



## 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 Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — John Connolly. [46877/25]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Catherine Ardagh. [46846/25]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Tom Brabazon. [46849/25]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [48525/25]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [51665/25]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [52039/25]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Matt Carthy. [52996/25]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [53245/25]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [56768/25]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [56901/25]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [56963/25]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Mark Ward. [56981/25]
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Liam Quaide. [58229/25]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [59728/25]

15. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [59733/25]

16. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [60923/25]

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61675/25]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Conor D. McGuinness. [58033/25]

31. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Liam Quaide. [58230/25]

32. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will meet next. — Barry Heneghan. [59584/25]

33. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [59734/25]

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Cian O'Callaghan. [60924/25]

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [61553/25]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61676/25]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Brendan Smith. [58231/25]

46. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will meet next. — Barry Heneghan. [59583/25]

47. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [59735/25]

48. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61677/25]

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

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

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

52. 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]

53. 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]

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

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

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

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

58. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the work of the Shared Island Unit. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [61452/25]

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

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

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

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the programme plan for his Department's new disability unit for 2025 to 2027. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [61453/25]

66. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the programme plan for his Department's new disability unit for 2025 to 2027. — Cian O'Callaghan. [61464/25]

67. 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]

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

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

70. 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]

71. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on his Department's plans to coordinate a range of actions aimed at regulatory reform. — Albert Dolan. [58232/25]

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

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

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

75. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the national security strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Brabazon. [58233/25]

76. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [61554/25]

77. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [61885/25]

78. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul Lawless. [61888/25]

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

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

79. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reasons her Department accredits for the lengthy waiting lists for assessment of needs; the progress being made in developing legislation in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [61490/25]

80. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will comment on the survey findings by a representative organisation (details supplied) which showed that 80 percent of childminder services will close; and the actions her Department is taking to address the issue. — Mark Wall. [61743/25]

81. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of concerns raised by childminders as to the future of their childminding service, and the impact that childminders leaving the sector would have given the already severe lack of childcare capacity; if she will meet with an organisation (details supplied) which represents childminders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [61735/25]

82. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide an update on her engagements with TUSLA regarding well-being checks of closed cases; if she has received a progress report and/or interim report from the agency; and if she will set out the allocated additional resources she has provided TUSLA with which to enhance its capacity to complete the work in a timely manner. — Aidan Farrelly. [61877/25]

83. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to outline the measures announced in Budget 2026 for the early years sector, including the 2,300 places to be created via extensions to schools and community centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [61736/25]

84. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to outline the Government's commitment to family resource centres; for an update on the work done by family resource centres across the country; and the potential for establishing more family resource centres. — Aisling Dempsey. [61878/25]

## **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

85. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the engagement there has been with Tusla regarding child protection issues highlighted recently in the public domain (details supplied); the plans in place for a fit for purpose child protection system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [61509/25]

86. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding developments towards reaching the commitment to reducing childcare costs to €200 per child, per month, in the context of a number of childcare providers pulling out of the core funding scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [59969/25]

87. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the engagement she and her officials have had in 2025 with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with respect to changing or improving planning rules to ensure delivery of childcare facilities in housing developments; the progress she can report on this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [61618/25]

88. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if Fingal has been identified as a priority area by the forward planning unit; the criteria used to determine such prioritisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [61499/25]



89. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has addressed the IT issue whereby historical fee data was unavailable on the national childcare scheme website; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [61745/25]

90. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of staff recruited in CDNTs in Cork in the past 12 months; and the number who resigned or left. — Thomas Gould. [61723/25]

91. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to address the shortage of early childcare places, particularly for children between the age of 0-2 years which is preventing many parents, especially women, from returning to work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [60793/25]

92. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures taken to address the huge shortage of childcare places in the whole of County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61584/25]

93. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to increase the number of State-owned early learning and care facilities progressively; the number of facilities planned to be purchased in 2026; if it is her intention to move forward with a public model of childcare delivery as a significant proportion of overall availability in the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [61617/25]

94. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average waiting time for assessment of needs in the Dublin Midwest constituency; the steps which are being taken to reduce waiting times in the Dublin Midwest area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [61910/25]

95. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of times she has met with the CEO of Tusla since she took office. — Peadar Tóibín. [61892/25]

96. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of applications received in 2025 for Cork county under the building blocks extension grant scheme; the number of these applications approved under this scheme for Cork county; if there will be an increase in the funding allocation for the building blocks extension grant scheme in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [61586/25]

97. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update regarding her Department’s review of core funding. — Maeve O’Connell. [61423/25]

98. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on the action plan on childcare, early years; the stage that it is at; when it will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [61491/25]

99. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures being taken to address the continued shortage of therapists across children’s disability network teams, particularly in North Dublin where many families have now waited years without access to occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, or psychology supports for their children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61557/25]

100. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the amount of funding provided to childcare service providers under the Core Funding model each year since its introduction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [61580/25]

101. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps being taken to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to place an autism innovation strategy on a statutory footing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [61512/25]

102. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children who have been temporarily missing, or as stated by Tusla, “absconded”, from Tusla, or Tusla-funded, care in the past 12 months; the number of these based in Cork; and the process undertaken when a child goes missing from State care. — Thomas Gould. [61722/25]

103. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps being taken to provide urgently needed respite for families of children/adults with profound disabilities in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61583/25]

104. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reforms she will make to the child protection system to make it fit for purpose; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [59241/25]

105. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality how Ireland’s obligations under the UNCRC are currently being met; the steps her Department is taking to incorporate the UNCRC into domestic legislation, in full or in part, in view of the fact that incorporation will strengthen compliance with international human rights standards; the timeline she envisages for this process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [61578/25]

106. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current average waiting time for assessments of need for children in County Offaly; the measures being taken by her Department to address delays in these assessments and ensure timely access to early intervention services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [61544/25]

107. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children who have been temporarily missing (absconded) from Tusla, or Tusla-funded, care in the past 12 month; the number of these based in Fingal West; the process undertaken when a child goes missing from State care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [61882/25]

108. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on tackling the issues of non-refundable deposits in childcare services. — Emer Currie. [61906/25]

109. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the means by which she intends to tackle the severe shortage of childcare places across the State; the means by which she intends to quickly build capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [61493/25]

110. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí, Míchumais agus Comhionannais cén cur chuige atá maidir le naíonraí agus náiscoileanna Gaeilge a bhunú, agus ansin tacaíocht fanacht ar an bhfód. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [61328/25]

111. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the development of the National Equality Data Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [61579/25]

112. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason she accounts for the trend of more naíonraí outside the Gaeltacht closing than opening in recent years; the steps she is taking to counter that trend; if she will intervene with emergency funding to save those at risk of closing in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [61619/25]

113. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures being taken to increase supply and affordability of childcare in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [61620/25]

114. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of disabled adults currently residing in privately outsourced residential facilities; and the number of people residing in facilities located more than one hundred kilometres from their community of origin. — Liam Quaide. [61575/25]

115. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is concerned that Budget 2026 will increase child poverty; the measures she will take to address this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [59244/25]

116. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will outline the scheme or schemes of grant aid that will be available in 2026 for the upgrading or provision of new childcare accommodation, both for community providers and private providers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [61588/25]

117. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average waiting time in Laois for an assessment of need (AON); and the longest time any child is waiting for an AON in County Laois. — Brian Stanley. [60015/25]

118. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will outline the roadmap to reduce the cost of childcare to €200 per month per child through the national childcare scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [61511/25]

119. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on CDNT waiting lists for assessments and therapies in County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [61033/25]

120. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to ensure that childcare providers participate in the core funding scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61294/25]

121. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of staff recruited in CDNTs in Fingal West in the past 12 months; and the number who resigned or left, by grade and profession, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [61883/25]

122. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the work her Department is undertaking to improve transparency in childcare fees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [61902/25]

123. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures being implemented to reduce assessment and intervention waiting times for children with additional needs in Galway east; and whether she will provide a clear schedule for improvements in access to therapy services and family supports under the Progressing Disability Services Programme. — Albert Dolan. [61616/25]

124. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps she is taking to address staff shortages and long waiting lists across the children's disability network teams in south Tipperary, where families continue to face significant delays in accessing assessments and therapies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [61425/25]

125. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she and her officials will meet with childminders to listen to the issues impacting the sector. — Mark Wall. [61744/25]

126. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the progress within her Department towards the development of a new programme of acquisition and fitout of State-led early learning and childcare services, to increase places to meet demand for affordable, accessible, high quality early learning and childcare that is not otherwise being delivered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [61522/25]

127. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the actions taken by the HSE to fill the vacancies in the CDNTs in County Louth; the number of children on the waiting list for therapies provided by the CDNTs in County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [61454/25]

128. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare service facilities that have been referred in Cork city and county for sustainability funding; the measures being taken to identify childcare services in Cork city and county that may require assistance with difficulties they are experiencing with Core Funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [61585/25]

129. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of applications received, the number approved, and the amount of money paid out to date under the mother and baby institutions payment scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [61494/25]

130. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to ensure adequate childcare places and staffing in south Tipperary, particularly in rural areas where providers are struggling to retain staff and meet demand despite the introduction of core funding supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [61426/25]

131. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare service providers that have withdrawn from the core funding model; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [61497/25]

132. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures her Department is taking to reduce costs for childcare services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61546/25]

133. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will highlight any work she is doing to improve supports and protections offered to parents whose crèche withdraws from core funding; the level of support provided to these parents each year since the scheme's establishment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [61555/25]

134. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the Clondalkin CDNT will move to the new primary health care centre on the Boot Road, from a location (details supplied); the reasons for the delay; when she expects it to be operational; to provide a breakdown of the staff that will be in the new location; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [61909/25]

135. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will publish the methodology and outputs of the forward planning unit established in January 2024, including any mapping or prioritisation framework used to identify areas of acute childcare need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [61498/25]

136. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures her Department is taking to address the rising number of creches that are facing closure due to rising costs; if her Department will increase funding to creches to ensure that they can remain open as they play a vital role in our society; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [61693/25]

137. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of adults with intellectual disability awaiting residential placement nationally, by county; and the number of people waiting in excess of one year, two years, three years and so on, in tabular form. — Liam Quaide. [61573/25]

138. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the supports her Department will provide to a group (details supplied) in County Galway in its efforts to establish a new community creche in the town; if there is funding available from her Department for construction and initial operational costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [61448/25]

139. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children's disability network teams which are fully staffed in the State; and the number which are not fully staffed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [61896/25]

140. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update regarding the work of her Department towards providing childcare places in County Dublin. — Maeve O'Connell. [61424/25]

141. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps her Department is evaluating to assist childcare providers in constructing their own premises; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [61581/25]

142. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the supports available to childcare providers in Core Funding who may require additional financial support. — James O'Connor. [61905/25]

143. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the means by which the proposed reforms to the assessment of need process will contribute to reducing the current backlog of over 18,000 children awaiting assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [61542/25]

144. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on the lack of funding for Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living, including the provision of funding for fuel costs for their accessibility vehicles. — Paul Donnelly. [58316/25]

145. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the work her Department is doing to evaluate the possibility of greater State involvement in providing childcare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [61903/25]

146. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the supports she is providing for family resource centres in Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61295/25]

147. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to increase respite services for children in County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [61034/25]

148. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for a progress report on the Programme for Government Commitment to reduce childcare costs to €200 per month per child; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [61570/25]

149. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to consider introducing financial supports for community-based childcare providers operating outside the ECCE framework, particularly those based in schools that cannot operate during school closures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [61541/25]

150. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her Department's efforts to improve accessibility in rural towns and villages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [61447/25]

151. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on the need to improve pay and terms and conditions within the childcare sector in order to attract and retain staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [61496/25]

152. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children in County Louth that have had assessments of need outsourced by the HSE to private providers to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [61455/25]

153. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the actions she will take to address the shortage of creche/preschool places in south Dublin; if her attention has been drawn to significant waiting lists in many areas including Blackrock, Dún Laoghaire and Shankill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [59968/25]



154. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on actions taken since the remains of a child (details supplied) were found, including the actions taken by Tusla; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [61492/25]

155. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the means by which Budget 2026 will support the delivery of affordable and accessible childcare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [61445/25]

156. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if it is the case that individuals who do not have an intellectual disability are not eligible for State-provided residential care (details supplied); if she will outline the rationale and policy position underpinning this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [61571/25]

157. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to extend the national childcare scheme to childminders working in the family home, with sensible regulations that fit homebased care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [61556/25]

158. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on the action plan for childcare and a date for the launch. — Emer Currie. [61907/25]

159. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her Department’s plans to ensure that children with disabilities can fully participate in mainstream education, sport, and community life, through the provision of accessible transport, adequate special needs assistants, and inclusive facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61558/25]

160. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of the warning of an organisations (details supplied) that if nothing changes, thousands of trusted childminders will be exited from the sector, thus reducing choice, flexibility, and affordability for parents; and the urgent action she will take to avert a crisis. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [61329/25]

161. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she plans on publishing her Department’s childcare action plan before the end of 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [61746/25]

162. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures included in Budget 2026 to reduce costs for parents and improve accessibility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61545/25]

163. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps her Department is taking to reduce the cost of childcare in the State. — Peadar Tóibín. [61894/25]

164. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the plans she has to ensure further increases in pay for early years educators and school age care practitioners; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [61495/25]

165. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will report on her engagements with the childminding sector. — Cathy Bennett. [61900/25]

166. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider extending payments to ECCE providers to the month of December given the long duration between the last 2025 payment in November and next payment in January 2026. — Mark Wall. [61747/25]

167. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current status of a new children's disability respite centre in Monaghan; the additional respite places that will be available in the new centre; whether the current respite centre will close before or after the new centre is delivered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61898/25]

168. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the first Programme Plan of Action under the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025 to 2030 will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [61446/25]

169. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of people waiting to access CDNT services in Cavan and Monaghan for a period of 0 to 3 months; 3 to 6 months; 6 to 12 months; and greater than 1 year. — Matt Carthy. [61897/25]

170. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current staffing level on the Laois CDNT teams; the percentage of posts filled, for each of the required disciplines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [60012/25]

171. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures being taken by her Department to address the shortage of children's disability services in County Offaly; for an update on staffing levels within the children's disability network teams serving the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [61543/25]

172. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the funding that will be provided in 2026 for the building blocks grant scheme; when the details of the 2026 scheme will be made available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [61587/25]

173. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if Tusla has sufficient funding and resources to protect children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [59240/25]

174. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current number of vacant posts within the children's disability network team (CDNT) in County Galway; the recruitment strategies in place to fill these roles; and the means by which she intends to ensure that children and families supported by CDNTs will not experience further delays in service access as a result of staffing shortfalls. — Albert Dolan. [61615/25]

175. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps her Department is taking to reduce the rate of child trafficking in the State. — Peadar Tóibín. [61893/25]

176. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a predicted timeline on the delivery of reducing the cost of childcare to €200 per month per child; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [61428/25]

177. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the timeframe in which she intends to deliver childcare costs of €10 per day. — Cathy Bennett. [61899/25]



178. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the level of funding allocated in Budget 2026 to support the negotiation and implementation of a new early years employment regulation order; the timeline for communicating this allocation to the Early Years Joint Labour Committee; the steps being taken to ensure pay negotiations proceed without delay, given ongoing recruitment and retention challenges and the risk of missing the 1 September implementation date, as occurred previously; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [61621/25]

179. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality of the efforts underway within her Department to increase the provision of special care placements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [61523/25]

180. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on the progress being made on the creation of the action plan to deliver the National Human Rights Strategy for People with Disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [61510/25]

181. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the timeline for the introduction of paid surrogacy leave, as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [62247/25]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*182. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [59736/25]

\*183. To ask the Taoiseach the number and value of contracts that underwent post-award variations; the net value change as a percentage of original awards, by CPV/category; and the three most common drivers of variation identified, for 2022–2024. — Albert Dolan. [60950/25]

\*184. To ask the Taoiseach to provide CSO data on labour force participation, migration, and tax status of persons aged 22–40 years of age, by highest education level; and to support an assessment of post-education retention and contribution to the economy. — Albert Dolan. [61185/25]

\*185. To ask the Taoiseach for a breakdown of all spending on external communications and media, by company, including the amount spent and purpose of spend, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [61222/25]

\*186. To ask the Taoiseach if Census 2027 will include a question on sexual orientation. — Pádraig Rice. [60502/25]

\*187. To ask the Taoiseach if Census 2027 will include a question on gender identity. — Pádraig Rice. [60503/25]

\*188. To ask the Taoiseach if Census 2027 will include a question on sex characteristics. — Pádraig Rice. [60504/25]

\*189. To ask the Taoiseach the level of foresight or future planning that operates within his Department; who is responsible for long-term planning; and the input these individuals or teams have into Departmental policy and practice. — Malcolm Byrne. [61670/25]

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

\*190. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the efforts being made to support LGBTQI+ communities at EU and international level. — John Lahart. [60929/25]

\*191. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number and value of contracts that underwent post-award variations; the net value change as a percentage of original awards, by CPV/category; and the three most common drivers of variation identified, for 2022–2024. — Albert Dolan. [60942/25]

\*192. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the action he and his Department are taking to deal with the plight of persecuted Christians in Nigeria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [60992/25]

\*193. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount his Department has spent on rent regarding premises (details supplied). — Ken O’Flynn. [61004/25]

\*194. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the details of all overseas aid projects and funding amounts allocated in 2024 and in 2025, or the latest data available, by country, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [61055/25]

\*195. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the allocation of Ireland’s Official Development Assistance (ODA) in the past five years to programmes where gender equality is the principal objective; the proportion of this ODA which was directed specifically to women’s rights organisations during the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [61092/25]

\*196. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he or his officials have read a report titled “Peak Ireland Ireland’s Diplomatic Challenges and the Lessons for the UK” which was recently published by the Policy Exchange think-tank; and if he has given consideration to the specific criticisms which this report makes of Irish foreign policy under the current Government; and his response to those criticisms. — Carol Nolan. [61096/25]

\*197. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of press releases issued by his Department from 1 January 2025 to date on issues relating to Israel or Gaza, Ukraine, Africa and South America respectively. — Carol Nolan. [61097/25]

\*198. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when the new Irish Consulate General Offices based in Melbourne and Malaga will be opened; if new locations for these offices have been secured; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [61138/25]

\*199. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade in view of Ireland preparing for its Presidency of the Council of the European Union from July to December 2026 and a public consultation underway, if the Government will publish the timeframe and regional

engagement plan explicitly for Cork and Munster stakeholders; the way in which regional priorities for example, maritime innovation, sustainable tourism, regional connectivity will be elevated through that process; and the resources which will be allocated to ensure regional input is translated into the national Presidency programme. — Ken O'Flynn. [61170/25]

\*200. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for a breakdown of all spending on external communications and media, by company, including the amount spent and purpose of spend, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [61214/25]

\*201. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the actions he has taken to raise the issue of the interception of the Global Sumud Flotilla and the detainment of 16 Irish citizens by the Israel Defence Forces at an EU level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [61226/25]

\*202. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the planned attendance of the head of the Israeli Sailing Association at the World Sailing Annual Conference being held in Dún Laoghaire between 7 to 9 November 2025; his views on whether this is appropriate given the Israeli interception of the Global Sumud Flotilla; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [61227/25]

\*203. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding engagement his Department has had with the Israeli Sailing Association in relation to their attendance at the World Sailing Annual Conference being held in Dún Laoghaire between 7 to 9 November 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [61228/25]

\*204. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding engagement his Department has had with the Israeli Sailing Association (ISA) in relation to their attendance at the World Sailing Annual Conference being held in Dún Laoghaire between 7 to 9 November 2025; if any support was provided to this organisation in terms of visa requirements or other travel related requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [61229/25]

\*205. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the update on an application for Irish citizenship for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61259/25]

\*206. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of an application for citizenship for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61260/25]

\*207. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the details of any conditions and stipulations attached to any overseas funding from the State; if the State ever makes such funding conditional on the recipient state agreeing to change its laws or practices in support of abortion as an element of sexual and reproductive health. — Paul Lawless. [61335/25]

\*208. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views the Government must recognise our stance on being neutral; and if there are any changes on neutrality it will have to be adjudicated on by the people of Ireland by a referendum. — Danny Healy-Rae. [60837/25]

\*209. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Question No. 131 of 4 November 2025, if he will indicate the matters outstanding on this application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61602/25]

\*210. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the level of foresight or future planning that operates within his Department; who is responsible for long-term planning; the input these individuals or teams have into Departmental policy and practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [61662/25]

\*211. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding the progression of Israeli Settlements (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [61689/25]

\*212. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the details of his engagements with the ambassador and government of Tanzania in relation to recent reports that authorities have killed unarmed citizens in that country (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61695/25]

\*213. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he plans to visit Greece before the end of 2025 to discuss strengthening bilateral cooperation ahead of Ireland's EU Presidency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [61812/25]

\*214. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount that each Irish Honorary Consulate received in consulate fees in 2024 and for the first nine months of 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [61813/25]

\*215. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade given the first monitoring report of the Windsor Framework confirms that the UK's internal market guarantee has been met, but implementation issues remain and friction persists in trade flows between GB and Northern Ireland, the assessment his Department has made of the knock-on effects for Irish exporters and logistics firms (including those based in Cork) trading via the UK; the supports or guidance being offered to regional firms exposed to UK/Northern Ireland trade disruption; and the means by which he is ensuring Ireland is maximising trade diversification away from sole reliance on the UK market. — Ken O'Flynn. [61818/25]

\*216. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if two foreign birth registry applications (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61820/25]

\*217. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the Government's position on Transnistria and its recognition as part of Moldova; the way in which the question of Transnistria impacts on Moldova's potential EU membership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [61830/25]

\*218. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to advocate for a person (details supplied) currently in a German prison; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [61881/25]

\*219. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide a detailed breakdown of the ways in which Ireland's humanitarian aid to Afghanistan is being allocated, particularly in relation to projects aimed at protecting women's rights and promoting gender

equality; the specific programmes which are being supported to counteract the Taliban's systematic restrictions on women and girls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [62082/25]

\*220. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when the Irish aid budget for 2026 will be agreed; the way in which global education programmes will be prioritised; the level of funding for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [62129/25]

\*221. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when the Irish Aid budget for the 2026-2030 period will be agreed; the way in which global education programmes will be prioritised over the same period; the level of funding for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [62144/25]

\*222. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade given the recent address by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland emphasising the region's dual-market access and the continuing importance of UK-NI trade flows, the assessment his Department has made of how UK domestic economic policy shifts (including Northern Ireland) will affect Irish exporters, particularly in Cork and the southern ports; the supports which are in place for Irish firms vulnerable to changes in UK-NI trade arrangements; and the way in which Ireland is leveraging its proximity and relationships to Northern Ireland to enhance export and investment opportunities for regional Irish firms. — Ken O'Flynn. [62197/25]

\*223. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of an application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [62201/25]

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

\*224. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when a company (details supplied) will provide the composting bins to customers pursuant to 2023 legislation to allow every household in the State to be provided with a brown bin for food waste and light garden waste by their waste collector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [60910/25]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number and value of contracts that underwent post-award variations; the net value change as a percentage of original awards, by CPV/category; and the three most common drivers of variation identified, for 2022 to 2024. — Albert Dolan. [60936/25]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the grants or supports available for 3-phase electric in a commercial setting; the grants or supports available for 3-phase electric in a commercial setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [60988/25]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position on the levy on disposable cups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [61045/25]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the progress of the second phase of the Land Use Review for renewable technologies; the role of local authorities; the

timeline for the completion of the Land Use Review recognising its vital importance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [61118/25]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the progress of the biomethane sustainability charter; when it will be published; the engagement to date with community groups and local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [61119/25]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the coordination his Department had with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage with regard to planning policy for anaerobic digestion facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [61120/25]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment recognising the need for certainty in the sector, if anaerobic digestion plants which are constructed before the biomethane sustainability charter is finalised will be subject to the same guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [61121/25]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) has commenced or intends to commence an investigation into electricity suppliers, given recent reports by an expert group expressing concern that retail electricity prices are not reflecting reductions in wholesale energy costs; the criteria under which the CRU assesses supplier pricing fairness and competitiveness; if he will publish the most recent data comparing wholesale and retail electricity prices for domestic and commercial customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [61148/25]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the latest figures for domestic energy bill arrears in the household sector, including the percentage of electricity and gas customers in arrears, the total amounts owed, and the average debt per household; if he will compare these figures with those from June 2024 and June 2021; the total value and reach of payments made under the energy credit scheme to date in 2025 and its assessed impact on household arrears; the targeted interventions planned to reduce household energy debt, promote tariff switching, and improve transparency and efficiency in billing; the plans to transition from universal energy credits to targeted supports for households most at risk of long-term arrears; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [61156/25]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for a breakdown of all spending on external communications and media, by company, including the amount spent and purpose of spend, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [61207/25]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current number of warmer homes scheme applications awaiting survey and awaiting completion, by county; the median and 90th percentile wait time in months for survey and completion in each county; and the longest individual wait recorded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [61303/25]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for a monthly time series for the past 24-months, by county of new warmer homes scheme applications received, surveys completed, works completed and closing backlog at month-end; and to publish this in machine-readable format. — Michael Murphy. [61304/25]



\*237. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of on-hand cases, by county and status (details supplied); and the average age of cases in each status. — Michael Murphy. [61305/25]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number and proportion of warmer home applications withdrawn, cancelled, or ineligible in the past 12-months, by county and by reason; and the average time for a decision for ineligible cases. — Michael Murphy. [61306/25]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of active framework contractors and accredited surveyors engaged on the warmer homes scheme, by county; their combined monthly capacity (surveys and completions); and how this compares with monthly inflow of applications in each county. — Michael Murphy. [61307/25]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will expand or reopen the contractor/surveyor frameworks to address delays; the planned timetables for expansion; and the measures to rebalance capacity across counties with the longest waits. — Michael Murphy. [61308/25]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the criteria used to prioritise vulnerable households (details supplied); the number of priority cases, by county; and the target timeline for priority cases relative to standard cases. — Michael Murphy. [61309/25]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if a fast-track pathway operates for households identified by HSE, public health nurses or local authorities as at immediate risk from cold or damp; the number of such fast-tracked cases by county; and the average time to completion. — Michael Murphy. [61310/25]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the allocated budget, profiled spend, actual spend, and units completed for the warmer homes scheme in each of the past three years; the carryover or underspend; and projections for the current year, by county where available. — Michael Murphy. [61311/25]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current service level for responding to applicant queries and updating expected timelines; if the SEAI provides proactive monthly status updates to applicants waiting longer than six months; and the plans to improve communications. — Michael Murphy. [61312/25]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has plans in place to support retrofitting and energy upgrades for households struggling with heating costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [61476/25]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the [ministersdiary@dcee.gov.ie](mailto:ministersdiary@dcee.gov.ie) email address in his Department is operational and regularly monitored; if incoming emails are responded to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [61605/25]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will consider supporting and promoting a nationwide 'Power Hour' campaign, encouraging schools across Ireland to turn off all classroom lights for one hour each day at 12 pm with the aim of reducing electricity usage, cutting carbon emissions, and raising awareness of energy conservation

and sustainability among students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [61640/25]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the level of foresight or future planning that operates within his Department; who is responsible for long-term planning; the input these individuals or teams have into Departmental policy and practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [61656/25]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the funding available for a voluntary led community park in Carlow (Tinryland Park, Tinryland, County Carlow) to assist with the ongoing operating costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [61691/25]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the safety regulations for lithium ion battery storage (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [61767/25]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the 2025 and 2026 capital budget allocation for his Department, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [61810/25]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the steps he has taken to provide a national recycling service for nitrous oxide canisters. — Aidan Farrelly. [61871/25]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will outline the actions his Department and the Environmental Protection Agency are taking to address wastewater treatment in Allenwood and Rathangan failing to meet European Union standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [61916/25]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will allow grants to be paid under the SEAI heat pump system grant scheme to households (details supplied) in cases where the only other affordable option, without grant support, is to revert to heating their houses using fossil fuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [61954/25]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding the annual usage of water by data centres in Ireland; if this is something that is recorded by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [61992/25]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding the number of data centres that are equipped with solar panels to support part of their energy consumption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [61993/25]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment in view of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change highlighting the urgency of reducing carbon emissions, accelerating the transition to renewable energy, and strengthening environmental policies, in further noting that Ireland has made progress with the Climate Action Plan, more ambitious measures are needed to meet our legally binding targets under the Climate Act 2021 and the EU Green Deal, the actions the Government has taken support policies that cut carbon emissions, increase funding for renewable energy research and advocate for stricter environmental regulations. — Ann Graves. [62033/25]



