eligibility criteria for the accommodation recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56542/25]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authorities that consider carers allowance payments as income and include it in the calculation for social housing rent reviews; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56558/25]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to encourage purpose built housing for older adults by designating it as a specific use class or housing typology, as has been done for purpose built student accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [56563/25]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to extend the eligibility to avail of the defective concrete blocks grant scheme to homeowners who purchased their primary home in late 2020 and past the current cut-off point of January 2020. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [56568/25]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for publication of the updated wind energy guidelines. — Erin McGreehan. [56583/25]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there has been any increase in the housing adaption grants in Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56589/25]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm if there is a practice of applying cost deductions on AHB scheme approvals, in the form of disallowing major portions of land, construction, communal, and financing costs; to clarify if this practice is in some cases disallowing costs ranging from €2-4 million of the cost to build the schemes, making the schemes unviable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [56596/25]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the progress of the new voids programme, as promised in the Programme for Government 2025, to improve the turnaround of vacant social housing units and if AHBs are now being provided with tenant nominations prior to housing completions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [56597/25]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a dwelling in County Sligo (details supplied) is eligible for the pyrite remediation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [56611/25]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans to review the unit cost threshold of €15,000 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [56656/25]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount that has been spent by his Department to conduct tendering processes for public infrastructure projects in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [56696/25]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans to increase funding for the vacant property refurbishment grant (Croí Cónaithe towns fund); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [56761/25]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider incorporating 'EnergyCloud Ready' standards into the design and specification of new social and affordable housing developments, ensuring that heat pumps, storage heaters, batteries, and smart water tanks installed in new builds can be remotely activated to make use of surplus renewable energy; the way in which new-build housing can contribute to demand-side flexibility and the reduction of energy poverty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [56767/25]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that local authorities are stalling applications to the social housing list by homeless individuals if they cannot provide a utility bill in their name or a sworn affidavit by people who are allowing them to couch surf, though this might include tenants in social housing who may be reluctant to provide such an affidavit for fear of being found in breach of their own tenancy agreement; if he agrees that these are bureaucratic barriers unsuitable for homeless individuals; if a new, more suitable set of application criteria can be formulated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [56822/25]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans regarding the rental reform scheduled to take place in March 2026 in order to minimise current speculation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [56829/25]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the impact of the 45 days completeness check, as part of the European Union (Planning and Development) (Renewable Energy) Regulations 2025, (details supplied); if he will consider extending the period of time for submissions, to ensure the deadline for submissions comes after the 45 days completeness check and therefore, allows time for submissions post-pre-validation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56869/25]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reasons a research stipend of a PhD student cannot be included as income in an application for a local authority home loan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [56891/25]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider extending the defective concrete blocks grant scheme to include additional counties, such as Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [56930/25]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to include the additional areas which have been classed as high status objective catchment area and priority areas for action which were published as part of the 'Water Action Plan 2024, Ireland's third River Basin Management Plan', so that all the new areas can qualify for grant aid assistance under the domestic wastewater treatment systems grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [57030/25]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for clarification as to whether a body incorporated can apply for the vacant property refurbishment grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [57034/25]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of the 60 positions for the National Parks and Wildlife Service, announced by the previous Minister on 4 May 2022 for the Strategic Action Plan, that have been filled. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [57071/25]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff currently working in the National Market Surveillance Office. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [57072/25]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff are currently working for the National Building Control Office. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [57073/25]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of construction product types the NMSO and NBCO are responsible for. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [57074/25]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of the staff working for the NMSO and the NBCO who work for both offices, that is, the number of staff simultaneously working for both offices. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [57075/25]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage given that the NMSO was facing a national emergency according to two newspaper articles (details supplied) if the NMSO is now satisfied that they have sufficient staff to carry out their duties properly in the national office. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [57076/25]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the NMSO is satisfied that their staff in local authorities are competent to carry out MSO activities with regard to concrete construction products. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [57077/25]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he and the NMSO is satisfied that the NMSO will prevent any more new builds from having defective concrete going forward. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [57078/25]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the vacant buildings owned by his Department or by agencies under the remit of his Department in

Dublin 2, 4, 6, and 6W, including, the address and size in square meters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57114/25]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that his relevant Department officials participate in the Multi-Stakeholder Working Group (details supplied), established to address the range of problems affecting victims of the defective concrete block crisis and given the need to restore a normal and functioning housing market in the affected counties. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [57143/25]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the legislation and regulations relevant to the spreading of sewage sludge on farmland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [57192/25]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to tackle dereliction and vacancy in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [57211/25]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether Carlow County Council has applied for funding from the Traveller Accommodation Unit for Traveller-specific accommodation and a Traveller liaison officer; if so, the response from the Department to these specific requests; and if the funding was denied, the reason. — Paul Murphy. [57218/25]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration can be given to extending the dates for spreading slurry (details supplied). — Danny Healy-Rae. [57219/25]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the €34 million in Budget 2026 being allocated to support the Traveller community, including for the delivery of new accommodation, and repair and maintenance work. — Paul Murphy. [57221/25]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that his relevant Department officials participate in the Multi-Stakeholder Working Group including representative groups (details supplied) established to address the range of problems affecting victims of the defective concrete block crisis, given the need to restore a normal and functioning housing market in the affected counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [57230/25]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding for Traveller accommodation applied for by each housing authority per year from 2024 to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [57232/25]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that his relevant Department officials participate in the Multi-Stakeholder Working Group including representative groups (details supplied) established to address the range of problems affecting victims of the defective concrete block crisis, given the need to restore a normal and functioning housing market in the affected counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [57235/25]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration will be given to holding a joint meeting of emergency service agencies/bodies to implement a plan for

providing streamlined access for emergency services to gated housing complexes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [57258/25]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of all reports, including consultancy reports commissioned by his Department from 1 January 2024 to date in 2025, that could be categorised as not for external publication or marked for internal use only; the cost of each report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57294/25]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to review HAP limits for each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [57324/25]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount that has been allocated to each local authority under each programme for the delivery of social and affordable housing in 2025, including any loans; of this, the amount that has been drawn down to date; and of this, the amount that has been spent to date, broken down by local authority and funding stream. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57329/25]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount that has been allocated to each local authority to retrofit homes in 2025, including any loans; of this, the amount that has been drawn down to date; and of this, the amount that has been spent to date, broken down by local authority and funding stream. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57330/25]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total commercial rates intake from businesses in the town of Kiltimagh, County Mayo by Mayo County Council, in the most recent year and for each of the previous five years. — Paul Lawless. [57358/25]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a controlled derogation of planning permission law can be introduced during the term of this Government, to allow a much increased number of homes be built (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [57359/25]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to ensure that the electoral register is maintained in an updated manner; the evidence he has that suggests it is up to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [57384/25]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to urgently examine issues raised in regard to the first home scheme and the inaccessibility of the help-to-buy scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [57390/25]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the work of the Water Conservation Working Group; the members of this group; the dates on which it met in the past 24 months; and a report on the discussions and outcomes from these meetings. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57391/25]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the transposition of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive, 2024 revision; and the date on which the directive will be fully transposed into domestic law. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57392/25]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the interim fire safety remediation scheme; the data on the amount of funding which has been approved for each pathfinder project; the amount of work which has been drawn down; and whether fire safety remediation work has actually occurred. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57395/25]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the pathfinder projects for retrospective payment to owners management companies for building defects remediation work carried out and funded by the owners. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57396/25]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with respect to the Social Housing Support Household Means Policy 2021, the criteria with respect to maintenance payments received by an applicant. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57407/25]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the transfer of responsibility for the regulation of owners' management companies from the Department of Justice to his Department; and if he will confirm that this transfer will be completed before the summer recess; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [57416/25]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that his relevant Department officials participate in the Multi- Stakeholder Working Group including members (details supplied) established to address the range of problems affecting victims of the defective concrete block crisis, given the need to restore a normal and functioning housing market in the affected counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [57425/25]