\*258. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will ensure that Inland Fisheries Ireland maintains a catch and release policy for salmon angling on the River Suir for the 2025 season, in light of stakeholder concerns that a full closure would have significant negative consequences for conservation, local angling clubs, tourism, and rural economies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [62111/25]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the resources which are available within the State to assist people with the safe disposal of NOS canisters; the guidelines and resources which have been provided to local authorities regarding same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [62230/25]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the steps being taken by his Department to address the gap between wholesale market prices for electricity and the price that customers pay for electricity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [62234/25]

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

\*261. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number and value of contracts that underwent post-award variations; the net value change as a percentage of original awards, by CPV/category; and the three most common drivers of variation identified, for 2022–2024. — Albert Dolan. [60938/25]

\*262. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if any personnel from the Naval Service went to the UK for a specialist training course which is not available within the State in 2024 and to date in 2025; if so, the name and duration of this course, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [60976/25]

\*263. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if any personnel from Air Corps went to the UK for a specialist training course which is not available within the State in 2024 and to date in 2025; if so, the name and duration of this course, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [60977/25]

\*264. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the budget allocation for Defence Forces Equitation School in the years of 2024, 2025 and 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [61135/25]

\*265. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for a breakdown of all spending on external communications and media, by company, including the amount spent and purpose of spend, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [61209/25]

\*266. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the process that local community voluntary groups must meet in order to have Defence Forces School of Music play at a community event; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [61442/25]

\*267. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the additional costs incurred by the Irish Defence Forces for security provided at Shannon Airport due to US military use of Shannon Airport from 2018 to date in 2025. — Mairéad Farrell. [61625/25]

\*268. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the level of foresight or future planning that operates within his Department; who is responsible for long-term planning; the input these

individuals or teams have into Departmental policy and practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [61658/25]

\*269. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will direct Defence Forces based in the lower harbour of Cork to write against the proposal for an incinerator in Ringaskiddy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [62004/25]

\*270. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to give an update on his Department's meeting with the developer of the search and rescue service at Weston Airport, to address concerns of the Air Corps in relation to the need to prevent unauthorised penetrations of military airspace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [62037/25]

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

\*271. To ask the Minister for Transport the number and value of contracts that underwent post-award variations; the net value change as a percentage of original awards, by CPV/category; and the three most common drivers of variation identified, for 2022–2024. — Albert Dolan. [60951/25]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Transport the top five most popular Dublin Bus routes, by passenger number and direction in the first nine months of 2025. — Paul Donnelly. [60970/25]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Transport the additional improvements to services that will occur in 2026 for Bus Éireann PSO routes arising from Budget 2026. — Paul Donnelly. [60971/25]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Transport the additional improvements to services that will occur in 2026 for Dublin Bus arising from Budget 2026. — Paul Donnelly. [60972/25]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Transport to detail the areas the 'built-up area speed limit' of 50 kilometres per hour in Section 5 of the Road Traffic Act 2004 currently applies to. — Roderic O'Gorman. [61000/25]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the 'built-up area speed limit' of 50 kilometres per hour in Section 5 of the Road Traffic Act 2004 is not being changed to 30 kilometres per hour as recommended by his Department's Speed Limit Review report of September 2023. — Roderic O'Gorman. [61001/25]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to improve road safety in County Kerry; if he is aware that there have been eight fatalities this year to date which is equal to the total number of fatalities in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [61022/25]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the impact of the transfer of staff regarding the roll out of BusConnects Phase 7; the impact this has had on staffing in other depots; if there has been a knock on effect on other routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [61038/25]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding provisions that have been made under the National Development Plan for roads projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [60176/25]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps his Department is taking to encourage pedestrians to wear high vis clothing and protect themselves at all times when using the road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [61082/25]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 312 of 30 September 2025, if new criteria was established in relation to Leap cards; if students studying English language education wish to obtain a Leap card whether they must be enrolled in a course that is a minimum of 16 hours per week; and given the fact that the majority of English language education courses are 15 hours per week if he will consider amending the criteria. — Darren O'Rourke. [61083/25]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No.312 of 30 September 2025, if eligibility criteria for a student Leap card has changed requiring students to submit a letter from their college or institution, which would exclude most English language education providers' and his plans to ensure that all English language education providers are permitted to provide a letter proving student enrolment in their courses in order for international students to obtain a student Leap card. — Darren O'Rourke. [61084/25]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be provided for the installation of a next bus indicator screen at a bus stop (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61125/25]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of revenue generated through car-parking charges at Heuston Station in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [61133/25]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the proposed introduction of parking charges at a centre (details supplied) will impact on that centre being a key public transport interchange, and as such, undermine the BusConnects quality bus corridor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [61158/25]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the tender process for a replacement service provider for the TFI bike scheme in Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [61159/25]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans for the long overdue Killarney town bypass in County Kerry to address the chronic situation faced by local businesses, residents and visitors to the town on almost a daily basis whereby the town is choked with traffic; when work will physically commence on the ground; the length of time this critical project will take to be delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61166/25]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Transport for a breakdown of all spending on external communications and media, by company, including the amount spent and purpose of spend, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [61223/25]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the UK's review of the brightness and hue of modern LED headlights and associated safety concerns; if he will consider conducting a similar review in respect of vehicles on Irish roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [61298/25]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of issues with the new BusConnects F1 route, which includes repeated late-arrivals, cancellations and ghost buses; if he is aware of concerns around the additional journey time on commuters travelling on the north-bound route when compared with the discontinued 49 route; if he will instruct the NTA to conduct a review of the new F1 route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [61336/25]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Transport his Department's policy around the use of hydrotreated vegetable oil in public and private vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [61342/25]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline any plans to implement the new United Nations vehicle safety regulations on assisted and self-driving systems, as developed through the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, that were agreed in October 2025; if they will be implemented without undue delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [61343/25]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request Iarnród Éireann to increase the number of carriages from four to six on the 06.37 train service from Drogheda to Tara Street; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [61354/25]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers that have used Broombridge train station in each of the first ten months of 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [61355/25]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Transport the nature of refurbishment works that were carried out at Sandymount dart station in the years 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [61356/25]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of the additional capacity added to the NCT system since the RSA is working with a company (details supplied) to improved service capacity; broken down per year, and per centre, from 2022 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [61383/25]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of licence and learner permit applications processed per year, broken down per category, from 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [61384/25]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Transport when the agreed 5 per cent increase in CIÉ pensions will be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [61386/25]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on An Garda Síochána and the RSA dedicated technical projects to oversee the implementation of the revised RTC dataset in line with the Data Sharing Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [61388/25]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on legislation to provide local authorities with the statutory basis to lawfully receive and use RTC data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [61390/25]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Transport the RSA's budget for campaigns and education, by year from 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [61392/25]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Transport the action plan to reduce driving test wait times to ten weeks nationally; to provide a breakdown of waiting test time per centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [61393/25]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the enhancement of the practical driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [61394/25]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the plan to expand the NCT test centres nationally; the timeframe to open the four additional locations in Clare, north Dublin, Cavan and Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [61395/25]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of reports received by the RSA in 2024 and 2025 from a contractor (details supplied) regarding performance and service levels of NCT centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [61396/25]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details of the services provided by a contractor (details supplied) to the RSA regarding performance and service levels of NCT centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [61397/25]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the decision not to provide funding to Galway County Council to take ownership of Dunguaire Castle, Kinvara, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [61456/25]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will clarify the EU Regulation he was referring to in an interview he gave to a newspaper (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [61459/25]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the request to deliver a financial support package for the Irish road haulage sector, which was initially proposed following the damage caused to the port of Holyhead in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61461/25]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding has been allocated for road safety improvements in rural areas of Roscommon and Galway; and if so, the amount allocated and the timeline for implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [61479/25]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Transport his position on the current state of rural rail infrastructure in the Roscommon-Galway region; the investments that are planned to improve reliability and service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [61480/25]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has assessed the implications for operational stability at the Port of Cork Company following the resignation of its Chief Operating Officer, the third senior executive to leave the organisation in the past 18 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [61524/25]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has examined whether the recent departures of senior executives, including the Chief Executive, are connected to governance or procedural concerns previously identified within the Port of Cork company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [61525/25]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown of legal and consultancy costs incurred by the Port of Cork Company in 2023 and 2024, including fees paid to external legal and financial advisers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [61526/25]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is satisfied that the recruitment process for the current Chief Executive Officer of the Port of Cork Company complied fully with the advertised criteria and standards for appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [61527/25]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has received any written representations or concerns from board members of the Port of Cork Company regarding conflicts of interest or procedural integrity during the CEO recruitment process; if so, if he will publish those representations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [61528/25]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has been notified of any potential conflicts of interest among board members of the Port of Cork Company, including those involved in governance or recruitment decisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [61529/25]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Transport if an independent forensic audit or investigation was commissioned following the late submission of the 2023 accounts of the Port of Cork Company; if so, to outline its findings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [61530/25]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the serious governance and internal control concerns reported at the Port of Cork Company, located in his own constituency, and raised with several Ministers by former company executives. — Ken O’Flynn. [61531/25]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request the Comptroller and Auditor General to carry out a special report into the Port of Cork Company, to include its corporate governance practices, internal control systems, and any potential financial irregularities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [61532/25]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures in place to support an independent community and voluntary transport provider (details supplied); if he will consider the continuation of funding support to assist with essential operating costs such as fuel, to ensure the continuation of these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [61535/25]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the consideration of establishing a dedicated transport policing service, similar to the British Transport Police operating in Northern Ireland, to enhance safety and security across public transport services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [61536/25]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps his Department and the National Transport Authority are taking to respond to the recent push by employers to bring workers back into the office, in view of ongoing reports of overcrowding on rush hour DART and LUAS services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [61582/25]



\*324. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on reopening the Rosslare Europort-to-Waterford city rail link, where this may be prioritised within the workplan of the NTA and Irish Rail as part of the implementation of the recommendations of the All Island Strategic Rail Review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [61595/25]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Transport when the M4 hard shoulder bus lane will be completed. — Robert Troy. [61596/25]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to introduce an option for learner drivers to complete their theory test online, following on from the pilot carried out in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [61603/25]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Transport the total costs of air traffic control fees, paid by the State on behalf of US military aircraft that transited through Irish airports and Irish air space from 2018 to date in 2025. — Mairéad Farrell. [61624/25]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Transport if the process of exchanging a persons’ foreign driver’s licence (Belgian) for an Irish licence will be expedited at their local NDLS without having to leave the paper licence with the office, as they require to have their licence with them at all times for car hire for their work abroad and business travel. — Séamus McGrath. [61638/25]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider establishing a dedicated fund for local authorities to maintain and upkeep the expanding active travel network in view of growing national investment by the NTA in active travel infrastructure and updated design guidelines promoting cycling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [61653/25]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Transport the level of foresight or future planning that operates within his Department; who is responsible for long-term planning; the input these individuals or teams have into Departmental policy and practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [61671/25]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that are being taken to improve public transport accessibility services on buses and train services in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [61713/25]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on plans to renovate Parnell Place bus station. — Thomas Gould. [61750/25]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount paid in fines by Bus Éireann for PSO routes in Cork city in each of the past five years including any fines paid to date in 2025. — Thomas Gould. [61751/25]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to tender for new bus routes under BusConnects Cork; if so, which routes will be tendered for; and when these tenders will be issued. — Thomas Gould. [61752/25]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address the serious concerns regarding traffic congestion and the spate of road traffic collisions on the M7 and N7, raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [61791/25]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address the serious concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the increased number of road accidents/incidents on the R448; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [61794/25]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the reliability performance of Dublin Bus routes (details supplied); if the National Transport Authority has identified measures to reduce instances of service cancellations or ‘ghost buses’; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61797/25]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Transport the current plans to expand or strengthen bus priority measures along corridors (details supplied), including the introduction of additional bus lanes or enhanced enforcement of existing bus lane restrictions, to improve journey time reliability for passengers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61798/25]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions taken in collaboration with the National Transport Authority and public transport operators to address bus driver shortages impacting service reliability in the Dublin region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61799/25]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine and respond to concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [61821/25]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the public transport provision serving Garristown and the surrounding rural areas of North County Dublin; if he will consider extending or adapting the 142 bus service, or introducing a new local loop route from Ashbourne through Ballymadun, Nutstown, Adamstown and Newhaggard, returning to Ashbourne; to examine the feasibility of providing a door-to-door local link service to assist residents, particularly older and isolated individuals, who currently have no access to reliable transport for essential journeys such as medical appointments, shopping and collecting pensions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [61852/25]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Transport regarding the new regulations for drivers on learner permits for longer than four years and who will have to take a driving test before they can renew their permit, if there will be a cost for this test; and if so, the amount. — Pat Buckley. [61863/25]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of a taxi company (details supplied) ‘taxi fixed price’ model; if there has been any review of the introduction of this system in terms of driver income, transparency and oversight and the regulated meter system; if he is satisfied that it complies with Taxi regulation Act 2013 and the Taxi Regulation (Maximum Fares) Order 2024 and Irish taxi law in general; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [61914/25]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will renew funding for the bikes and ebikes upcycling initiative or continue to fund the services concerned until a decision is made on model 1, 2, or 3 as presented in the report (details supplied); whether he has decided on model 1, 2, or 3 as proposed by the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [61950/25]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review correspondence (details supplied) regarding a taxi platform; if he will address concerns raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [61957/25]



\*346. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the most up-to-date performance statistics for the E1 bus service. — Barry Ward. [61963/25]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the most up-to-date performance statistics for the E1 bus service (details supplied); to provide the data sets by month from the launch of the E1 to the latest month available; and to provide the same series for the former Route 145 for a comparable monthly period immediately prior to its replacement, so that a direct comparison can be made. — Barry Ward. [61964/25]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the most up-to-date performance statistics for the E2 bus service (details supplied); to provide the data sets by month from the launch of the E2 to the latest month available; to provide the same series for the former Route 46A for a comparable monthly period immediately prior to its replacement, so that a direct comparison can be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [61965/25]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the reorganised route 233N Macroom to Cork city bus service as part of the Connecting for Ireland Rural Mobility Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [61972/25]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the reorganised route 233C Macroom to Cork city bus service as part of the Connecting for Ireland Rural Mobility Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [61973/25]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the reorganised route 233S Macroom to Cork city bus service as part of the Connecting for Ireland Rural Mobility Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [61974/25]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the reorganised route 256 Macroom to Bantry bus service as part of the Connecting for Ireland Rural Mobility Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [61975/25]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Transport the anticipated timelines in which vehicle registration books will move from hardcopy to digital format; the role staff in his Department who currently work in the printing & mailing unit of the Vehicle Registration Office will fulfil after records go 'paperless'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [62006/25]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Transport when the Statutory Instruments required to implement the agreed pension increases for Córas Iompair Éireann (CIÉ) pensioners will be signed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [62009/25]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of safety works and reconfiguration of an area (details supplied), where a cyclist died two years ago and a cyclist was injured earlier this week, An Coimisiún Pleanála fast-tracked approval of an upgrade in advance of BusConnects but it is the only canal junction not yet upgraded; the status of the safety audit for the area; for a fourth crossing along the canal; for a narrowing at a nearby housing complex so schoolchildren can cross the road safely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Máire Devine. [62028/25]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the public outcry from residents in an area (details supplied) which has lost its direct bus route to Dublin city centre, as well as having

lost several bus stops in their village; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Máire Devine. [62029/25]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to facilitate the introduction of an online booking platform for vehicle suitability tests by the National Transport Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [62035/25]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 417 of 4 November 2025, the engagement he has had with Irish Rail in relation to the multiple failures on the rail network on 28 October 2025; if the reasons contingency plans failed was provided to him; the actions he will take to ensure that this does not happen again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62084/25]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Transport the criteria for the installation and deployment of a fixed speed camera on a regional road; if consideration has or is being given to installing a fixed speed camera at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [62118/25]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Transport to prioritise a Bypass for Killorglin town In County Kerry; if consideration will be given to the fact that Laune Bridge is the gateway to the Iveragh Peninsula and 14,000 vehicles pass through the town on a daily basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62150/25]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers who have used the Maynooth to Pearse Station service and vice versa from 2019 to 2024, in tabular form. — Réada Cronin. [62231/25]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to the expansion of the train service from Maynooth to Pearse Station and vice versa due to the increasing demand on the service; whether additional carriages will be provided for the route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [62232/25]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has engaged with Dublin Bus on the number of ‘ghost busses’ appearing on their real-time service in 2025; whether a record of complaints by customers are kept by Dublin Bus regarding same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [62233/25]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons who wish to travel from Dublin to Trim in County Meath via rail from Connolly to the M3 Parkway stop, and use the bus for the remainder of the journey must walk 2km on a stretch of road which does not have a footpath between the M3 Parkway train stop and the 111 bus stop (Athboy Route) at a location (details supplied); if he will consider the potential for having a bus stop on that route at the train stop to ensure safety for commuters and to encourage more use of the rail system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [62256/25]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the effectiveness or otherwise of the local area hackney scheme as a component of the overall rural transport service offering; if he considers the local area hackney scheme as a solution to the lack of rural taxi availability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [62278/25]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Transport the future role he envisages the local area hackney scheme playing in the Government's plans to improve rural accessibility and expansion of the SPSV fleet, as committed to in the Programme for Government; his views on the scheme as currently constituted is capable of playing an effective role in improved rural accessibility and expansion of the SPSV fleet; the actions he will take in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [62279/25]

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

\*367. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address the serious matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding vehicle importation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [61785/25]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Finance whether current outstanding derelict site levies owed will be recouped by Revenue on launch of the new derelict sites tax. — Thomas Gould. [62083/25]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Finance if measures will be introduced to counter imbalances in the allocation of capital acquisitions tax (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [62192/25]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected revenue from LPT in 2026, and the estimated number of households reclassified into higher valuation bands since 2021. — Ken O'Flynn. [60907/25]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Finance whether the Government has assessed the impact of rising LPT valuations on homeownership rates and private rental supply. — Ken O'Flynn. [60908/25]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and value of contracts that underwent post-award variations; the net value change as a percentage of original awards, by CPV/category; and the three most common drivers of variation identified, for 2022–2024. — Albert Dolan. [60941/25]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide, for each age bracket (details supplied) the total and average annual income tax and USC contributions recorded for Irish residents in the latest year available; and where possible to provide equivalent data for previous years to show lifetime cumulative contributions, by cohort. — Albert Dolan. [60958/25]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated average cumulative tax revenue generated by an individual from age 18 to 65, based on current Revenue data and earnings distributions; and to provide sensitivity estimates for individuals who emigrate after completing third-level education. — Albert Dolan. [60959/25]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has conducted or commissioned any analysis of the fiscal impact of graduate emigration comparing the cost of education investment to the lost tax revenue from emigrants who do not return; and if so, to provide copies or summaries of such analysis. — Albert Dolan. [60960/25]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Finance his policy proposals to broaden the tax base; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [61046/25]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Finance for any assessment of the rent tax credit commissioned by his Department and its effectiveness in supporting low-income tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [61047/25]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Finance the monitoring measures his Department will take in assessing the ongoing impact of the new VAT reduction on new apartment sales from 13.5 % to 9 %; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [61048/25]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Finance the monitoring measures his Department will take in assessing the ongoing impact of the residential development stamp duty refund scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [61049/25]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Finance the monitoring measures his Department will take in assessing the ongoing impact of the enhanced corporation tax deduction for apartment construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [61050/25]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Finance the position on a Europe-wide debt warehousing strategy for the debt accrued due to the Covid-19 pandemic; to report on any discussions he has had at Eurogroup level on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [61051/25]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Finance the total amount of Capital Acquisitions Tax received in 2024; and the total amounts received from those who availed of the Group A, Group B and Group C thresholds. — Carol Nolan. [61093/25]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has conducted or commissioned recent assessments of the prevalence of under-insurance among homeowners in the State, in view of recent increases in residential rebuild costs; the engagement he has had with the Central Bank of Ireland or the insurance industry to protect consumers from being inadequately covered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [61153/25]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department or the Revenue Commissioners has estimated the net fiscal impact of international protection applicants with labour-market access (taxes and PRSI paid minus direct Exchequer costs) from 2022 to date in 2025; if so, to publish the model structure, assumptions (employment rates, earnings, benefit take-up), and results; and if not, whether such an estimate will be produced to inform policy. — Albert Dolan. [61177/25]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Finance for a breakdown of all spending on external communications and media, by company, including the amount spent and purpose of spend, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [61212/25]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Finance to clarify issues in regard to the Finance Bill 2026 in respect of purchasing an apartment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61256/25]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Ukrainian vehicles that have been imported into the State; the number of Ukrainian vehicles that have been taxed in the State; the number of registrations for VRT that have been received from Ukrainian licence plates since February 2022; the length of time that Ukrainian vehicles are permitted in the State without being registered; if those driving on Ukrainian number plates are expected to pay road tax if they are

in the country for a long period of time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [61273/25]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Finance the number, and the cost of disposal, of nitrous oxide canisters seized by the Revenue Commissioners, from 2020 to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [61348/25]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Finance the number, and the cost of disposal, of vape products seized by the Revenue Commissioners, from 2020 to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [61349/25]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Finance the level of foresight or future planning that operates within his Department; who is responsible for long-term planning; the input these individuals or teams have into Departmental policy and practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [61661/25]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Finance to consider as a solution to the capital acquisition tax issue (inheritance) to classify the next-of-kin (details supplied) to be automatically promoted to 'child status' when it arises; the estimated cost of such a measure in view of the obvious discrimination given the drop from €400 thousand to €40 thousand in the allowance is incredibly big; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61738/25]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 455 of 4 November 2025, his views on the whether the local property tax is equitable given that it is based on property value rather than income; if he is concerned that it is overburdensome on people that live in high value properties with comparatively low income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [61760/25]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Finance to consider entering discussions with the childcare provider groups and for the issue of VAT and rates to be looked at with regard to be VAT neutral as opposed to being VAT negative (details supplied). — Ann Graves. [62040/25]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has received a referral or request from the Tánaiste and the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment following an oral question to him on 5 November 2025, regarding unresolved tracker mortgage legacy issues; if he has sought or received assurance from the Central Bank of Ireland that all tracker mortgage accounts, including legacy and closed accounts formerly held by banks (details supplied) have been fully and forensically reviewed; the number of residual cases, redress amounts outstanding, and any further enforcement actions contemplated by the Central Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [62162/25]

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

\*395. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department maintains any centralised data on the number, value, or type of post-award contract variations approved by contracting authorities across the public service in each of the past five years; and if not, whether contracting authorities are required to report such variations to the Department or the Office of Government Procurement. — Albert Dolan. [60932/25]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department has ever conducted analysis of post-award contract variations to identify trends, such as which categories of procurement, by CPV code or sector; and those most prone to variations, or which types of projects carry the greatest risk of scope change or cost escalation. — Albert Dolan. [60933/25]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number and value of contracts that underwent post-award variations; the net value change as a percentage of original awards, by CPV/category; and the three most common drivers of variation identified, for 2022–2024. — Albert Dolan. [60947/25]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if the Office of Public Works would have an interest in acquiring a site in County Kerry, (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [60980/25]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for a breakdown of all the costs associated with the departmental reorganisations across the Government in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [61054/25]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will issue a tender for the provision of a mobile coffee and light snacks dock at a location (details supplied), prior to its reopening for the 2026 season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61126/25]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if the Civil Service HR Analytics Hub, or any cross-departmental working group, maintains or plans to establish a longitudinal dataset linking State-funded higher education graduates with subsequent public sector employment and emigration data, to better understand return on investment in education and professional training. — Albert Dolan. [61180/25]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether consideration has been given to implementing a ‘human capital accounting’ framework linking education and training investment per profession to subsequent employment, retention, and lifetime tax contribution to inform workforce planning and reduce talent leakage in critical sectors such as health and education. — Albert Dolan. [61181/25]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department has modelled the return on investment of public education spending by tracking tax receipts of graduates over time; and if not, if such an analysis will be undertaken across Departments using Revenue and CSO microdata. — Albert Dolan. [61184/25]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for a breakdown of all spending on external communications and media, by company, including the amount spent and purpose of spend, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [61219/25]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his views on whether organisations in receipt of public funding (details supplied) should continue to receive such funding when they fail to recognise or engage with a trade



union representing their employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [61249/25]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation when the Garda House in Ballylongford, County Kerry will be put on the open market for sale; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [61251/25]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if consideration is being given to extending the opening season for Athenry Castle, given the large number of visitors to the castle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [61460/25]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the progress made to deliver a flood management solution for Bantry and, critically, an interim flood management plan to protect businesses and homes while long-term solutions are being developed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [61559/25]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 541 of 4 November 2025, which requested a breakdown by Departmental vote of various aggregate amounts set out in Table 2 on page 12 of the Expenditure Report and his response, to correct and confirm each of the amounts contained in this table (details supplied) which was derived from the aforementioned Reconciliation Tables; and to provide an explanation for each discrepancy between this table and the actual budget package components. — Pearse Doherty. [61589/25]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide the calculations used by his Department to arrive at the figure of 0.9 billion for 'Increase in Recipients' published in the Expenditure Report 2025. — Pearse Doherty. [61590/25]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide further details of the component parts that make up the €1.4 billion other category; and to confirm whether any of the allocation arises from policy changes due to commence in 2026; and if so the portion. — Pearse Doherty. [61591/25]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether any of the €2.2 billion allocated to 'Key Policy Adjustments and Expansion of Services' relates to an increase in recipients; and if so the portion. — Pearse Doherty. [61592/25]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether any of the €0.9 billion allocated to increase in recipients relates to key policy adjustments or expansion of services due to commence in 2026. — Pearse Doherty. [61593/25]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to clarify the Budget Package component described as 'Key Policy Adjustments and Expansion of Services' including the parameters determining which funding provisions are captured by this heading; and the way in which these parameters differ from those pertaining to the heading last year of 'New Measures'. — Pearse Doherty. [61594/25]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if any measures of optimism bias compensation are applied in decisions around the awarding of public sector contracts particularly with regard to time and budgets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [61612/25]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the level of foresight or future planning that operates within his Department; who is responsible for long-term planning; the input these individuals or teams have into Departmental policy and practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [61667/25]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the nature of refurbishment works that the OPW carried out at Letterkenny Garda Station in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [61804/25]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the nature of refurbishment works that the OPW carried out at Ballyshannon Garda Station in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [61805/25]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the nature of refurbishment works that the OPW carried out at Milford Garda Station in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [61806/25]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the nature of refurbishment works that the OPW carried out at Buncrana Garda Station in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [61807/25]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether his attention has been drawn to a civil service mobility scheme transfer that was accepted by a civil servant (details supplied) only to be terminated without prior notice; whether he has or will investigate the matter; his view on whether it is appropriate that a civil servant who has availed of a statutory right of appeal to a body and subsequently seeks employment directly or via the civil service mobility scheme have this used as a reason to cancelling an agreed offer of employment; the supports he can offer to civil servants in this situation and to ensure the future smooth running of the civil service mobility scheme; the rights of remedy which are open to civil servants in such circumstance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Brabazon. [61865/25]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to clarify whether politically appointed staff, such as administrative assistants and parliamentary assistants, who worked for TDs or Senators in the past are eligible for incremental credit on the salary scale if later employed by the civil service at the same grade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [61869/25]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to clarify whether temporarily employed staff, such as graduate policy officers, who worked for an embassy or Department are eligible for incremental credit on the salary scale if later employed by the civil service at the same grade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [61870/25]