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

\*510. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the assistance or guidance his Department or agencies under the remit of his Department is providing to small business owners in relation to the introduction of auto-enrolment in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [57424/25]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will confirm that all weekly contributory and weekly non-contributory pensioners will receive the full ten euros increase in Budget 2026 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [56523/25]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to clarify the eligibility criteria for the new fuel allowance payment for those in receipt of the working family payment, announced in Budget 2026; the proposed income thresholds, and any other qualifying conditions that will apply, when the measure is introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [56566/25]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is aware that people are receiving letters informing them they are not eligible for the exceptional needs payment because they got it before, in some cases two years ago; if the Minister will ensure that this stops; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56588/25]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to please review the case of a person (details supplied) in the hope that his son can maintain his social welfare because of the extenuating circumstances. — Ann Graves. [56644/25]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the EU Member States that made restitution for historically discriminatory social welfare, particularly in the case of women who have lost out on pension payments due to the marriage bar preventing them from working; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ann Graves. [56658/25]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount that has been spent by his Department to conduct tendering processes for public infrastructure projects in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [56699/25]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for invalidity pension his Department has received in 2024 and to date in 2025; and the number of those applications that have been approved in each of the years in question, in tabular form. — Roderic O’Gorman. [56742/25]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of appeals officers assigned to assessing both applications and appeals, respectively, for the State pension contributory. — Roderic O’Gorman. [56743/25]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the work being done by his Department, and agencies under its remit, to facilitate, in line with the commitment under the Programme for Government, the easier return to Ireland for emigrants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56795/25]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of a carer’s allowance application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [56839/25]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether UK pensioners residing in the Republic of Ireland (details supplied) are entitled to receive the UK winter fuel allowance under the provisions of the common travel area arrangements between Ireland and the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [56888/25]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has engaged with, or intends to engage with, the UK department for work and pensions regarding the recent changes to the winter fuel allowance eligibility criteria; if his Department will seek clarification on whether UK pensioners residing in Ireland under the common travel area will be afforded eligibility for the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [56889/25]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he considers it fair that parents are being penalised through reductions or exclusions from the fuel allowance and other social welfare supports as a result of the ongoing housing crisis, where many adult children are unable to secure independent accommodation and are continuing to live in the family home; if he will review these criteria so that the income of adult children living at home is disregarded in such assessments, given the unfair impact this is having on families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [56923/25]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if carers allowance will be approved immediately for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [56924/25]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the history of invalidity pension claims made by person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [57017/25]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 305 of 25 September 2025, the means by which these programmes are increasing the participation rate, particularly as Ireland ranks last in the EU for participation of persons with disabilities in the workplace; the targets over the next five years to show progress in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [57042/25]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of the vacant buildings owned by his Department or by agencies under the remit of his Department in Dublin 2, 4, 6, and 6W, including, the address and size in square meters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57118/25]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 253 of 8 October 2025, if charges under My Future Fund differ for participants who are actively contributing and for those who have ceased or paused contributions. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57126/25]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the social insurance contributions of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [57200/25]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of social welfare claims currently awaiting a decision, in each scheme, in County Wexford; the average waiting time for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [57207/25]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a carer's allowance application will be approved and backdated as soon as possible (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [57222/25]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline all the supports available from his Department for families with twins, in particular for families who are full-time carers to twins with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [57263/25]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of all reports, including consultancy reports commissioned by his Department from 1 January 2024 to date in 2025, that could be categorised as not for external publication or marked for internal use only; the cost of each report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57298/25]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance claim by a person (details supplied); the options available to them to resume payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [57320/25]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps he is taking to highlight the need for self-employed persons to pay their own PRSI (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [57345/25]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will list the countries with which Ireland has reciprocal agreements regarding social insurance contributions for pensions and other core welfare payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [57350/25]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his Department's assessment of the number of workers who may be financially disadvantaged by transferring from existing occupational pension schemes into the State's new automatic enrolment retirement savings system; and if he will publish the analysis underpinning these estimates. — Ken O'Flynn. [57377/25]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has identified categories of employees, such as those in defined benefit or matched employer contribution schemes, who may be worse off under the automatic enrolment retirement savings system; and the measures being considered to safeguard those employees. — Ken O'Flynn. [57378/25]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has conducted an equality or impact assessment of the automatic enrolment retirement savings system with regard to income level, gender; and employment sector and if he will make that assessment available. — Ken O'Flynn. [57379/25]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the mechanisms that will be used to prevent duplication or conflict between existing private pension arrangements and the new State-run auto-enrolment system, particularly in small and medium-sized enterprises. — Ken O'Flynn. [57380/25]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the timeline for the establishment of the central processing authority responsible for administering the auto-enrolment retirement savings system; the current staffing and budget allocation; and if progress reports will be published quarterly. — Ken O'Flynn. [57381/25]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it is possible to register a birth with a different gender other than male and female on a birth certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [57389/25]

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

\*543. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if Ireland currently has, or is pursuing, any bilateral or informal arrangements with the United Arab Emirates for the recognition or enforcement of family maintenance or spousal support orders issued by the Irish courts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [57273/25]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has engaged, or intends to engage, with the authorities of the United Arab Emirates or other non-signatory states to the Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, with a view to establishing practical channels for the enforcement of Irish maintenance orders abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [57274/25]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the options or supports currently available to Irish citizens who are unable to enforce a maintenance or support order due to the fact that the liable person resides in a non-convention country such as the United Arab

Emirates; and if he will outline any policy work underway to address this gap; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [57275/25]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has engaged with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to address the gap in protections for maintenance recipients in cases where enforcement is not possible due to the absence of reciprocal arrangements with the country of residence of the liable person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [57276/25]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the other capital works on Garda Stations in Laois which will be funded in 2026, aside from Portlaoise Garda Station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [56514/25]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to bring forward the necessary statutory regulations or amending legislation to implement the recommendations of the ‘Periodic Payment Orders Indexation Rate-Report of the Inter-Departmental Working Group’ accepted by him in July 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [56524/25]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current status of the implementation process for the revised indexation mechanism for periodic payment orders under part IV of the Civil Liability (Amendment) Act 2017; and to specify the expected commencement date for the new framework. — Ken O’Flynn. [56525/25]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reasons for the delay in publishing the draft regulations or legislative amendments required to activate the revised PPO indexation rate as recommended in the 2024 Inter-Departmental Working Group Report; and if he will provide a timeline for publication. — Ken O’Flynn. [56526/25]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has engaged with the Department of Finance, the Central Bank of Ireland, or the Courts Service in respect of operational readiness for the implementation of the new PPO indexation rate; and to provide details of those engagements. — Ken O’Flynn. [56527/25]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has assessed the potential financial impact on plaintiffs with catastrophic injuries such as those arising in a case (details supplied) of the continued inability to elect for a properly indexed PPO under the current legislation; and if he will publish that assessment. — Ken O’Flynn. [56528/25]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will ensure that the necessary legislative or regulatory amendments to make the PPO regime fully operational will be enacted before the end of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [56529/25]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the legislative priority list for 2025 includes the introduction of amending measures to rectify the deficiencies in the current PPO legislation; and if not, if he will add it to the list as a matter of urgency. — Ken O’Flynn. [56530/25]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the consultation undertaken to date with relevant stakeholders, including representatives of catastrophically injured plaintiffs,

the Law Society, and the Bar Council, in relation to the implementation of a workable PPO indexation mechanism; and if further stakeholder engagement is planned. — Ken O’Flynn. [56531/25]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of contracted bed days in IPAS centres which were unoccupied in each month of 2024, to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56535/25]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the mechanism by which he is aware when contracted IPAS beds are unoccupied; if there is an oversight mechanism to ensure that his Department is not paying for unoccupied beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56536/25]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of contracted bed days in TPD accommodation which were unoccupied in each month of 2024, to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56537/25]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the mechanism by which he is aware when contracted TPD accommodation beds are unoccupied; if there is an oversight mechanism to ensure that his Department is not paying for unoccupied beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56538/25]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 57 of 9 October 2025, the timeframe in which he intends to progress legislation to amend eligibility criteria for the accommodation recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56539/25]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for a general overview of the current average processing times for naturalisation applications; the specific measures being taken by the Department to address backlogs and delays, particularly for long-term residents with established family and professional ties in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [56572/25]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department, and the Prison Service, will consider extending the mandatory retirement age for prison officers beyond the current 62 years. — Brian Stanley. [56612/25]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if it is the practice of the Minister to issue a warrant or letter of appointment in relation to the appointment of a person under section 11 of the Personal Insolvency Act 2012. — Paul Murphy. [56623/25]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if it is the practice of the Minister to issue a warrant or letter of appointment in relation to the appointment of people under Section 12 of the Personal Insolvency Act 2012. — Paul Murphy. [56624/25]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if it is the practice of the Minister to issue a warrant or letter of appointment in relation to the appointment of a person under section 17, Courts Service Act 1998. — Paul Murphy. [56625/25]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí available to Cahir Garda station; the number of Gardaí available to Clonmel Garda Station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [56640/25]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of a visa application for a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay; when the person's application will be processed. — Ann Graves. [56641/25]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to consider the establishment of a second Garda training college; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [56646/25]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to consider allowing Garda trainees to undergo part of their training course in regionally based universities or Technological universities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [56647/25]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to support the rollout of the current Youth Justice Strategy and develop a successor strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [56648/25]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to enact legislation to combat anti-social behaviour, including enhancing the use of anti-social behaviour warnings and anti-social behaviour orders; if he will consider the introduction of dispersal orders and public space protection orders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [56650/25]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to increase the CCTV fund to enable local authorities to install new CCTV schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [56651/25]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to ensure Gardaí have sufficient powers to tackle the misuse of E-scooters and scramblers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [56652/25]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to examine with An Garda Síochána the establishment of a safe public places unit which will advise local authorities and planning authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [56653/25]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to enact legislation to extend the use of community sanctions, in particular increasing the use of community service orders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [56654/25]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether anyone has ever been prosecuted under the Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud) Offences Act 2001 specifically for the theft of an animal(s); and, if so, what animal(s). — Pat Buckley. [56678/25]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount that has been spent by his Department to conduct tendering processes for public infrastructure projects in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [56697/25]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on any research his Department has carried out into the merits of making parental alienation a legal offense; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [56703/25]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of new Garda road policing motorcycles that came into the fleet in 2024 and to date in 2025; and the number of motorcycles withdrawn during same period, in tabular form. — Roderic O’Gorman. [56745/25]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide details of the IPAS NGO partners who provide drop-in day services for unaccommodated people and who assist in the provision of access of facilities including hot showers, meals and laundry services; to provide the total funding to each individual partner NGO for every year since 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56750/25]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of civilian staff currently employed by An Garda Síochána in each of the Garda Stations on the north side of Cork city and Cork city in 2023, 2024, and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [56769/25]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of civilian staff employed by An Garda Síochána in the wider Cork area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [56770/25]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of civilian staff vacancies by An Garda Síochána in each of the stations in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [56771/25]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the work being done by his Department, and agencies under its remit, to facilitate, in line with the commitment under the Programme for Government, the easier return to Ireland for emigrants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56792/25]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount spent by immigration services and his Department on the transfer of International Protection Applicants in the first nine months of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [56806/25]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of convictions regarding the offence of poisoning or endangerment under the Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person Act 1997 where the suspected criminal act was drink spiking in each of the years 2022, 2023 and 2024; and the number of investigations carried out by An Garda Síochána where the suspected offence related to drink spiking and where a conviction was not secured or pursued. — Séamus McGrath. [56817/25]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update regarding visas for Palestinians in Gaza seeking resettlement in Ireland following the agreement of a