\*424. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he is concerned at the Data Protection Commissioner's (DPC) ruling of June 2025 (details supplied) specifically in respect of the DPC's finding and fine against the Department of Social Protection, regarding issues connected to the identification of a valid lawful basis for the Department's processing of biometric data in connection with the registration of new public service cards; the requirement to cease processing of such data within 9 months (in the absence of the Department of Social Protection identifying such a valid lawful basis for the processing of such data); the work his Department has done with the Department of Social Protection since the ruling in order to address the issues identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [61915/25]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his attention has been drawn to the OPW's removal of the searchable Kilmainham Jail 1916 (details supplied) autograph book; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [61959/25]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will clarify whether OPW has been tasked with sourcing new facilities or accommodation for An Garda Síochána to increase its capacity to train new garda recruits and upskill serving officers. — Aidan Farrelly. [61967/25]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 608 of 8 September 2025, the reason a response has not issued from the OPW. — Peadar Tóibín. [61999/25]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 143 of 6 November 2025, if any of the €35 million penalty paid by a company (details supplied) after it pulled out of a wind farm project will be invested into local communities in Connemara; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [62038/25]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will install a tidal flood barrier in Cork city given recent funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [62087/25]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide the original and revised commencement dates for the Mill Culvert Upgrade Project in Bantry, County Cork; the reason the timeline has been moved; and the interim measures which have been put in place to date. — Holly Cairns. [62088/25]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the person or body responsible for the monitoring of OPW water-level sensors (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [62089/25]

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

\*432. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the total number of fatal and non-fatal farming incidents that were reported to the Irish HSA in the past five years; and the reasons for these incidents e.g. livestock, machinery etc. — Sorca Clarke. [62253/25]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number and value of contracts that underwent post-award variations; the net value change as a percentage of original awards, by CPV/category; and the three most common drivers of variation identified, for 2022–2024. — Albert Dolan. [60940/25]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the total administrative and employer cost of processing employment permits and associated recruitment of overseas workers in each of the past five years; and to compare this to the estimated fiscal loss associated with graduate emigration. — Albert Dolan. [60961/25]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has assessed the relative cost-effectiveness of investing in graduate retention initiatives compared to the recruitment of overseas skilled workers under the employment permit system. — Albert Dolan. [60962/25]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the grants or supports available for 3-phase electric in a commercial setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [60987/25]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he has been made aware of a company (details supplied) having entered receivership; if his Department has engaged with the Ireland based operators of the company to offer support and assistance to the affected employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61026/25]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the work being undertaken by his Department to secure new employment at a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61027/25]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 386 of 30 September 2025, if he or his Department or associated State agencies have facilitated site visits for prospective new owners of a former factory (details supplied) at Carrickmacross; the efforts being made to ensure that a new employer is secured for the premises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61141/25]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he is confident that his Department will publish an action plan to promote collective bargaining by the end of 2025; if there will be a timeline setting out specific actions to increase collective bargaining coverage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [61147/25]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he can confirm the future use of IDA lands (details supplied) with Cork County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [61167/25]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment in view of the sharp decline in business confidence among mid-sized Irish firms (from 81% to 60%) with energy costs, skills shortages and regulation cited as principal constraints, if he will provide a regional breakdown, including the Cork-Munster area, of firms indicating plans to reduce investment or hiring in the next 12 months; the targeted actions which are being considered to ease the energy-cost burden on manufacturers and exporters; and the enhanced supports which are being introduced to up-skill workforce in sectors critical to the Cork region. — Ken O'Flynn. [61169/25]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for a breakdown of all spending on external communications and media, by company, including the amount spent and purpose of spend, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [61211/25]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [61274/25]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the engagements between his Department and a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [61292/25]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department will provide contact details for a phone line (details supplied) given the only communication option is via email; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61315/25]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide a detailed progress report regarding the industrial relations provisions in respect The Industrial Relations (Provisions in Respect of Pension Entitlements of Retired Workers) Bill 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61340/25]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if consideration has been given to introducing statutory paid leave for workers who experience pregnancy loss before 24 weeks' gestation; if his Department has examined international best practice in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [61378/25]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department provides guidance or recommendations to employers on introducing compassionate or bereavement leave policies for pregnancy loss in the workplace; and if there are plans to develop a national policy in this regard. — Ken O'Flynn. [61379/25]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if consultations have taken place with trade unions and employer bodies regarding the need for statutory leave following pregnancy loss; and if he will provide details of any such engagements. — Ken O'Flynn. [61381/25]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if consultations have taken place with trade unions and employer bodies regarding the need for statutory leave following pregnancy loss; and if he will provide details of any such engagements. — Ken O'Flynn. [61404/25]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of current suspensions of involuntary strike-offs by the Companies Registration Office; the number of cases pending; and the number of companies that have been struck off since (details supplied); the steps being taken to ensure compliance with annual return obligations under the Companies Act 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61405/25]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of vacancies by job title at Enterprise Ireland as of 31 October 2025; the estimated full year cost of filling each of those vacancies; when each of those vacancies will be filled, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [61431/25]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of vacancies by job title at IDA Ireland as of 31 October 2025; the estimated full year cost of filling each of those vacancies; when each of those vacancies will be filled, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [61432/25]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the supports being made available to workers affected by a receivership (details supplied) particularly those based in the west of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [61483/25]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has engaged with the Roscommon Chamber of Commerce following recent reports of economic distress; the supports being considered to revitalise local enterprise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [61484/25]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department will provide contact information for a person in the sport and cultural employment permit section (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61636/25]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the level of foresight or future planning that operates within his Department; who is responsible for long-term planning; the input these individuals or teams have into Departmental policy and practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [61660/25]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 53 of 25 September 2025, for further information on the number of businesses in Cork city and Cork county that submitted appeals for the increased cost of business grant and the power up grant due to being miscategorised; if all payments have been made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61756/25]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the plans to support public information campaigns explaining artificial intelligence and the way in which algorithms and recommender systems work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [61831/25]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures that the State has put in place to address the planned closure of a factory (details supplied) in Arklow, County Wicklow. — Malcolm Byrne. [61832/25]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department intends to launch a national public awareness campaign in advance of the introduction of new regulations under the Short-Term Letting (STL) Bill, to ensure that property owners and hosts are fully informed of their obligations before the May 2026 commencement date; and if he will provide details of his Department's engagement with the Department of Housing and Local Authorities to ensure consistent guidance and communication to the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [61872/25]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will jointly develop and deliver a national public relations and information campaign with the Minister of Housing to provide clear and accessible guidance for short-term letting hosts ahead of the May 2026 implementation of the new regulatory framework; to provide details of the way in which host

representative groups and stakeholders will be included in the consultation and communication process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [61873/25]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to support more teachers' ability to transfer from a stamp 1 visa to a general employment permit, which is currently hindered by a 28-day labour market needs test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [62114/25]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment given the Expert Group on Future Skills Needs finding that AI-related jobs here have doubled since 2023, placing Ireland among the top global performers, if he will provide a regional breakdown of AI job-growth (including Cork/Munster region); to provide details of the way in which regional centres are being supported through infrastructure, training and investment to capture this growth; and the way in which the Government will ensure that smaller enterprises outside Dublin can participate in, and benefit from, the AI-ecosystem. — Ken O'Flynn. [62195/25]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment given the labour market is tight and many enterprises are reporting skill shortages, the immediate steps his Department is taking to expand the occupations eligible for employment permits; the way in which processing times for permits are being improved; the supports which are in place for up-skilling, reskilling and matching domestic labour supply in sectors critical to enterprise growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62204/25]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the progress of the Cost of Business Advisory Forum; the number of SMEs which have benefitted to date from its aim of reducing the cost of running a business and addressing delays which can impact the operation of businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62205/25]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment following the launch of the Government's Action Plan on Market Diversification to strengthen Ireland's global trade resilience, the measurable steps which have been taken to help Irish exporters access new markets; the number of Irish-owned exporting companies that have been supported under this initiative; the monitoring which is in place to track progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62206/25]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the level of capital investment allocated in 2025 under the tourism investment grant scheme; and the way in which his Department ensures an equitable regional spread of investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62207/25]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the specific initiatives underway to upgrade tourism infrastructure to meet sustainability and climate targets, including investment in low-carbon transport links, green accommodation, and waste-reduction infrastructure at major visitor destinations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62208/25]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the engagement his Department has had with the Department of Transport and local authorities to improve access infrastructure to major tourist regions, including public transport connections, signage, and digital navigation tools; and the funding which has been allocated to improve these linkages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62209/25]



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

\*472. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the annual funding for youth services in Dublin City across all departments from 2000, or latest available data to 2025 or most recent available data; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [62007/25]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to urgently examine and expediate the granted extensions for autism rooms at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [60928/25]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number and value of contracts that underwent post-award variations; the net value change as a percentage of original awards, by CPV/category; and the three most common drivers of variation identified, for 2022–2024. — Albert Dolan. [60939/25]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated average public expenditure per pupil in primary, post-primary, and further/third-level education; and if these figures are in nominal or constant prices, for each school year from 1990 to 2025. — Albert Dolan. [60953/25]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated cumulative average cost to the Exchequer of educating one individual from junior infants through completion of the Leaving Certificate, and from primary through completing secondary education, respectively, based on expenditure levels applicable to cohorts entering the system in 1990, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015, and 2020. — Albert Dolan. [60954/25]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the breakdown of the per-pupil expenditure figures by category, teacher pay, school capitation, capital expenditure, administration, transport, grants, and so on for the years 1990, 2000, 2010, and 2020. — Albert Dolan. [60955/25]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of students which were granted an exemption from the study of Irish at primary level over the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [61005/25]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review enrolment policies for students with diagnosed language disorders who are professionally recommended to attend specialist language units for part of their primary education; and if she will ensure that such students are not disadvantaged in accessing second-level school places in their local community as a result of attending a language school outside their normal catchment area. — Albert Dolan. [61015/25]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures in place, and the further action that will be taken, to guarantee equitable access to second-level education for children who must attend specialist settings due to a language-based disability, so that they are not penalised in the admissions process for circumstances beyond their control. — Albert Dolan. [61016/25]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will report on his meetings with survivors of the industrial and reformatory school system and their requests for a Health Amendment Act 221 (HAA) card and contributory pension. — Eoin Hayes. [61052/25]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will share any report or costings commissioned by her Department on granting survivors of the industrial and reformatory school



system a Health Amendment Act 2021 (HAA) card and contributory pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [61053/25]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the process involved for a school that wishes to acquire DEIS status; to provide details of the criteria it must satisfy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [61091/25]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a student (details supplied) will be allocated a concessionary or non-concessionary school bus ticket at this late stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61117/25]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when construction works at a school (details supplied) will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61124/25]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the percentage of the €3bn funding for special education in Budget 2026 which will be spent on new measures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [61136/25]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the options available to a school (details supplied) in order for the school's application to be allocated DEIS band 1 status to be re-considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61139/25]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an application to fund a laptop for a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61142/25]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth regarding the new process for completion of assessments and eligibility letters in advance of applying for special school places by 1 October, where previously the deadline would have been February of the applicable year, if the portal will reopen; if so, when; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [61145/25]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the expenditure on recruitment campaigns of international hiring of teachers; to compare this to the estimated cost of teacher training for graduates who leave the State within three years of qualification, for each of the past five years. — Albert Dolan. [61179/25]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number and proportion of newly qualified teachers (primary and post-primary) who take up teaching posts in Ireland within one year of qualification, versus those who emigrate or do not enter the Irish teaching workforce, for each year since 2010 to date in 2025; and the data sources used (Teaching Council registration, payroll records, or Revenue data). — Albert Dolan. [61192/25]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if cross-departmental analysis has been conducted comparing the cost of teacher education with retention and attrition rates; and if there is an estimate of the fiscal impact of teacher emigration. — Albert Dolan. [61193/25]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for a breakdown of all spending on external communications and media, by company, including the amount spent and purpose of spend, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [61210/25]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the D15 pilot scheme for common enrolment; if there are plans to roll this out in other areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [61240/25]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she plans to change the arbitrary deadline of 1 October for parents/guardians to submit a letter of eligibility for the admission of students with a disability or with special educational needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [61241/25]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to urgently intervene to resolve the issues arising from the NCSE's SNA Review Guidelines 30214, to protect the essential work of SNAs in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [61242/25]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the supports provided to teachers to upskill to meet the special educational needs in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [61243/25]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of NEPS assessments that have been provided in schools to date in 2025; the locations of each; her plans to increase NEPS assessments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [61244/25]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a school (details supplied) will be fully open; the current opening hours; the number of pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [61245/25]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason it is not possible to transfer permanency of teacher posts from one school to another; the reason a teacher must resign from their current post and begin the process again in a new school to gain permanency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [61270/25]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of teachers working within special schools, primary schools and secondary schools in the State that currently do not have permanent status. — Paul Lawless. [61271/25]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Department's plans to provide educational facilities for an area (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61314/25]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a school (details supplied) can expect a response regarding stage 2A of its new school build project. — Thomas Gould. [61330/25]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the School Completion Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61334/25]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which the National Council for Special Education records and reports local demand for autism-specific school placements; the number of eligibility letters issued by special educational needs organisers; the way in which this data is used to ensure sufficient autism-specific class and special school places are available within each locality; and the measures being taken to ensure that all eligible children will have access to a suitable placement for the 2026-2027 school year, particularly in areas where parents