ceasefire deal, including any changes to policy, procedure or relevant facts on the ground; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [56847/25]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason the 1 percent pay increase has not been paid to prison staff that was due on 1 September 2025; if staff working in the Irish Prison Service headquarters in Longford have received the 1 percent increase; when all prison staff will receive the pay increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [56848/25]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of juvenile liaison officers based within Kildare-Carlow division as of 13 October 2025; if he will provide the same figures as of 30 June 2024, in tabular form. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [56887/25]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if an IPA repatriation request (details supplied) will be expedited. — Máire Devine. [56926/25]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of community Gardaí stationed in the east Cork constituency from 2020 to date in 2025. — Pat Buckley. [56935/25]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to examine the case of a person (details supplied) needing special accommodations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [56965/25]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the full and final cost of a housing site (details supplied) including all site preparation, ancillary and constructions costs, security costs, landscaping etc; for a breakdown of these costs; the total cost per unit; the annual cost of operating these housing units by the approved housing body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [56972/25]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of approvals issued under the Afghan Admissions Programme; the number of persons that have arrived in Ireland to-date in 2025 under the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56973/25]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to detail the supports in place to assist persons who arrived in Ireland under the Afghan Admissions Programme; if their sponsor can no longer financially support them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56974/25]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the details of the path to Irish citizenship for persons who arrived in Ireland under the Afghan Admission Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56975/25]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications received to the 2025 Humanitarian Admission Programme; the number of applications that have been approved; the number refused; the number of persons who have arrived in Ireland to date in 2025 under the programme; his plans to increase the number of spaces on the programme beyond the promised 50, given the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, and in particular the deepening women's rights crisis (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56976/25]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of deportation orders issued to Afghan citizens in each of the years since 2021 and to date in 2025, by gender and whether the orders were issued to an adult or a child, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56977/25]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons deported to Afghanistan in each of the years since 2021 and to date in 2025, by gender, and whether the person was an adult or a child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56978/25]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of people who have been prosecuted for racing sulkies on a public road in a manner that is a danger to other road users; the measures Gardaí can take when video evidence of such races emerge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [56990/25]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider reopening citizenship applications (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56994/25]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide an update on the evacuation of a person and their family (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [57009/25]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reasons a citizenship application was refused for a person (details supplied) despite the applicant providing evidence that she was resident in Ireland for five of the previous seven years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [57015/25]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on a commitment he made to this Deputy during Questions on Promised Legislation on 1 October 2025 regarding difficulties being experienced by an organisation (details supplied) securing a site for a Refuge for County Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57031/25]

\*605. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt, Gnóthaí Baile agus Imirce cad iad na hiarrachtaí faoi leith a rinneadh chun breis Gaeilgeoirí a mhealladh isteach sna Gardaí le linn an fheachtais le deanaí (18 Meán Fómhair – 9 Deireadh Fómhair 2025), an raibh aon iarracht bhreise ann seachas mar a bhí le haon fheachtas eile agus, má bhí, conas a d'éirigh leo; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aindrias Moynihan. [57094/25]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of deportation flights chartered and otherwise that have occurred every year from Ireland since 2021; the associated costs to the State for each of those flights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57097/25]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount spent by his Department on tackling racism each year since 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57098/25]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the details of the vacant buildings owned by his Department or by agencies under the remit of his Department in Dublin 2,

4, 6, and 6W, including, the address and size in square meters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57115/25]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the date on which the British Government notified his Department of plans to introduce a digital ID; the engagements he has had with British authorities regarding these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [57141/25]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí stationed in DMR west in each of the years, 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025; the number of Gardaí allocated to the Ballyfermot Station for the same period; and the number who were community Gardaí for these years. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [57186/25]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the progress made since the publication of two reports (details supplied) toward the introduction of periodic payment orders for catastrophically injured people; the work he wishes to undertake in this area, as well as a timeline for their introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57253/25]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the details of all reports, including consultancy reports commissioned by his Department from 1 January 2024 to date in 2025, that could be categorised as not for external publication or marked for internal use only; the cost of each report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57295/25]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 892 of 17 October 2025, if he accepts that his Department received the Death in Custody Report concerned from the Office of the Inspector of Prisons in July 2025 and had three months to review the report but it still remains unpublished thereby further delaying the holding of an inquest; if his attention has been drawn to immense distress this continues to cause for family members who have waited for over three and a half years to learn all of the circumstances surrounding the death of their loved one in custody; if he will confirm the date of the publication of the report as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57301/25]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the Garda numbers in Anglesea Street and Ballincollig Garda Stations, broken down per rankings (details supplied) per station, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [57314/25]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the Garda numbers in Abbeyfeale and Adare Garda Stations, broken down per rankings (details supplied), per station, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [57315/25]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on the review of the enforcement of child maintenance orders which was published in January 2024; the number of the 26 recommendations have been implemented to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [57325/25]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to expedite the processing of a family spouse unification visa application in respect of (details supplied), this application has

been unduly prolonged and it is putting a huge strain on this married couple, distance apart, etc; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [57364/25]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider amending the Child Trafficking and Pornography Act 1998 to ensure that persons found to be in possession of child pornography, irrespective of offence gravity or other circumstances, will be liable to a mandatory custodial sentence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57385/25]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total payments made to a company in a relation to a site (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [57388/25]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will clarify the action needed regarding American citizenship for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [57399/25]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda vetting applications currently being processed for individuals living in County Cork. — Pat Buckley. [57402/25]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average wait time for Garda vetting applications for individuals living in County Cork. — Pat Buckley. [57403/25]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of domestic violence refugee accommodation places in County Cork. — Pat Buckley. [57404/25]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if consideration has been given to adding Vietnam to the list of safe countries of origin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [57426/25]

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

\*625. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce legislation to strengthen salmon farm licence regulations and enforcement, particularly in light of the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board determination of 12 September 2025 in the case AP1/2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56621/25]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to take a judicial review in relation to the determination of 12 September 2025 by the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board in the case AP1/2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56622/25]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of prosecutions taken under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 since its implementation; the details of which organisation brought each prosecution; and for a breakdown of the sentences imposed. — Pat Buckley. [56675/25]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of prosecutions taken under the Ear-cropping of Dogs Regulations 2023 (S.I. No. 412 of 2023) since it entered into force. — Pat Buckley. [56676/25]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether any prosecutions have been taken under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 specifically for ear-cropping offences. — Pat Buckley. [56677/25]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is legal for a greyhound to be killed at a knackery; and if so, the legal basis for undertaking this practice. — Pat Buckley. [56679/25]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the proposed statutory instrument to provide that euthanasia of a greyhound must only be carried out by a veterinary surgeon (details supplied). — Pat Buckley. [56680/25]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an exhaustive list of those who have been appointed as ‘authorised officers’ under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013. — Pat Buckley. [56681/25]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount that has been spent by his Department to conduct tendering processes for public infrastructure projects in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [56685/25]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is considering raising the TB compensation ceilings to closer align with actual value to farmers who suffer huge financial lost when impacted by TB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56702/25]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the Control of Dogs Act 1986 and the Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010 were not on the Summer Legislative Agenda despite previously being on the legislative agenda since Autumn 2020 (Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010) and Autumn 2023 (Control of Dogs Act 1986). — Pat Buckley. [56720/25]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the division of responsibility for dog control and dog breeding since legislative and policy control have moved to his Department. — Pat Buckley. [56721/25]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in view of the fact that legislative and policy control for the control of dogs has moved to his Department, who specifically will be responsible for deciding which dogs in local authority dog shelters will be euthanised; and if a standard national euthanasia policy will be implemented. — Pat Buckley. [56722/25]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specific date for making the results of his Department’s consultation on surgical artificial insemination in greyhounds available for public review; and a specific timeline in respect of the next steps following this consultation. — Pat Buckley. [56723/25]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specific date when he expects the publication, and entry into force, of the regulations banning the use of dogs and cats electronic shock collars operated by hand-held remote controls. — Pat Buckley. [56724/25]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the date when the Dog Control Statistics for 2024 will be published. — Pat Buckley. [56725/25]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine regarding the Dog Control Stakeholder Group, the sub groups which have been, or are in the process, of being set up; the membership of any such sub-groups; if terms of reference will be put in place for any such sub-groups; if so, if they will be made publicly available; if the minutes of any such sub-group meetings will be made publicly available; if any members of the Dog Control Stakeholder Group or any of its sub-groups are being paid for their roles; if there is any overlap with the work of the Advisory Council on Companion Animal Welfare; and the way in which this is being dealt with in practice. — Pat Buckley. [56726/25]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine regarding the Advisory Council on Companion Animal Welfare if he will confirm if any members of the council or any of its sub-groups are being paid for their roles; if there is any overlap with the work of the Dog Control Stakeholder Group; and, if so, the way this is being dealt with in practice. — Pat Buckley. [56727/25]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration has been given to preparing a “positive list” i.e. a list of species permitted to be kept as pets by private owners, particularly given the recent public outcry following footage of a zebra inside a pub in County Clare. — Pat Buckley. [56728/25]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration has been given to implementing Lucy’s Law in the Republic of Ireland given that it is being implemented in Northern Ireland and in view of the fact the puppy trade is exacerbated given the Border (details supplied). — Pat Buckley. [56729/25]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated full-year costs that would be needed to ensure his Department officials are present at Dublin Airport between the hours of 7am-10.30pm, seven days a week. — Roderic O’Gorman. [56741/25]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the work being done by his Department, and agencies under its remit, to facilitate, in line with the commitment under the Programme for Government, the easier return to Ireland for emigrants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56780/25]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of instances of illegal tree felling and hedgerow removal that have been reported to his Department; the number of investigations conducted into same; and the number of offences determined to be found, from 2023 to date, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [56799/25]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of prosecutions taken by his Department in instances of illegal tree felling and hedgerow removal; and to provide details of enforcement actions conducted, from 2020 to date, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [56800/25]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to a National Parks and Wildlife Service report (details supplied); the actions his Department is taking to investigate this instance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [56801/25]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline the circumstances in which farmers are required to apply for tree felling licenses, screening and consent from his Department; whether licenses, screening or consent has ever been issued by his Department retrospectively; and to outline the consequences for failures to comply with regulations. — Holly Cairns. [56802/25]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department owns sheds at a location (details supplied); if he's aware that the old asbestos roofs of these sheds are badly damaged and broken; if he will outline his Department's plans to remediate these sheds; the intended future use of these sheds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56877/25]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his policy towards the European Commission's legislative proposals to reform rules on plant reproductive material and to deregulate new genomic techniques; the extent of his Department's engagement with the Commission in this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [56892/25]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to address concerns that proposed reforms on plant reproductive material and new genomic techniques will threaten the conservation and circulation of the diversity of cultivated plants, significantly burden and exclude small scale seed producers, restrict farmers in harvesting, using, and exchanging their own seeds, and further consolidate control of our food systems in the hands of large multinationals exerting oligopolistic powers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [56893/25]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the increased supports that will be put in place for equine breeders, such as inclusion in farm investment schemes like TAMS, directing a portion of prize funds to breeders, and supporting thoroughbred foal levies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [56908/25]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the development of an all-weather horse racing track in Tipperary, which will be a huge asset to the southern region economically and for the equine industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [56909/25]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the development of a high welfare end of life equine facility in conjunction with equine breeders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [56910/25]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to restore ANC budgets and eligible areas which were reduced after the economic challenges in late 2000's; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [56911/25]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he is taking to deal with the ongoing issues with regard to illegal sulky racing causing danger to horses and road users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [56989/25]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide the Abridged Estimates Volume for Budget 2026 for Vote 30 including the provisional sub-head and programme level allocations. — Martin Kenny. [57010/25]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts being taken to address concerns and login issues reported by farmer's following recent changes made to the agriculture food portal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [57035/25]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has been notified of a proposed development (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [57057/25]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the ongoing investigation into the felling of trees in Cork (details supplied); the actions taken by his Department to date on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [57093/25]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the vacant buildings owned by his Department or by agencies under the remit of his Department in Dublin 2, 4, 6, and 6W, including, the address and size in square meters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57103/25]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in view of confirmed avian influenza at Fota Wildlife Park, if he will publish the biosecurity audit for all State-owned wildlife facilities nationwide, detail compensation, surveillance and culling protocols for private and commercial poultry in Cork environs and commit to upgrading laboratory and rapid response capacity in the Cork region. — Ken O'Flynn. [57121/25]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which his Department is using, or planning to use, artificial intelligence tools; if AI tools are used in the administration of farm grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [57127/25]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a 2024 Acres payment will issue to a farm partnership (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [57197/25]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of all reports, including consultancy reports commissioned by his Department from 1 January 2024 to date in 2025, that could be categorised as not for external publication or marked for internal use only; the cost of each report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57283/25]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the investigation into tree felling in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [57322/25]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in view of the fact that Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) operates a hatchery near Lough Corrib SAC in County Galway under licence from his Department, if IFI notified him of its imminent closure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [57333/25]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the urgent steps he is taking to ensure that only fully weaned weanlings are entered in marts (details supplied); if his Department has conducted an investigation into the level of sickness and mortality among exported weanlings; if so, if he will publish the findings; the measures that will be put in place immediately to prevent the export of animals at risk due to improper weaning and stress-related illness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [57360/25]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the minimum export weight for calves remains 40 kg; if there has been any change in policy; if not, the reason calves were under the minimum weight permitted to be exported; if the calves actually loaded on the date stated (details supplied); if not, the reason an incorrect journey log approved by a Departmental vet; the reason a revised journey log was not required when the port or date of departure changed; the immediate action his Department will take to ensure full compliance with export regulations and prevent further breaches that compromise animal welfare and Ireland's export reputation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [57361/25]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 736 of 14 October 2025, if he will clarify the statement "As these operators have access to alternative sources of mussel, it is difficult at present to fully assess the degree to which the incomes of those who fish mussel seed have been affected" given mussel fishermen are reporting that there are no alternative sources of mussels available with the entire east coast closed to them for a variety of reasons, pushing them into bankruptcy; and if he will ask BIM and his Department officials to examine a financial compensation and aid package for the affected fishermen. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [57406/25]

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

\*673. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of the concerns raised by an organisation (details supplied) and their request to meet to discuss the issues in detail. — Claire Kerrane. [57045/25]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to review the case of a child (details supplied) and allow for the necessary care and interventions to be put in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [56534/25]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review the terms of AIM funding to facilitate appropriate backpay for retention of relevant qualified staff following the successful receipt of advanced levels of AIM support; if she will review the possibility of reimbursing a service provider for additional costs incurred due to exceptional circumstances and delays in securing further AIM funding, including critical infrastructural requirements directly related to the well-being of the children attending the service (details supplied). — David Cullinane. [56590/25]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average time to decision in AIM funding applications, by funding level, for each year 2021-2025 to date, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [56591/25]

\*677. 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. [56615/25]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the Government's response for Irish survivors of thalidomide; the engagements she has had with representative groups or individuals since coming into office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [56682/25]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the amount that has been spent by her Department to conduct tendering processes for public infrastructure projects in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [56686/25]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the Department's forecasts for the number of day service places and for the number of residential places that will be required by adults with intellectual disability in the next five and ten years respectively. — Marie Sherlock. [56713/25]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of additional overnight stays and additional respite stays provided for in Budget 2026 on top of existing provision. — Marie Sherlock. [56714/25]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current estimate of unmet need for residential care places for adults with an intellectual disability. — Marie Sherlock. [56715/25]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of additional residential care places delivered in each of the years 2019 to date in 2025. — Marie Sherlock. [56716/25]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the locations of the 250 new residential care placements in 2025 announced in Budget 2025. — Marie Sherlock. [56717/25]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of respite houses for adults with an intellectual disability across each integrated health area for each of the years 2020-2025. — Marie Sherlock. [56718/25]

\*686. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of day services users who are adults with an intellectual disability across each integrated health area for each of the years 2020-2025. — Marie Sherlock. [56719/25]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will address concerns raised by a person regarding the conduct of the Child and Family Agency (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56749/25]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 158 of 1 October 2025, of the number of complaints upheld for the years 2022 to 2025, if the Minister can provide a breakdown per CHO for each year, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [56778/25]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the work being done by her Department, and agencies under its remit, to facilitate, in line with the commitment under the Programme for Government, the easier return to Ireland for emigrants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56781/25]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the amount spent by Tusla and her Department on the transfer of children and families in the first nine months of 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [56805/25]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a breakdown of the total number of respite hours currently available to children with disabilities in the CHO7 area; the types of respite provided (e.g. in-home, after-school, Saturday, residential, or emergency respite); the number of children currently availing of respite services and those on the waiting list for each category, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [56849/25]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the way in which the increased disability funding in Budget 2026 will be ring-fenced for children's respite services, including after-school and weekend respite; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [56850/25]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the way in which funding for respite in each community healthcare organisation has changed over the past five years, with particular reference to CHO7; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [56851/25]

\*694. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if private respite providers are being contracted to supplement oversubscribed HSE-run services; and if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [56852/25]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average waiting time for a child to access respite services in each CHO; the way in which these figures have changed since 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [56853/25]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children with complex needs which are currently awaiting access to any form of respite (in-home, after-school, or weekend) in CHO7; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [56854/25]

\*697. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of new respite referrals which have been refused in the past 12 months; the primary reasons given for refusal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [56855/25]

\*698. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the eligibility criteria for children's respite; if there are age restrictions (such as the rule preventing approval under age eight); the rationale for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [56856/25]

\*699. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider introducing short-term or emergency respite options for children under eight with complex needs, in cases where families are in crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [56857/25]

\*700. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures being taken to ensure equitable access to respite across regions, given the reports of oversubscription in some CHOs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [56858/25]

\*701. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a breakdown of staff vacancies across respite and children's disability services; the way in which these vacancies are impacting the delivery of after-school and weekend supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [56859/25]

\*702. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the plans in place to expand the respite workforce, including SNAs, care assistants, and respite nurses, in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [56860/25]

\*703. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will introduce a national recruitment and retention strategy specific to respite and community support services for children with disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [56861/25]

\*704. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the in-home supports which are currently funded for children with high support needs; if these can be expanded as an interim measure while respite services are oversubscribed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [56862/25]

\*705. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if CDNT teams have discretion to approve in-home respite on compassionate grounds; the frequency with which this has occurred in the past 12 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [56863/25]

\*706. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will publish quarterly updates on the number of children receiving respite; the number waiting, by CHO; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [56864/25]

\*707. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the oversight mechanisms which exist to ensure that HSE disability managers are delivering on national respite targets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [56865/25]