report being advised to apply to multiple schools due to a lack of transparency and coordination in provision planning. — Ken O'Flynn. [61338/25]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the case of children (details supplied); if she will provide an update from the School Transport Appeal Board; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [61344/25]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the decision to refuse retrospective payment of set up grants for the autism special classes opened in 2021 and 2022 at a school (details supplied), in view of the contribution the school has made in opening three autism classes in succession and the very high needs of the students concerned; the circulars, guidance or policies on which this refusal was based, including any time limits for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61363/25]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the details of the circulars and scheme rules governing set up grants for autism and other special classes at primary and post primary level; the formal time limits for submitting grant applications; the way in which these time limits are communicated to schools; if discretion is available to approve retrospective claims where classes are already established and operating; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61364/25]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools that have received autism or special class set up grants retrospectively in each year from 2018 to date, the total amount paid in retrospective grants in each year, disaggregated by county and school type; the criteria used by her Department when deciding whether to approve retrospective applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61365/25]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of new autism and other special classes opened at post primary level for each year from 2020 to date; the number of these classes that received the full set up grants available; the number of applications refused or not processed on the basis that they were submitted outside the relevant timeframe; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61366/25]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will outline the internal guidance issued to Department officials on the processing of applications and late applications for autism and special class set up grants, including any instructions on the use of discretion in cases where schools have responded positively to requests to open special classes in their area; how consistency of decision making is monitored across different sections of her Department; if she will consider revising this guidance to ensure that students with complex needs are not disadvantaged by administrative oversights; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61367/25]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the progress to date including a timeline, for the new ASD classes for a school (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [61373/25]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of students in the Roscommon–Galway constituency currently without access to school bus services, in tabular form; the steps being taken to address this shortage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [61477/25]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has assessed the adequacy of school transport services in rural areas such as Roscommon and east Galway; the improvements planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [61478/25]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department plans to give more specific guidance to schools on how they can make meaningful provision for students who have opted out of religious education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [61506/25]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the arrangements being put in place to ensure that a child (details supplied) has an appropriate school placement for September 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [61552/25]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth in relation to letters of eligibility from the NCSE, if the cutoff date for parent notify will be removed with a view to allowing families apply as needed given delays to AON processes and the need to submit assessment reports alongside an application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61560/25]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if Circular C30/2014 will be reviewed and updated given the document is over a decade old and given developments within special education in that time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61561/25]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of school places for pupils with special educational needs in each primary school and secondary school in Dublin Mid-West, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61562/25]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide details of the NCSE Relate Framework; the supports which are available to students such as classroom breaks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61563/25]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to increase funding for the provision of SNAs to ensure all children and young people who require assistance can access it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61564/25]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the opening of a new special school in Lucan; to provide details of the current weekly hours of attendance for class groups; the weekly hours of attendance going forward; and information on school transport arrangements for the students of the school. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61565/25]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the latest update on the Teaching Council’s work to make it mandatory for all student teachers to undertake one mandatory school placement in a special education setting; the timeline for when this will be implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [61576/25]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when DEIS Plus resources will be allocated directly to schools; if she will commit to ensure these funds are made available as soon as possible in order for schools to plan, allocate resources and ensure new staff are in place for the new school year in September 2026; when DEIS Plus is proposed to begin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [61599/25]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the building project for a school; when the project is expected to go to tender; when construction is scheduled to commence; when the building is expected to be ready for occupancy (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [61627/25]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the length of time a school (details supplied) will be required to remain in temporary accommodation which has been described as unsatisfactory; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [61628/25]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when urgent remedial works are expected to be undertaken to address serious health and safety concerns at temporary facilities in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [61629/25]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has engaged with Kildare County Council in relation to the lack of signage and road safety markings at a school site (details supplied) which stem from the building's unauthorised status due to a lapsed planning retention; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [61630/25]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if he will consider supporting and promoting a nationwide 'Power Hour' campaign, encouraging schools across Ireland to turn off all classroom lights for one hour each day at 12 pm with the aim of reducing electricity usage, cutting carbon emissions, and raising awareness of energy conservation and sustainability among students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [61641/25]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 427 of 21 October 2025, if she is satisfied that the response from the State Examinations Commission is adequate and offers sufficient allowances for students with dyslexia and dyspraxia (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [61652/25]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the level of foresight or future planning that operates within her Department; who is responsible for long-term planning; the input these individuals or teams have into Departmental policy and practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [61659/25]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to continue to fund an organisation (details supplied); and when they will receive more funding. — Jen Cummins. [61703/25]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the date in which her Department received the design team's report in respect of the new school building project for a school (details supplied); when the Departmental review of this report will conclude; the timeline for when this project will proceed to tender, and then to construction; if the project remains on schedule to commence construction in Q1/Q2 of 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [61715/25]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a school transport route (details supplied) will resume; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [61720/25]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the application process for reading schools; the NCSEs role in managing and determining applications to reading schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [61726/25]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has read the correspondence sent to her by an organisation (details supplied); the urgent actions she will take to ensure a safe environment for students, teachers and staff at the school while they await the long delayed new school campus. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [61769/25]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which DEIS Plus resources will be allocated; if she will ensure that all eligible schools will have access to these resources before the end of the 2025-2026 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [61776/25]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will confirm that resources and funding provided under the new DEIS Plus initiative will be allocated directly to schools, rather than channelled through intermediary agencies, so that school leaders can target supports based on the specific needs of their pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61786/25]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will ensure that DEIS Plus funding and resources are made available to schools before the end of the 2025-2026 school year, to allow schools sufficient time to plan, recruit staff, and prepare supports ahead of the September 2026 roll out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61787/25]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will outline plans for the provision of multidisciplinary teams under DEIS Plus, including counsellors, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, and psychologists, working directly in schools to support children's learning and wellbeing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61788/25]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide details of how DEIS Plus will support trauma-informed educational practice in schools, including through additional staffing, dedicated spaces such as nurture rooms, and training supports for teachers and school staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61789/25]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will set out the implementation timeline for DEIS Plus, including key milestones between now and September 2026; when detailed guidance and funding allocations will issue to participating schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61790/25]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the decision not to provide capital funding for the proposed amalgamation of schools (details supplied) given the extensive local consultation, the educational benefits of a co-educational Catholic secondary school, and the broader pattern of delays in school building projects nationwide. — Paul Lawless. [61845/25]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a school (details supplied) for safety works under the climate action summer works scheme; and when they will receive a decision on their application. — Pat Buckley. [61858/25]



\*545. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when an outstanding payment will be made to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [61866/25]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of cases taken against her Department in each of the past five years including to date in 2025; the number of those which relate to issues of school places in each of the past five years including to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [61876/25]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 518 of 15 July 2025, when a decision is expected to be reached on a climate action summer works scheme application for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [61932/25]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has given consideration to the inclusion of existing non-curricular languages as curricular languages within the Leaving Certificate, following the implementation and interim review of the Languages Connect strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [61933/25]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has given consideration to the inclusion of Romanian as a curricular language within the Leaving Certificate, following the implementation and interim review of the Languages Connect strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [61934/25]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of school bus tickets (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [61952/25]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to clarify the SNA Review Process guidelines for 2025/26 published by the NCSE. in particular: the evidence or consultation informed the narrowed application window (15 September – 24 October) and the reason mid-year applications are not accommodated; the way in which the unification of SNA allocations across mainstream and special classes ensures that children with the highest needs, particularly in autism classes, continue to receive adequate support; the rationale for the current definitions of ‘complex care needs’ and ‘level 3 care needs’, and whether these definitions adequately reflect the reality of children with behavioural and high-support requirements; the training and support being provided to schools to implement the Relate document within the six-week review period; the safeguards which are in place to prevent reduction of SNA support due to procedural or bureaucratic reasons; and if she will consider revising the guidelines to ensure fair, flexible, and child-centred implementation. — Ken O’Flynn. [62005/25]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school (details supplied) will be granted an additional autism class for 2026-2027. — Pat Buckley. [62027/25]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has a role in putting a cap on transition year fees in secondary schools to ensure lower income families can afford these fees. — Ann Graves. [62092/25]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when an SNA is under a temporary and fixed term contract, and is actively looking for a permanent role, the reason they can only be placed on a panel when they have a permanent role. — Ann Graves. [62110/25]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has put in place a pathway for those qualified as primary school teachers with a recognised British teaching qualification, who have not completed the two-year induction period in that jurisdiction, to allow them to complete their induction in Ireland. — Ann Graves. [62112/25]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to support deaf children within the Leaving Cert Applied programme. — Jen Cummins. [62117/25]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has any plans to increase capacity in a school (details supplied) to cater for the growing number of applicants in the area. — Ann Graves. [62119/25]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the remaining improvement works to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62126/25]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to address issues concerning the interpretation of the term “SSD of unknown origin” by SLT’s in the HSE to exclude children with disabilities from accessing developmental language disorder or speech sound disorder special classes (details supplied). — Albert Dolan. [62128/25]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth he will outline his Department’s plans for a site north of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [62151/25]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if an employee’s pension can be transferred to a different pension scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [62198/25]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of a school’s application under the additional accommodation scheme; when a decision will be taken whether to progress the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [62216/25]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a response will issue to correspondence from this Deputy regarding an application for a seat on a special needs school transport for a child in County Donegal (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [62218/25]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures she is taking to sanction more early intervention classes in Kildare; the number that will be available in 2026; the number of places that will be available in total; the number that will be available for new students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [62238/25]

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

\*565. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to support investment into rural post offices as essential community supports, per the IPU’s recommendation of €15 million per annum for five years as essential in order to keep rural post offices open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [62032/25]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to give a detailed progress report regarding the rollout of the national broadband scheme in County Kerry; when the works will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62158/25]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to give a detailed progress report regarding the rollout of the national broadband scheme throughout the country; when the works will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62160/25]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number and value of contracts that underwent post-award variations; the net value change as a percentage of original awards, by CPV/category; and the three most common drivers of variation identified, for 2022–2024. — Albert Dolan. [60937/25]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is conscious of the fact that despite the phenomenal growth in population in County Kildare the provision of swimming pools, sports facilities and recreation services have not been expanded at the necessary rate to keep pace with this growth; if he is aware that many counties with smaller populations have for example more swimming pool facilities at their disposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [61130/25]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for a breakdown of all spending on external communications and media, by company, including the amount spent and purpose of spend, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [61208/25]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps being taken to have darts recognised by the Irish Federation of Sport as a sport in its own right; if consideration will be given to granting official recognition to darts so that local clubs and organisations may become eligible to apply for Sports Partnership and other forms of State funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [61224/25]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his views on whether organisations in receipt of public funding (details supplied) should continue to receive such funding when they fail to recognise or engage with a trade union representing their employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [61248/25]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the next round of the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [61606/25]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the level of foresight or future planning that operates within his Department; who is responsible for long-term planning; the input these individuals or teams have into Departmental policy and practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [61657/25]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when he will approve the pension increase that was agreed between An Post and the An Post trustees of the pension scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [61829/25]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on plans to introduce a youth culture card as provided for in the Programme for Government. — Malcolm Byrne. [61833/25]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if consideration has been given to the possibility of a repatriation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [62127/25]