\*708. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if an audit of children's respite provision has been undertaken since 2022; and, if so, to publish its findings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [56866/25]

\*709. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware that, 100 years after the foundation of the State, there is still no statutory provision for childcare services through the medium of Irish, outside of the Gaeltacht; if she accepts that this represents a significant gap in the State's commitment to the Irish language; and the steps she intends to take to ensure that parents who wish to raise their children through Irish have access to Irish-medium childcare nationwide, with particular emphasis on areas designated by the Government as Gaeltacht service towns and Irish-language networks. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [56870/25]

\*710. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the guidelines and procedures in place for the vetting of individuals working or volunteering in sectors that provide services to children; and if an individual may continue to work or volunteer in such a capacity while their vetting application is being processed and not yet completed. — Ken O'Flynn. [56871/25]

\*711. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will address the issue of NCS funding being reduced for parents who have to collect their children early from creche; if

she is considering changes to NCS funding that will allow more flexibility for parents in such a position; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [57020/25]

\*712. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on a report (details supplied) on the end-to-end processes linked to publicly funded early learning and childcare schemes/programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [57021/25]

\*713. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to give a detailed progress report in regard to the urgent provision of respite and additional disability services adjacent to a school (details supplied); if she will outline the progress the working group has made in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [57092/25]

\*714. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on extending paid parental leave to those who become parents through surrogacy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57101/25]

\*715. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the details of the vacant buildings owned by her Department or by agencies under the remit of her Department in Dublin 2, 4, 6, and 6W, including, the address and size in square meters; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57104/25]

\*716. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a list of vacancies in CDNTs in County Offaly. — Claire Kerrane. [57216/25]

\*717. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide details of the factors that are taken into consideration in determining if the determination of disability is correct or, if it will conclude that it is not and, perhaps, recommend further assessment be carried out when a complaint is lodged under Section 14(1)(a) of the Disability Act 2005 and a clinical opinion as to the outcome of the assessment is sought, and whereby a children's disability network manager undertakes a review of the documents on file, along with the contents of the complaint, to decide if further assessment is required, or if the outcome of the assessment which is subject to the review/opinion is accurate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57217/25]

\*718. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the details of all reports, including consultancy reports commissioned by her Department from 1 January 2024 to date in 2025, that could be categorised as not for external publication or marked for internal use only; the cost of each report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57284/25]

\*719. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department will provide a child (details supplied) with an urgent assessment of needs given the family has been waiting for multiple years. — Joe Neville. [57312/25]

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

\*720. To ask the Minister for Health if she will support a Fingal-based community group providing free first aid, CPR, and defibrillator training (details supplied). — Robert O'Donoghue. [56533/25]

\*721. To ask the Minister for Health if she will advocate for the HSE to provide funding under Section 39 to an organisation (details supplied) to support weekly therapeutic exercise and yoga classes for people living with Parkinson's Disease in Donegal, specifically in Buncrana, Donegal Town, and Letterkenny; if she will ensure that the application is given full and fair consideration by the health and wellbeing team in the HSE, given the critical role these services play in disease management and reducing pressure on acute services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [56507/25]

\*722. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given to establishing a medically supervised injection centre in Cork; the work carried out to date in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [56508/25]

\*723. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the correct contacts within the HSE to which a query should be sent (details supplied) to the HSE estates section. — Ivana Bacik. [56509/25]

\*724. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided to state-funded assisted human reproduction treatments in Budget 2026; her plans for this allocation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [56517/25]

\*725. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided to the Assisted Human Reproduction Regulatory Authority in Budget 2026; to provide a detailed breakdown of this allocation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [56518/25]

\*726. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount of funding allocated to breastfeeding promotion and support services in 2020 to 2025; the breakdown of funding by regional health authority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [56519/25]

\*727. To ask the Minister for Health the current budget allocation for lactation consultants, breastfeeding clinics and community based peer support programmes; and the number this compares to previous years. — Sorca Clarke. [56521/25]

\*728. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE lactation consultants currently employed by the HSE. — Sorca Clarke. [56522/25]

\*729. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children being recalled for clinical review following the CHI hip dysplasia audit; and to clarify whether this includes surgeries performed prior to 2021, given that over 2,200 letters have already been issued to families. — Paul Lawless. [56544/25]

\*730. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown by hospital and year of the 497 children identified for recall due to pelvic osteotomy procedures performed between 2021 and 2023. — Paul Lawless. [56545/25]

\*731. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown by county patient address of the 497 children identified for recall due to pelvic osteotomy procedures performed between 2021 and 2023. — Paul Lawless. [56546/25]

\*732. To ask the Minister for Health whether the recall process will be extended to include children operated on before 2021, in light of concerns that surgeries dating back to 2010 or earlier may have been affected. — Paul Lawless. [56547/25]

\*733. To ask the Minister for Health the clinical qualifications and experience of the doctors currently conducting the independent clinical and radiological reviews of recalled cases; and whether they are consultant paediatric orthopaedic surgeons. — Paul Lawless. [56548/25]

\*734. To ask the Minister for Health whether any of the reviewers involved in the recall process are fellows or non-consultant hospital doctors; and the safeguards in place to ensure appropriate oversight and clinical governance. — Paul Lawless. [56549/25]

\*735. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the role of a person (details supplied), reportedly involved in reviewing cases at CHI Crumlin; and whether he is registered as a consultant in Ireland. — Paul Lawless. [56550/25]

\*736. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm whether a person (details supplied) is currently practicing medicine; and the nature of her clinical role and authority in the recall process. — Paul Lawless. [56551/25]

\*737. To ask the Minister for Health whether families will receive written reports from the recall reviews; and if so, whether these will be signed off by a consultant orthopaedic surgeon. — Paul Lawless. [56552/25]

\*738. To ask the Minister for Health the clinical governance structures in place to ensure consistency and quality in the recall assessments; and whether an external oversight panel is being established. — Paul Lawless. [56553/25]

\*739. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of recent remarks by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls (details supplied), who formally spoke out against the practice of surrogacy at a UN General Assembly event; if she is aware of and will respond to the concerns outlined in the Special Rapporteurs report presented on 10 October 2025 before the UN General Assembly in which she calls for a global ban on all forms of surrogacy, warning that the practice is “characterized by exploitation and violence against women and children, including girls.”; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56554/25]

\*740. To ask the Minister for Health the supports, financial or otherwise, that would be available to a start-up (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [56556/25]

\*741. To ask the Minister for Health if she will clarify whether a frontier worker, who is living in the North and working in the South, has an entitlement to a PCRS medical card; the criteria for obtaining this medical card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [56559/25]

\*742. To ask the Minister for Health the current capacity of the HSE to deliver bone anchored hearing aid (BAHA) services; the number of individuals awaiting BAHA’s; the numbers who received BAHA’s from 2020 to 2025; the number of surgeons who deliver this procedure in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [56560/25]

\*743. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to expand bone anchored hearing aid services in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [56561/25]

\*744. To ask the Minister for Health if the BowelScreen programme has given consideration to extending the screening programme to those aged 50 to 54; if further investments will be made in the BowelScreen programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [56567/25]

\*745. To ask the Minister for Health when the vacant post for assistant director of nursing in Kildare-West Wicklow Mental Health Services will be filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [56584/25]

\*746. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of director and assistant director of nursing positions within the HSE that have been filled since 1 January 2025 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [56585/25]

\*747. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of director and assistant director of nursing positions within the HSE that remain vacant to date; to provide a timeline for when these positions will be filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [56586/25]

\*748. To ask the Minister for Health when the Medtronic Simplera device will be provided to a Type 1 Diabetes patient (details supplied) who already uses a continuous glucose monitoring system under the long-term illness plan. — Séamus McGrath. [56595/25]

\*749. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on the physiotherapy waiting list at St. Joseph's Care Centre, Longford, as of 30 September 2025, disaggregated into assessment and treatment lists; the average/median wait for each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [56598/25]

\*750. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting for physiotherapy at St. Joseph's Care Centre, Longford, by waiting-time bands, less than four weeks; four to 12; 12-26; 26-52, greater than 52 weeks, and by clinical priority (urgent/soon/routine); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [56599/25]

\*751. To ask the Minister for Health the specific measures being implemented in CHO 8 to reduce physiotherapy waiting times at St. Joseph's Care Centre, Longford; the target reduction by quarter for the next 12 months; the expected timeframe to eliminate waits beyond 26 weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [56600/25]

\*752. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of all measures contained in new funding in Budget 2026, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [56607/25]

\*753. To ask the Minister for Health the total existing levels of service provision in Budget 2026. — David Cullinane. [56608/25]

\*754. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of expansion of services funding in Budget 2026 by subhead, separating existing levels of service funding from new measures funding, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [56609/25]

\*755. To ask the Minister for Health the detail of all new measures of funding in Budget 2026, broken down by line item, excluding any existing levels of service funding. — David Cullinane. [56610/25]

\*756. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Nayagam risk assessment and review; if she will commit to its full publication; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56613/25]

\*757. To ask the Minister for Health the total budget allocated for spending on medicines by the HSE in each of the past five years; the outturn expenditure on medicines in each of those years; the projected allocation for 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [56629/25]

\*758. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE expenditure on medicines for each of the past five years, by category (including high-tech medicines, biologics, biosimilars, generics and community drug schemes); the projected spend for 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [56630/25]

\*759. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to revise the national uptake targets for each medicine in the best value medicines programme; if so, the targets and the date she expects them to be met; the reasons for the targets not being met; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [56631/25]

\*760. To ask the Minister for Health the uptake rates for each best value medicine by hospital group or clinical site; to identify those that are underperforming against the targets set by the HSE to save money for the HSE; the specific actions she will take to bring prescribing into line with HSE policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [56632/25]

\*761. To ask the Minister for Health the total additional cost to the HSE resulting from sub-optimal uptake of best value medicines since the programme was introduced; and the impact this has had on access to new medicines for patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [56633/25]

\*762. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of clinicians that continue to prescribe higher-cost originator medicines contrary to the HSE's best value medicines guidance; the measures which will be introduced to ensure adherence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [56634/25]

\*763. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider introducing sanctions for hospital groups that fail to meet best value medicines uptake requirements, or alternatively strengthening gain-share incentives to ensure the savings target is delivered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [56635/25]

\*764. To ask the Minister for Health the communication and support provided to patients being switched to best value medicines; the monitoring which has been undertaken on patient outcomes and acceptance of switching; and if she will publish the data annually; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [56636/25]

\*765. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the best value medicines programme contributes to reducing the financial burden on the HSE's medicines budget and assists in securing access for patients to new and innovative treatments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [56637/25]

\*766. To ask the Minister for Health if she will report on the progress of the best value medicines programme in achieving its stated target of at least 80% of individuals being in receipt

of the best value medicine; if she will provide a breakdown of uptake levels by each target area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [56638/25]

\*767. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the proposed Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) (Amendment) Bill; when she expects legislation to be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [56639/25]

\*768. To ask the Minister for Health the reason she has only appointed seven ordinary members to the Board of the Assisted Human Reproduction Regulatory Authority (AHRRA), given that section 126(1) of the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Act 2024 provides that the Board shall consist of ten ordinary members; her plans to appoint three further ordinary members to the board; the timeline for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [56659/25]

\*769. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of acute inpatient beds in each public hospital, by hospital and health region, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [56660/25]

\*770. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of community beds, by location and health region, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [56661/25]

\*771. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of acute psychiatric inpatient beds, by location and health region, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [56662/25]

\*772. To ask the Minister for Health the number of acute psychiatric inpatient beds delivered to date in 2025, by site and health region; and the number scheduled for delivery in the remaining months of 2025, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [56663/25]

\*773. To ask the Minister for Health the number of post-acute specialist beds delivered to date in 2025, by site and health region; and the number scheduled for delivery in the remaining months of 2025, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [56664/25]

\*774. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of critical care beds, by site and health region, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [56665/25]

\*775. To ask the Minister for Health the number of critical care beds delivered to date in 2025, by site and health region, in tabular form; and the number scheduled for delivery in the remaining months of year. — Pádraig Rice. [56666/25]

\*776. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on delivery of the 297 acute beds provided for in the HSE National Service Plan 2025, by hospital and region (details supplied); the number delivered since publication of the Plan; the number outstanding; and the timeline for delivery of the remaining beds, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [56667/25]

\*777. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on delivery of the 615 community beds provided for in the HSE National Service Plan 2025, by hospital and region (details supplied); the number delivered since publication of the Plan; the number outstanding, in tabular form; and the timeline for delivery of the remaining beds. — Pádraig Rice. [56668/25]

\*778. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on implementation of phase one of the Framework for Safe Nurse Staffing and Skill Mix; the timeline for full implementation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [56669/25]

\*779. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on implementation of phase two of the Framework for Safe Nurse Staffing and Skill Mix; the timeline for full implementation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [56670/25]

\*780. To ask the Minister for Health the status of phase three of the Framework for Safe Nurse Staffing and Skill Mix; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [56671/25]

\*781. To ask the Minister for Health the amount that has been spent by her Department to conduct tendering processes for public infrastructure projects in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [56695/25]

\*782. To ask the Minister for Health if an early date for surgery can be arranged for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [56710/25]

\*783. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new community beds provided for in Budget 2026. — Marie Sherlock. [56732/25]

\*784. To ask the Minister for Health if the 500 additional nursing homes places committed to in Budget 2026 will be in the public or private sector. — Marie Sherlock. [56733/25]

\*785. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new acute hospital beds provided for in Budget 2026. — Marie Sherlock. [56734/25]

\*786. To ask the Minister for Health if the Laura Brennan programme will be restarted as part of the Budget 2026 public health initiative to increase immunisation. — Marie Sherlock. [56735/25]

\*787. To ask the Minister for Health the hours of operation for the new specialist nursing teams (ANP and CNS) in emergency departments of all model 4 hospitals, out-of-hours; and to confirm if it will stop operations at 2 am, seven days a week. — Marie Sherlock. [56736/25]

\*788. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional IBLC lactation consultants committed to in Budget 2026. — Marie Sherlock. [56737/25]

\*789. To ask the Minister for Health whether funding has been provided in Budget 2026 for the operation of 37 currently unused beds in a facility (details supplied), under the social inclusion heading. — Marie Sherlock. [56738/25]

\*790. To ask the Minister for Health the number of specialist orthodontist posts that have been filled within CHO7 dental services in the years of 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Roderic O’Gorman. [56739/25]

\*791. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of revenue generated via restaurant sales at the Mater Hospital in the years of 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Roderic O’Gorman. [56740/25]

\*792. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a detailed breakdown of the Budget 2026 allocation of €217 million to primary care reimbursement services medicines, beyond the €30

million allocation for new medicines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56763/25]

\*793. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who, having been referred to the ophthalmology clinic at University hospital Limerick for cataract surgery on his right eye, has yet to receive an appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [56764/25]

\*794. To ask the Minister for Health if she will allocate additional home help hours to a person (details supplied) specifically to provide over-night care or care during periods of the nighttime. — Robert Troy. [56779/25]

\*795. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the work being done by her Department, and agencies under its remit, to facilitate, in line with the commitment under the Programme for Government, the easier return to Ireland for emigrants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56790/25]

\*796. To ask the Minister for Health if consultation with families who are involved in the audit hip surgery for children will be included in the forthcoming external expert panel process on hips; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56798/25]

\*797. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by the HSE and her Department on the transfer of patients in the first nine months of 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [56804/25]

\*798. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adult ADHD assessments which have been conducted annually from 2020 to date in 2025, by CHO, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [56807/25]

\*799. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be made for a person (details supplied). — Tony McCormack. [56824/25]

\*800. To ask the Minister for Health if children affected by the CHI hip surgery audit will be included within the terms of reference of the forthcoming State inquiry into paediatric orthopaedic surgery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56827/25]

\*801. To ask the Minister for Health if funding has been allocated in Budget 2026 or through the HSE Capital Plan for the Radharc na Sléibhte supervised residential unit (SRU) in Carndonagh, County Donegal; the status of the capital funding application previously referenced by the HSE to transition the facility into a recovery-focused crisis and step-down unit; if any portion of the €15 million national allocation for crisis supports and suicide prevention, or the 300 additional whole-time equivalent mental health posts announced under Budget 2026, will be assigned to Donegal or the Inishowen area; the plans to retain or enhance the existing SRU service model in Carndonagh to ensure continuity of care for local residents, given the essential mental health role this facility provides in a rural region with limited service access; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [56840/25]

\*802. To ask the Minister for Health if a catch-up programme will be implemented for those who missed out on their HPV vaccines in their first year of secondary school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56867/25]

\*803. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing budget allocation to Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital in 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [56879/25]

\*804. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant haematologists based at Tallaght University Hospital in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [56880/25]

\*805. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE senior orthopaedic physiotherapists based at CHI Temple Street in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [56881/25]

\*806. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time to see an adult physiotherapist within CHO7 primary care system; and the steps taken to reduce the waiting times. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [56882/25]

\*807. To ask the Minister for Health if she will initiate formal consultation on extending independent prescribing rights to physiotherapists with the appropriate postgraduate training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [56890/25]

\*808. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing numbers for adult ADHD assessment services for 2025, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [56929/25]

\*809. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Our Lady's Hospital, Cashel does not have a GP service, a dietician and access to a physical therapist (details supplied), and when the hospital can expect to receive permanent residence of these services. — Mattie McGrath. [56968/25]

\*810. To ask the Minister for Health to assist a family in County Kerry who is finding it extremely difficult to access assistance for their child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [56971/25]

\*811. To ask the Minister for Health if an urgent ENT appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56987/25]

\*812. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing levels at the neurosurgery department at Beaumont Hospital, by grade; the current vacancies which exist in this service, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57006/25]

\*813. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of patients awaiting neurosurgery at the neurosurgery department at Beaumont Hospital; the types of surgeries being awaited and the number of patients that are awaiting these individual surgeries; the current wait times for patients to receive neurosurgery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57007/25]

\*814. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a plan to provide support to those on a strict low calorie diet that was pharmacy/medically supervised given others can avail of an injectable weight loss programme on the medical card. — Paul Donnelly. [57019/25]

\*815. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided to the national cancer strategy in Budget 2026; to provide a detailed breakdown of this allocation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [57027/25]

\*816. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided to cancer services in Budget 2026; to provide a detailed breakdown of this allocation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [57028/25]

\*817. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has begun planning for the next national cancer strategy, as the current one expires in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [57029/25]

\*818. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has been notified of a proposed development (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [57058/25]

\*819. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the vacant buildings owned by her Department or by agencies under the remit of her Department in Dublin 2, 4, 6, and 6W, including, the address and size in square meters; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57113/25]

\*820. To ask the Minister for Health the amount each local and regional drugs and alcohol task force will be receiving from Budget 2026; and the way in which this compares with Budget 2024 and Budget 2025. — Ann Graves. [57124/25]