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

\*578. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the inter-agency flood response plan for Bantry (details supplied); and the warning level at which such a plan is instigated. — Holly Cairns. [62090/25]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the staffing budget for the National Parks and Wildlife Service from 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Réada Cronin. [62235/25]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authorities that have voted to increase LPT above the basic rate for 2026, with percentage increases. — Ken O'Flynn. [60909/25]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number and value of contracts that underwent post-award variations; the net value change as a percentage of original awards, by CPV/category; and the three most common drivers of variation identified, for 2022–2024. — Albert Dolan. [60945/25]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to examine the information (details supplied) and give an updated response regarding the position of re-establishing town councils; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [60991/25]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps a person who has been renting out short-term lets for the past ten years in rural County Kerry should take (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61017/25]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on short-term lets in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61018/25]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to expedite the return of town councils as already committed to in the Programme for Government (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61032/25]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of concerns raised by members of the Dublin Fire Brigade regarding the proposed implementation of the NMACS system (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [61058/25]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of prosecutions taken and the number of convictions secured, for the offence of taking photographs inside a polling station since the commencement of the Electoral Act 1992. — Carol Nolan. [61095/25]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to estimate the total number of housing units in the State at the end of each year from 2011 to date in 2025. — Carol Nolan. [61098/25]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of any proposals to provide homeless accommodation at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [61111/25]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the criteria and regulatory safeguards to be applied under the proposed scheme allowing developers to construct their own wastewater treatment infrastructure for new housing developments; the process by which such privately built systems will be certified, adopted and maintained by Uisce Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [61149/25]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has identified towns or villages in Cork where housing development has been delayed due to lack of wastewater infrastructure; the number of such settlements nationally; and the way in which the new developer-led wastewater proposal will prioritise these areas. — Ken O'Flynn. [61150/25]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has engaged with the Environmental Protection Agency and Uisce Éireann to establish a clear licensing and compliance framework for privately constructed wastewater treatment systems proposed under the new developer-led housing infrastructure plan; the measures that will ensure long-term environmental monitoring and accountability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [61151/25]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of housing maintenance funding provided to each county council from 2020 to date in 2025; the average waiting time for completion of work in each county in each of those years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [61199/25]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage he is willing to meet with constituents from Fingal West who are affected by defective concrete blocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [61201/25]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for when funding under the defective blocks scheme will be made available to affected homeowners in Fingal West; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [61202/25]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when and if homeowners in Fingal will be able to apply to Fingal County Council for grants to remediate their homes under the defective blocks scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [61203/25]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of the 39 homes in Fingal identified as being affected by defective blocks, or otherwise indicate

how affected homeowners are being contacted and supported by the Department and local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [61204/25]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total funding allocation for social housing acquisitions in 2026. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61213/25]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a breakdown of all spending on external communications and media, by company, including the amount spent and purpose of spend, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [61217/25]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the derelict sites levies levied, collected, owed and cumulatively owed; the number of sites CPOd in the previous 12 months; the number of sites for which a levy was applied; the total value of sites on their register; and the number of sites on their register on 31 December 2024 and to date in 2025, by local authority, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [61232/25]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to empower the Land Development Agency to purchase a factory (details supplied), ensuring it could be kept open to deliver homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [61239/25]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the large number of people who earn too much to qualify for social housing, but not enough to qualify for cost rental schemes; his plans to introduce more flexibility into the cost rental bands to allow for this; if he agrees that at present, this results in greater reliance on HAP where other options should be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [61246/25]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a decision will be made on an application for a community centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [61254/25]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address concerns in relation to changes to the RPZ framework (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [61268/25]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has any plans to increase rent thresholds for single renters in existing HAP tenancies. — Tom Brabazon. [61275/25]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount paid to local authorities through development contributions; the breakdown per county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [61288/25]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of Uisce Éireann's draft capital investment plan 2025-2029, following its submission to the CRU for approval in October 2025. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61299/25]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will respond to an email (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [61300/25]



\*609. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a minimum BER for the private rented sector will be legislated for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [59248/25]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration would be given to reviewing the eligibility areas of grant aid schemes administered by Cork City Council to upgrade, repair or replace domestic wastewater treatment system/septic tank systems, to ensure that those who are in most need of the grant and who would have difficulty in financing such works could utilise the grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61410/25]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration would be given to reviewing the eligibility areas of grant aid schemes administered by Cork County Council to upgrade, repair or replace domestic wastewater treatment system/septic tank systems, to ensure that those who are in most need of the grant and who would have difficulty in financing such works could utilise the grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61411/25]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement that has taken place between his Department and Uisce Éireann in relation to the progression of the taking in charge of water services of completed housing estates, many of which have been completed for more than 20 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61413/25]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department have given a directive to Uisce Éireann and to local authorities in respect of the taking in charge of estates, with regard to water supply, sewage treatment services and roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61414/25]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions his Department is taking to assist Uisce Éireann in the taking in charge of housing estates and residential developments from private developers, in particular legacy estates built between 2005 and 2008, which have not been taken in charge and are in a poor state of repair; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61415/25]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the decision not to provide funding to Galway County Council to take ownership of Dunguaire Castle, Kinvara, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [61458/25]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has reviewed current legislation governing solar and wind farms in the west of Ireland; the improvements being considered to support renewable energy development in Roscommon–Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [61473/25]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding that has been allocated to mitigate storm-related damage in Roscommon and Galway following storms Amy and Éowyn; whether an assessment has been completed; the future-proofing measures being planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [61475/25]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps being taken to increase commencement and completion rates of housing developments specifically in Roscommon-Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [61481/25]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures being considered to improve housing affordability in Roscommon-Galway, particularly for first-time buyers and young families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [61482/25]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports which have been provided to South Dublin County Council and Fingal County Council to bring the Farmleigh Bridge, Silver Bridge or Guinness Bridge spanning the River Liffey back into use for pedestrians and cyclists. — Shane Moynihan. [61513/25]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on legislation to underpin the apartment defects remediation schemes; the timeline for its publication and progression; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [61639/25]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if grants are available for the improvement/upgrade of wastewater treatment systems for SME's; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [61644/25]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if grants are available for the improvement/upgrade of wastewater treatment systems/septic tanks for houses not in the high status objective catchment area under the domestic wastewater treatment systems grant schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [61645/25]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of foresight or future planning that operates within his Department; who is responsible for long-term planning; the input these individuals or teams have into Departmental policy and practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [61665/25]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether those with refugee status entitled to emergency accommodation as provided by local authorities, what legislation is relevant here; and whether local authorities have been given direction on these cases. — Paul Murphy. [61737/25]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local area plans that he has been notified of in each of the past five years. — Thomas Gould. [61739/25]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether there is a funding stream for local authorities to pay to put shuttering on housing; and whether this can be included in an allocation under the voids return programme. — Thomas Gould. [61740/25]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is considering undertaking a review of retail planning and development guidelines to provide for a distinct category for certain types of stores (details supplied) that are currently classified under the scope of general retail classifications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [61784/25]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address concerns regarding the vacant homes grant raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [61792/25]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in view of continued elevated cost-of-living pressures, specifically high housing costs, rental inflation and utility bills, and noting commentary that households in regions like Cork are increasingly squeezed: if his Department has compiled disaggregated data for Cork/Munster on housing cost inflation in 2025; the regionally-targeted policy measures or subsidies planned (transport, energy efficiency, rental supports) for the 2026 Budget to soften cost burdens for households and SMEs; and the means by which his Department will evaluate the impact of such cost relief programmes on regional competitiveness and social inclusion. — Ken O'Flynn. [61819/25]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Government plans to hold a referendum to change the constitution to reduce the threshold required for the nomination of presidential election candidates. — Peadar Tóibín. [61861/25]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has issued or intends to issue guidance and instructions to local authorities regarding the implementation of the Short-Term Letting (STL) Bill, particularly in respect of the announced exemption from 'Change of Use' planning permission for properties located in towns and villages with populations of fewer than 10,000; and if he will confirm that consistent national guidance will be provided to ensure uniform application of the legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [61874/25]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has a target for the number of build to rent units that it anticipates will be built in Ireland over the next five and ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [61919/25]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will establish a fund for unfinished housing estates such as (details supplied) to deal with serious infrastructure and essential services within these estates. — Martin Kenny. [61970/25]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to review an application for a person (details supplied) under the croí cónaithe scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [61980/25]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are cases where land that had been zoned as residential was used to provide land and infrastructure for a data centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [61994/25]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the regulations providing for exempted development for the conversion of commercial properties to residential accommodation under S.I 75 of 2022, and the extension under S.I No. 378 of 2025, the requirement on local authorities to inspect these properties to ensure changes comply with building regulations and are at a suitable standard for habitation; the requirement on local authorities to monitor the progress of works on these buildings during the conversion period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [62000/25]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage of the notifications for the conversion of commercial properties to residential accommodation under S.I 75 of 2022, the number which have been inspected during or after completion of works to ensure adequate accommodation for human habitation has been produced; if his Department has compiled this information or sought it from local authorities or instructed local authorities to ensure it is of an appropriate standard; if there are any public records available on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [62001/25]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding the conversion of commercial properties to residential accommodation under S.I 75 of 2022, the requirements for the maintenance or improvement of the exterior fabric of the building particularly where this involves former shop fronts in town centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [62002/25]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if persons who have already paid and are out of pocket for fire safety defects in apartment blocks will be reimbursed under the retrospective payments scheme. — Ann Graves. [62039/25]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has carried out a review of the first home scheme; and if his Department has agreed to raise the price ceiling for Dublin properties. — Ann Graves. [62081/25]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to review current income eligibility thresholds for social housing; if he is aware of low income families qualifying for the working family payment being removed from social housing waiting lists on review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [62199/25]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if in relation to a matter (details supplied) he will report on the nature of the issue arising; when it is expected to be resolved; the immediate alternative measures being put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [62258/25]

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

\*644. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the plans to extend the treatment purchase scheme (hair replacement) to cover more than the five types of alopecia currently on the scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [61717/25]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a caring support pension application can be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [60922/25]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if carers allowance and fuel allowance will be approved for a person (details supplied) as a matter of urgency. — John McGuinness. [60931/25]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number and value of contracts that underwent post-award variations; the net value change as a percentage of original awards, by CPV/category; and the three most common drivers of variation identified, for 2022–2024. — Albert Dolan. [60949/25]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether there was a commitment given to citizens who were on invalidity pensions or other welfare payments that they could go back to work during the Covid crisis and retain their payments. — Peadar Tóibín. [60982/25]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person who has a private pension scheme through their employment would be able to qualify for the Government contribution part of the auto-enrolment pension scheme from January 2026, when the new pension scheme comes into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [60984/25]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that initially subscribed to the hot school meals schemes in 2024 and to date in 2025; the number of persons that have now opted out. — Aidan Farrelly. [61006/25]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of schools that did not opt in to the hot meals schemes in 2025; and the number of schools that have opted out of the schemes in 2024 and 2025. — Aidan Farrelly. [61007/25]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department is notified by the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when a person becomes subject to a deportation order; if so, the number of such notifications that been made from 1 January 2024 to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61024/25]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department collects data on the number of individuals currently in receipt of social protection payments following the granting of international protection refugee status, subsidiary protection, or permission to remain status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61039/25]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his position on benchmarking social welfare rates against average earnings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [61042/25]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his position on introducing a basic Income for carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [61043/25]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position on supporting persons with disabilities who want to work to find and retain employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [61044/25]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if financial redress payments for mother-and-baby home survivors are taken into account during means tests for individuals receiving a non-contributory pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [61122/25]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to introduce additional supports to assist hard pressed senior citizens with the cost of living crisis; if he will consider the fact that the cost of food, heating, electricity and everything else is on the increase, including an additional two euros per day for meals on wheels that automatically wipes out the ten euros a week increase in the State pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61144/25]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for a breakdown of all spending on external communications and media, by company, including the amount spent and purpose of spend, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [61221/25]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will provide the exact credits and entitlements for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [61276/25]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has examined how existing maternity and illness benefit schemes could be extended or adapted to provide income support to workers who experience pregnancy loss; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [61385/25]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of a carers allowance application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [61611/25]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the back to education allowance does not allow for a second Erasmus year (details supplied); if he will consider changing the scheme to allow for a second year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [61631/25]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to expanding the criteria of the occupational injuries benefit scheme to include healthcare workers that are suffering with long-Covid symptoms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61637/25]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the level of foresight or future planning that operates within his Department; who is responsible for long-term planning; the input these individuals or teams have into Departmental policy and practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [61669/25]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of hours spent implementing the means-test for carer's allowance; the cost of this work to implement the means test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [61694/25]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department will detail the reason the recent liquidation of a company (details supplied) has led to its employees not being able to avail of social welfare for 30 days, when they are owed wages and monies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [61712/25]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rationale for the significant disparity between the rate of illness benefit, currently €244 per week, and the rate of jobseeker's benefit which can be up to €450 per week; and if consideration will be being given to reviewing the illness benefit payment rate to ensure parity and adequate income support for persons who are unable to work due to serious illness or disability. — Pat Buckley. [61716/25]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of invalidity pension applications that are submitted for appeal annually; the percentage success rate of those appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61727/25]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the overpayment being taken from the weekly supplementary welfare allowance of a person (details supplied) can be reduced to avoid hardship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [61754/25]



\*671. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on the merits of expanding the fuel allowance to include all persons over the age of 70 that live alone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [61835/25]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons currently in receipt of fuel allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [61836/25]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of fuel allowance, by year since 2016, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [61837/25]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the annual cost to the Exchequer to maintain the existing fuel allowance payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [61838/25]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the research he has carried out into the cost of expanding the fuel allowance to a larger cohort of people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [61839/25]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons currently in receipt of the fuel allowance that live alone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [61840/25]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons currently in receipt of the fuel allowance that are over the age of 70; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [61841/25]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Social Protection given the ongoing housing crisis, if his Department will consider adjusting the means assessment criteria for social welfare claims to allow for deductions in respect of rent and mortgage payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [61917/25]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to remove the requirement for an application to have an underlying entitlement to jobseeker's allowance for those seeking to qualify for the back to work enterprise allowance, where said applicants have previously satisfied the nine month qualifying period on jobseeker's benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [61918/25]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to payment of fuel allowance to polio survivors (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [61953/25]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide, for each age bracket (details supplied) the total and average annual income PRSI contributions recorded for Irish residents in the latest year available; and where possible to provide equivalent data for previous years to show lifetime cumulative contributions, by cohort. — Albert Dolan. [61962/25]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department will consider introducing an emergency winter payment to offset the extra cost of disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [61966/25]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department will explain the reason a parents carers allowance is under review for a person (details supplied); if his Department will provide an update on this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [61971/25]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) in County Clare has not received their disability allowance payment for the past two weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [62031/25]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to reconsider the decision to make farm assist a credited benefit so that participants do not lose out on contributions while in receipt of this payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [62041/25]