\*821. To ask the Minister for Health the person or body responsible for the designation and delivery of centres of excellence for diabetes care in hospitals across the State; and the criteria they adhere to. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [57125/25]

\*822. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the Abridged Estimates Volume for Budget 2026 for Vote 38 including the provisional sub-head and programme level allocations. — Ann Graves. [57133/25]

\*823. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2570 of 8 September 2025, if she will publish the 2017 Dickson Report regarding paediatric urology; if she is still seeking assurances from the HSE and CHI that matters raised in the report have been addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [57138/25]

\*824. To ask the Minister for Health whether vertebral body tethering (VBT) was included in HIQA's review into the governance of implantable medical devices at Children's Health Ireland (CHI), which examined the use of non-CE marked springs at Temple Street; if VBT was not included in that review, the reason for its exclusion, given that CHI has confirmed it has carried out VBT as an "emerging and experimental procedure" involving spinal implants on children; if she will now request HIQA to examine the procurement, regulatory status and oversight of the devices used for VBT at CHI; and if HIQA did not assess VBT as part of its completed review, if she will confirm who, if anyone, has examined its use, safety governance, or regulatory compliance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [57187/25]

\*825. To ask the Minister for Health the hospital sites at which vertebral body tethering (VBT) procedures have been carried out, including Children's Health Ireland (CHI) locations (Temple Street, Crumlin, Cappagh) and any external providers such as a clinic (details supplied) under the national outsourcing arrangements; the means by which follow-up, outcomes and complications relating to VBT have been recorded and monitored, given that hospital in-patient enquiry (HIPE) has no specific procedure code for VBT; the basis on which the HSE, CHI or the healthcare pricing office have been funding or coding VBT procedures in the absence of a designated HIPE

code; and whether patient safety, audit and governance requirements can be met where a surgical technique is not identifiable in national activity, outcome or costing data; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [57188/25]

\*826. To ask the Minister for Health whether vertebral body tethering (VBT) was reviewed, approved or considered by the CHI Ethics Committee prior to being introduced as a surgical option for children; if not, the reason ethical approval was not sought for a new and experimental procedure; whether the devices used for VBT were brought before CHI's Medical Devices Committee for assessment, approval or procurement review; to provide the dates and documentation of any such consideration; whether a separate or enhanced consent process was developed for VBT, given that CHI has described it as an "emerging and experimental procedure"; whether consent standards for new techniques differ from those used for established spinal fusion surgery; whether VBT was introduced or conducted under any research, pilot, innovation or clinical investigation pathway; if so, the governance, monitoring or ethical approvals that were in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [57189/25]

\*827. To ask the Minister for Health whether devices used for vertebral body tethering (VBT) at Children's Health Ireland were added to the SAP procurement system and approved by the CHI Medical Devices Committee despite there being no HIPE procedure code for VBT; if so, that way in which use, cost and oversight of those implants have been recorded and monitored at national level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [57190/25]

\*828. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of vacancies by job title within CAMHS in County Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [57204/25]

\*829. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of all the HSE owned buildings in County Wexford that are currently for sale or going through a defined process to facilitate a sale; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [57205/25]

\*830. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in County Offaly on waiting lists for primary care, by service (such as occupational therapy, speech and language); and the length of waiting times, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [57212/25]

\*831. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting on a CAMHS appointment in Offaly, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [57213/25]

\*832. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of vacancies in primary care in County Offaly. — Claire Kerrane. [57214/25]

\*833. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of vacancies in CAMHS in County Offaly. — Claire Kerrane. [57215/25]

\*834. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on funding announced in Budget 2026 for an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [57226/25]

\*835. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on a new elective hospital serving Dublin. — John Lahart. [57227/25]

\*836. To ask the Minister for Health to outline progress on electronic patient records and on digital applications, around patient details and patient identification (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [57231/25]

\*837. To ask the Minister for Health concerning public protection in our health system (including healthcare workers, but also the public within the hospital environment, e.g., waiting rooms or clinical spaces), if there is any system currently in place that would alert healthcare workers of the potential risk of having present in these environments persons convicted of violent or sexual crimes against men, women or children, either serving a sentence, and therefore attending as prisoners with prison officers, or having served their time and been released, but still posing a risk; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [57237/25]

\*838. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the commencement of the ADHD national clinical programme in County Cavan; if a start date has been confirmed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57248/25]

\*839. To ask the Minister for Health the status of her Department's strategic review of eligibility; the progress made to date; if this review of the eligibility framework will be completed this year, as stated in 'Path to Universal Healthcare: Sláintecare and the Programme for Government 2025+; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [57250/25]

\*840. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to holding a joint meeting of emergency service agencies/bodies to implement a plan for providing streamlined access for emergency services to gated housing complexes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [57259/25]

\*841. To ask the Minister for Health the options are available to a child (details supplied) who is falling between services, without any diagnosis or supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [57260/25]

\*842. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 336 and 337 of 15 October 2025, the reason her Department has produced documents stating transgender individuals are excluded from the scheme, despite the diagnosis of any medical condition and the prescribing of treatment for said condition being a matter for a patient and healthcare provider; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [57277/25]

\*843. To ask the Minister for Health the details of all reports, including consultancy reports commissioned by her Department from 1 January 2024 to date in 2025, that could be categorised as not for external publication or marked for internal use only; the cost of each report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57293/25]

\*844. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the serious implications for the elderly, particularly those living alone as a result of the HSE decision to withdraw funding for the preparation of blister packs by pharmacy staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [57303/25]

\*845. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 179 of 1 October 2025, if she will urgently investigate the status of home support services for a person (details supplied); if the alternate weekend care due to commence on 11 October 2025 has commenced; if she will ensure that appropriate home support is in place given their age and recent injuries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57305/25]

\*846. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the marketing of private health services by private health providers for services outside of this jurisdiction, but on the island of Ireland, for the provision of hip and knee surgeries that are fully reimbursed; whether such services are needed; if they fulfil an important role in reducing waiting lists, or whether the services they provide are superfluous; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [57309/25]

\*847. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to raise the level of psychotherapy standards and criteria; the engagement she has had with the sector in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [57323/25]

\*848. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a healthcare facility and its future use (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [57326/25]

\*849. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who has been waiting over 24 months for a knee operation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57332/25]

\*850. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home care support hours for older people provided in Meath in each of the years 2020 to 2024, inclusive; the target for 2025; the number provided to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [57339/25]

\*851. 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 hospital in each of the years 2019 to 2024, inclusive, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [57340/25]

\*852. To ask the Minister for Health if she will detail the gross Exchequer allocation and the net allocation for each public hospital for 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [57341/25]

\*853. To ask the Minister for Health if developmental checks are being offered to newborns for the appropriate month milestones by public health nurses from the Rowlagh health centre; the options available to parents if their children are not to be offered appointments due to staff shortages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [57342/25]

\*854. To ask the Minister for Health if developmental checks are being offered to newborns for the appropriate month milestones by public health nurses from the Ballyfermot/Palmerstown primary care; the options available to parents if their children are not to be offered appointments due to staff shortages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [57343/25]

\*855. To ask the Minister for Health if there are systems in place to alert staff working in HSE facilities when a patient has been convicted of violent or sexual crimes; if they are currently serving a sentence and therefore accompanied by prison officers or have been released from prison, similar to the system in place in the UK’s NHS; if not, if she would consider introducing such a system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [57353/25]

\*856. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1660 of 19 March 2025, the status of the Patient Safety (Licensing) Bill; the timeline she is working towards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [57365/25]

\*857. To ask the Minister for Health her plans in relation to the regulation of aesthetic and cosmetic medicine; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [57366/25]

\*858. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has gathered data on the number of doctors engaged in cosmetic procedures; and if so, to provide said data. — Pádraig Rice. [57367/25]

\*859. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has gathered data on the number of dentists engaged in cosmetic procedures; and if so, to provide said data. — Pádraig Rice. [57368/25]

\*860. To ask the Minister for Health to provide further details with respect to an audit into spinal services and urology referred to at a recent meeting of Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health (details supplied); if she is still expecting this audit to be completed at the end of November or December 2025; if she will commit to publishing that audit when she receives it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [57369/25]

\*861. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons the four recommendations from the Comptroller and Auditor General's Report on the Accounts of the Public Services 2018 with respect to the development of primary care centres were not implemented (details supplied); if she remains committed to implementing these recommendations; if any progress has been made since mid-2025, at which point the comptroller and auditor general's examination team last sought an update; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [57370/25]

\*862. To ask the Minister for Health if she will update the priority ranking of locations/communities for development of primary care centres (PCCs), or expansion of existing PCCs, in view of the Comptroller and Auditor General's finding that the current ranking 'lacks sound quantification and transparency'; the timeline for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [57371/25]

\*863. To ask the Minister for Health of the €1.56 billion allocation for capital expenditure for 2026, the amount apportioned to the development of primary care centres (PCCs); to list the PCCs to be developed under this allocation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [57372/25]

\*864. To ask the Minister for Health if she will conduct a formal cost effectiveness review of primary care centres delivery methods (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [57373/25]

\*865. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the review of the utilisation of primary care centres has still not been completed, despite being included in the 2019 Sláintecare action plan; the status of that review; the timeline for completion of this review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [57374/25]

\*866. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the minimum scope of services that constitutes a primary care centre has still not been defined; if she will commit to implementing recommendation 19.3 from the Comptroller and Auditor General's Report on the Accounts of the Public Services 2024 (details supplied); the timeline for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [57375/25]

\*867. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons for the repeated delays to the construction and completion of the new National Children's Hospital, which has reportedly missed contractual deadlines on 16 occasions; the measures being taken to hold the contractor accountable for cost overruns and schedule slippage; the current projected completion date and final estimated cost; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [57376/25]

\*868. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to address the over-subscribed and closed GP waiting lists in Tubbercurry, County Sligo; the arrangements that will be made when a local GP retires in three months; whether locum GPs will provide services in HSE premises or additional clinics in local GP practices to ensure all residents have access to GP services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [57387/25]

\*869. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which her Department is progressing work to make the second busiest level 3 hospital here, Letterkenny University Hospital a level 4 hospital, in view of the hospitals geographical and roads/ rail infrastructure isolation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [57394/25]

\*870. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of a rehabilitation programme based at DCU involving the use of exoskeleton technology to support individuals with mobility impairments; and if she will engage with the programme lead (details supplied) to explore potential funding options to sustain and expand this initiative. — John Lahart. [57397/25]

\*871. To ask the Minister for Health his views on reports that research commissioned by the HSE regarding Traveller health outcomes in homelessness will not be published, despite the report having been completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57398/25]

\*872. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the plans to develop the long overdue type 1 diabetes centre of excellence building in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [57408/25]

\*873. To ask the Minister for Health if she will sanction the appointment of a second WTE advanced nurse practitioner for the type 1 adult diabetes clinic in Letterkenny University Hospital for continuity of service to support the recently appointed consultant endocrinologists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [57409/25]

\*874. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the co-operation that exists with Northern Ireland in relation to organ donation and transplantation; if there are any specific protocols or processes in place with regard to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [57421/25]

\*875. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of a medical card appeal for a person (details supplied); if serious consideration will be given to urgently awarding the medical card as the person is suffering from breast cancer and a medical card will be required for their treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57427/25]

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

\*876. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on technological universities becoming providers of medical school education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [57229/25]

\*877. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will examine the case of a student who was unable to complete their SUSI grant application for a Professional Masters in Education due to not being registered in the programme at the time of application; if any flexibility or late application process could be considered in such instances, where registration status delayed eligibility for support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56532/25]

\*878. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will examine the case of students enrolled in the Bachelor in Science in Education Studies and Bachelor in Science in Early Childhood Education programmes at an institute (details supplied) who are excluded from the “free fees initiative” and therefore not eligible for the recent €500 reduction in the student contribution; if consideration can be given to extending eligibility for this reduction to these students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56603/25]

\*879. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount of funding given to any researchers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [56616/25]

\*880. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the system in place to check whether researchers are legitimate before funding is handed out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [56617/25]

\*881. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the oversight being used to verify and ensure affiliations are legitimate and traceable in terms of research; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [56618/25]

\*882. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the transparency that is mandated through clearer author contribution statements and verified funding acknowledgements, to create a more reliable and accountable record of how research is conducted and supported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [56619/25]

\*883. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on plans to align CAO and UCAS results dates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [56645/25]

\*884. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount that has been spent by his Department to conduct tendering processes for public infrastructure projects in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [56694/25]

\*885. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the work being done by his Department, and agencies under its remit, to facilitate, in line with the commitment under the Programme for Government, the easier

return to Ireland for emigrants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56789/25]

\*886. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the detailed breakdown of funding allocations for the Higher Education Authority for 2024, 2025 and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [56830/25]

\*887. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the detailed breakdown of funding allocations for Hear and Dare for 2024, 2025 and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [56831/25]

\*888. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the detailed breakdown of funding allocations for SUSI for 2024, 2025 and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [56832/25]

\*889. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the detailed breakdown of funding allocations for Youthreach for 2024, 2025 and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [56833/25]

\*890. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the detailed breakdown of funding allocations for Springboard for 2024, 2025 and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [56834/25]

\*891. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the detailed breakdown of funding allocations for the FSD grant for 2024, 2025 and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [56835/25]

\*892. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the detailed breakdown of funding allocations for the 1916 Bursary for 2024, 2025 and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [56836/25]

\*893. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the detailed breakdown of funding allocations for student accommodation for 2024, 2025 and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [56837/25]

\*894. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the detailed breakdown of funding allocations for Leargas for 2024, 2025 and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [56838/25]

\*895. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for a detailed breakdown of funding allocations for SOLAS in 2024, 2025 and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [56842/25]

\*896. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for a detailed breakdown of funding allocations for CERN in 2024, 2025 and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [56843/25]

\*897. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for a detailed breakdown of funding allocations for Quality and Qualifications Ireland for 2024, 2025 and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [56844/25]

\*898. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the redress available to a person (details supplied) who appealed their leaving certificate results and then had enough points to qualify for their first choice university course, but were precluded due to the time involved in the appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [56845/25]

\*899. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of WTE senior application specialist at the grade of higher executive officer level within the Department in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [56884/25]

\*900. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide the Abridged Estimates Volume for Budget 2026 for Vote 45, including the provisional sub head and programme level allocations. — Donna McGettigan. [56931/25]

\*901. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount allocated for the reduction of the student contribution in Budget 2026; and the amount that was allocated for reduction of the student contribution in 2025. — Donna McGettigan. [56936/25]

\*902. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of craft and non-craft apprenticeship registrations in 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025. — Donna McGettigan. [56937/25]

\*903. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount of additional craft and non-craft apprenticeship places funded in Budget 2026, for the year 2026; and the allocation for those additional places in Budget 2026. — Donna McGettigan. [56938/25]

\*904. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount allocated in total from the Budget 2026 for existing levels of service in his Department. — Donna McGettigan. [56939/25]

\*905. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the designated beds ringfenced for students from target groups as identified in the National Action Plan, specifically for DCU 405 beds project, UCD 493 students accommodation beds; and if there will be any more funding from his Department allocated for student accommodation. — Donna McGettigan. [56940/25]

\*906. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on his Department's commissioned research into the landscape of apprentice pay; to ask when he expects this final report to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [56984/25]

\*907. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update from SOLAS regarding The National Apprenticeship Office's commissioning of an independent economic assessment to incentivise participation in national apprenticeships by both employers and apprentices, drawing on international practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [56985/25]

\*908. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the details of the vacant buildings owned by his Department or by agencies under the remit of his Department in Dublin 2, 4, 6, and 6W, including, the address and size in square meters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57112/25]

\*909. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the details of all reports, including consultancy reports commissioned by his Department from 1 January 2024 to date in 2025, that could be categorised as not for external publication or marked for internal use only; the cost of each report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57292/25]

\*910. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of people accessing apprenticeships each year since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [57351/25]

\*911. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); if the decision regarding their SUSI application can be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57383/25]

\*912. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); if the decision regarding their SUSI application can be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57414/25]

\*913. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount expended on the build back home campaign to include a schedule of online, broadcast, print dissemination and individuals used to promote the campaign; the countries into which the campaign was delivered; the associated design and consultancy costs to include supplier; duration it is envisaged to run the campaign; the overall allocated budget committed to the campaign; and if other State bodies or Departments have been utilised for the campaign . — Aidan Farrelly. [57423/25]

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

\*914. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the amount that has been spent by his Department to conduct tendering processes for public infrastructure projects in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [56698/25]

\*915. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on the work being done by his Department, and agencies under its remit, to facilitate, in line with the commitment under the Programme for Government, the easier return to Ireland for emigrants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56794/25]

\*916. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he is aware that, in the 13 years since the enactment of the Gaeltacht Act 2012, only three Irish Language Networks have been formally recognised under the Act in 2021; that no new call for applications has been issued since then; if he will outline when the next statutory round of applications for Irish Language Networks will be announced, in line with the objectives of the 20-

year strategy for the Irish Language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [56874/25]

\*917. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of rural recreation officers in place in Cork county; their base location within the county; the respective areas covered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [56903/25]

\*918. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the current status of the Cork County Outdoor Recreational Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [56904/25]

\*919. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his plans to provide funding for a county outdoor recreation officer within Cork County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [56905/25]

\*920. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his Departments view of the roll out of eco toilets at large recreational sites, which are being broadly welcomed by users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [56906/25]

\*921. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if his Department supports the use of 'Counters' at large recreational sites in order to capture the number of attendees at these sites; if his Department will work with stakeholders to fund these counters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [56907/25]

\*922. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he is aware that funding to purchase a dedicated, fully accessible vehicle that would allow an organisation (details supplied) to safely transport disabled persons to educational programmes, recreational activities, social events, and other enriching opportunities, was recently refused, due to the failure to extend the areas designated under CLÁR in Donegal; and his plans in this regard. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [57044/25]

\*923. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will consider introducing a pilot scheme for community development volunteers similar to the basic income for the arts pilot scheme. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [57046/25]

\*924. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update in relation to the ORIS schemes currently with his Department in counties Carlow and Kilkenny; when funding will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [57047/25]

\*925. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update in relation to the town and village schemes currently with his Department in counties Carlow and Kilkenny; when funding will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [57048/25]

\*926. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for a breakdown of CLAR funding applications currently with the Department in counties Carlow and Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [57049/25]

\*927. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the details of the vacant buildings owned by his Department or by agencies under the remit of his Department in Dublin 2, 4, 6, and 6W, including, the address and size in square meters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [57117/25]

\*928. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to urgently address and allow for the necessary funding for remedial works at the Boardwalk in Glanteenassie Forest, known as the Lough Caum Boardwalk Loop, as sections are in very bad repair; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [57245/25]

\*929. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the reason for the delay in releasing the balance of funds for a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [57246/25]

\*930. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the details of all reports, including consultancy reports commissioned by his Department from 1 January 2024 to date in 2025, that could be categorised as not for external publication or marked for internal use only; the cost of each report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57297/25]

\*931. 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. [57405/25]