\*686. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide a breakdown of the number of people in receipt of jobseeker's allowance and jobseeker's benefit, per Intreo area, and per age group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [62143/25]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason his Department does not accept medical certificates issued by a private medical insurer (details supplied) for the purpose of an application for illness benefit; if he plans to change this rule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62222/25]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing the carers allowance by two percent; in line with inflation; ten percent; 20 percent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62223/25]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in County Laois who were in receipt of living alone allowance and subjected to a review by his Department in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62224/25]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures his Department will take to support households facing increased energy and housing costs, particularly low-income and vulnerable groups; the number of persons that have benefitted to date from targeted schemes such as the fuel allowance and supplementary welfare allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62225/25]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of families which have received the child support payment and working family payment supports to date in Laois in 2025; the measures which are being taken to ensure that all eligible families, particularly in rural or disadvantaged areas, access the supports; the steps which are being taken to reduce administrative barriers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62226/25]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps his Department is taking to increase participation in the Activation and Family Support Programme, the Community Employment Programme, and other training and reskilling initiatives; the number of persons who have been assisted into employment to date in 2025; the way in which his Department is targeting supports to long-term unemployed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62227/25]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on his Departments plans to extend the eligibility for the rural social scheme to include people who are not involved in farming or fishing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55945/25]

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

\*694. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current number of domestic violence refuge spaces in the State, by county, and by year, since 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [60920/25]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of additional domestic violence refuge spaces intended to be delivered in the remainder of 2025, and 2026/2027, by year, and by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [60921/25]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number and value of contracts that underwent post-award variations; the net value change as a percentage of original awards, by CPV/category; and the three most common drivers of variation identified, for 2022–2024. — Albert Dolan. [60946/25]

\*697. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when a decision will be made on a join spousal application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [60965/25]

\*698. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the quantity of fireworks seized by Gardaí within the Dublin region in the 2025 Halloween period; if he will provide the same figures for the corresponding period in 2023 and 2024, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [60973/25]

\*699. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí who went to the UK for a specialist training course that is not available within the State in 2024 and to date in 2025; and the name and duration of this course, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [60974/25]

\*700. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question number 277 of 16 October 2025, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities in order to answer this PQ. — Paul Donnelly. [60975/25]

\*701. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans regarding communications to members of a leisure centre (details supplied); who have paid membership fees but cannot access facilities; if the Department will ensure information is provided to members via management of the facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [60985/25]

\*702. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a list of all reports from the office of inspector of prisons that he has received since 2020, listing the date received and the date published; the reason for publishing it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [60996/25]

\*703. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the actions which were taken by his Department between receiving the Death in Custody Investigation Report on 18 July 2025 for a person (details supplied) on 12 January 2023, and its publication by the department on 30 October 2025. — Roderic O’Gorman. [60997/25]

\*704. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the action he will take to implement the recommendations in the Death in Custody Investigation Report for a person (details supplied). — Roderic O’Gorman. [60998/25]

\*705. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his Department’s plans to redevelop the Old Cork Prison site as a new prison; if the interests of the Land Development Agency in terms of the site have been set aside; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [61002/25]

\*706. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the approach that will be taken to the redevelopment of the Old Cork Prison with regard to architectural heritage; in particular with regard to those parts of the site that are included in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (viz. Cork Prison, Cork Prison: Prison Walls); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [61003/25]

\*707. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on measures he is taking to ensure a financial contribution is made by employed and self-employed IPAS residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61025/25]

\*708. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if persons applying for entry visas, residence permits, or international protection are required to undergo any form of medical examination or testing for infectious diseases or viruses; the categories of entrants, if any, for whom such testing remains mandatory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [61030/25]

\*709. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if consideration has been given to reintroducing or expanding medical screening for infectious diseases and viruses among persons entering or residing in the State; if any risk assessments or public health reviews have been undertaken in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [61031/25]

\*710. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide a breakdown of the number of labour market access permission applications made and granted since 2015, or latest data available; the number of LMA5 forms returned during that period, on an annual basis, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [61056/25]

\*711. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide the average processing time for labour market access permission applications for each year since 2015, or latest data available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [61057/25]

\*712. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the gym and leisure facilities at a location (details supplied); when services will be reopened to members of the local community; if he will guarantee that these services will remain open to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [61070/25]

\*713. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 495 of 23 September 2025, if he will address specific concerns raised (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [61077/25]

\*714. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to supply a comprehensive list of documentation required for a minor travelling on their own seeking re-entry to Ireland (details supplied). — Aisling Dempsey. [61079/25]

\*715. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason his Department no longer issues permission to return letters for unaccompanied minors returning to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [61080/25]

\*716. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to confirm that a Stamp 3 issued to a minor is not reissued each year; if his Department accepts that a minor child remains under the updated permission of their parent's residence status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [61081/25]

\*717. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prosecutions taken and the number of convictions secured, for the offence of taking photographs inside a polling station since the commencement of the Electoral Act 1992. — Carol Nolan. [61094/25]

\*718. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Ukrainian nationals who were in Ireland under the Temporary Protection Directive in each month from February 2022 to date in 2025. — Carol Nolan. [61099/25]

\*719. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of any proposals to provide IPAS accommodation at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [61110/25]

\*720. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department is considering changing policy to address cases where victims are not afforded a right to information on the detention circumstances of convicted perpetrators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [61116/25]

\*721. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current and capital funding allocations for the National Cyber Security Centre for 2025 and 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61123/25]

\*722. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of the IZA Institute of Labor Economics study (details supplied); if a comparable study has been conducted or commissioned in Ireland to assess the long-term fiscal impact of asylum seekers and family reunification migration; if not, whether his Department, in collaboration with the Department of Finance or the Central Statistics Office, plans to produce or commission similar analysis based on Irish data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [61168/25]

\*723. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department maintains, or has commissioned, a fully-loaded marginal (incremental) cost per international protection applicant, encompassing not only IPAS accommodation and supports, but also cross-Departmental costs, processing, legal aid, healthcare, education/ETB language provision, social protection allowances, interpretation/translation, safeguarding, transport, and overheads; if so, to publish the latest estimate and methodology; if not, the plans and timelines to establish a cross-

Government costing model and to coordinate inputs from the relevant Departments and agencies. — Albert Dolan. [61172/25]

\*724. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the unit processing cost per international protection case at the International Protection Office (IPO) and the International Protection Appeals Tribunal (IPAT), together with median/mean end-to-end processing times and caseload volumes, by year from 2022 to date in 2025; and the cost composition (staffing, interpretation, expert reports, overheads). — Albert Dolan. [61173/25]

\*725. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the annual expenditure attributable to IP applicants within Immigration Service Delivery for 2022 to date in 2025 (registration, permissions, compliance activity), and any available per-applicant cost estimates. — Albert Dolan. [61174/25]

\*726. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the State has a single, auditable per-applicant cost for international protection that includes processing, legal aid, healthcare, education, social protection, interpretation, transport and overheads; if not, if he will commit to producing it within 2025 and publishing the methodology. — Albert Dolan. [61178/25]

\*727. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will ensure that once IPAS centres are established that Deputies will be included in community engagement; the reason this is not standard practice at the moment (details supplied). — John Lahart. [61183/25]

\*728. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is satisfied with the level of training of the IPAS staff and refugee staff employed by a company (details supplied); and to outline the standards, qualifications and employment headings under which staff are employed. — John Lahart. [61194/25]

\*729. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Ukrainian refugees and the number of IPAS applicants resident at a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [61195/25]

\*730. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the medical and security facilities on site at a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [61196/25]

\*731. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the plans he or the Government have to ameliorate the loss of facilities (details supplied); the way in which the Government proposes to invest in the locality in a substantial way that attempts to mitigate the substantial loss to the community. — John Lahart. [61197/25]

\*732. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason the State purchased facilities but has not purchased a smaller hotel (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [61198/25]

\*733. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for a breakdown of all spending on external communications and media, by company, including the amount spent and purpose of spend, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [61218/25]



\*734. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the value of goods seized by CAB; the number of items and their broad category, in Cork in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [61233/25]

\*735. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide details of the work reported to be undertaken by his Department on the issue of pet theft; the evidence-based recommendations he is seeking for an amendment to criminal legislation; the nature of the collaborative work his officials are doing; if that relates also to the work of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Revenue Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [61252/25]

\*736. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when a contract for the management of facility for refugees and IPAS residents will expire (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [61269/25]

\*737. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the plans in place to reopen the leisure centre at a location (details supplied), to ensure it remains open in the long-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [61277/25]

\*738. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on information made available through FOI requests in relation to antisocial behaviour, drug use and dealing and security incidents at a facility(details supplied); the number of individuals in total who have been recorded in each year from 2023 to date for such various breaches; the enhanced plans being put in place to protect other residents on the campus and the wider community from such individuals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [61278/25]

\*739. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current and future plans for the use of the address hotel, Citywest as an international protection location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [61279/25]

\*740. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline in full his proposal to make a site available for a Garda station on the Citywest Hotel campus; the precise communications with the Garda Commissioner in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [61280/25]

\*741. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a review of security staffing numbers has taken place or will take place in relation to the Citywest Hotel campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [61283/25]

\*742. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to amend the current policy of the community engagement team not routinely meeting with individual residents and to facilitate a consultation day (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [61284/25]

\*743. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the references to Irish cultural norms, including in relation to interactions with women and children in public and activities considered antisocial behaviour are contained in the current edition of the IPAS Resident Handbook; when an update is planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [61286/25]

\*744. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if any classes or exams in relation to Irish cultural norms, including in relation to interactions with women and children in public and activities considered antisocial behaviour have taken place at the Citywest Hotel site, or are scheduled in the near future; if there are any locations where such training currently takes place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [61287/25]

\*745. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department can assist with a family reunification (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [61293/25]

\*746. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department is considering proposals regarding the creation of a statutory offence or a defined sub-offence under sexual assault specifically addressing sibling sexual abuse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [61296/25]

\*747. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the actions his Department is taking to make improvements in policy, legislation, and support systems available for people harmed by sibling sexual abuse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [61297/25]

\*748. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of cases where the applicant seeking asylum was refused but are now under appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61352/25]

\*749. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of appeals by asylum seekers who appealed the decision not to grant them asylum; the number of these appeals where a decision was reached for each year ending 31 December 2023, 31 December 2024 and for six months to 30 June 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61353/25]

\*750. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the list of successful applicants of the Community Safety Fund; the funding each project received; the total number of applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [61416/25]

\*751. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will address issues relating to an accommodation centre contracted to IPAS (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [61422/25]

\*752. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 368 on 2 October 2025, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda Authorities in order for this PQ to be answered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [61433/25]

\*753. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the length of time it takes for new horses joining Garda Mounted Unit to be fully trained for policing events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [61434/25]

\*754. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí by rank attached to each divisional search teams as of 31 October 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [61435/25]

\*755. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the length of time it takes for new dogs joining the Garda Dog Unit to be fully trained for policing events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [61436/25]

\*756. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department will provide an urgent update on a short stay visit visa appeal (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [61444/25]

\*757. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has assessed the availability of domestic violence support services in the Roscommon-Galway constituency; if current resources meet the rising demand; the plans in place to expand support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [61486/25]

\*758. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if funding has been allocated to establish or expand domestic violence shelters and outreach services in Roscommon and Galway; if so, the amount allocated; the expected timeline for delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [61487/25]

\*759. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his proposals to continue the south east coronial post-mortem service at WUH from January 2026; the number of times his Department has met with the HSE to resolve the issues that have arisen; if recruitment of the appropriate professionals is underway; if contingency plans have been drawn up to prevent any disruption of the service; if the coroners involved have been consulted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [61537/25]

\*760. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of IPAS applicants which have been issued with a deportation order but remained in Ireland over the past five years, by county; the length of time they have remained in Ireland since being issued with the order; the number of which were refused asylum in another EU country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [61539/25]

\*761. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether those who become Irish citizens need to notify every Government agency and Department themselves to inform them that they are now citizens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [61607/25]

\*762. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps he is taking to coordinate Government Departments to ensure that each Department and agency acquires updated information when an individual becomes an Irish citizen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [61608/25]

\*763. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason a person (details supplied) had to manually update his citizenship with each Government Department and agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [61609/25]

\*764. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the obstacles or challenges identified to him regarding implementing a contribution charging model for IPAS residents in employment or self-employment; his plans to pursue the charging model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61614/25]

\*765. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the additional costs incurred by An Garda Síochána for security provided at Shannon Airport due to US military use of Shannon Airport from 2018 to date in 2025. — Mairéad Farrell. [61626/25]

\*766. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to a report by an organisation (details supplied) on the policing of the pro-Palestine protest held near Dublin Port Tunnel on 4 October 2025; if he has reviewed the findings of that report regarding alleged excessive use of force by An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [61632/25]

\*767. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the level of foresight or future planning that operates within his Department; who is responsible for long-term planning; the input these individuals or teams have into Departmental policy and practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [61666/25]

\*768. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps being taken to address the backlog in citizenship applications over the past five years; the timeframe for the backlog to be cleared; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61680/25]

\*769. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of citizenship applications granted in each of the past five years, by nationality, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61681/25]

\*770. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of citizenship applications revoked in each of the past five years, by nationality, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61682/25]

\*771. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the period that an individual stays in the State under the provisions of the Temporary Protection Directive will count as a period of reckonable residence for applications for Irish citizenship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61683/25]

\*772. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of people granted Irish citizenship in the past ten years who had been living in the State for less than five years, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61684/25]

\*773. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of people granted Irish citizenship and the total number of citizenship ceremonies, respectively in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61685/25]

\*774. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if consideration will be given to granting an earlier appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61714/25]

\*775. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will ensure that the normal operation of a local restaurant (details supplied) can resume; if his Department has had any engagement with the business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [61753/25]

\*776. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide aggregated figures for 2018 to date on requests concerning parental child-abduction cases to non-Hague jurisdictions (details supplied); and the guidance issued by his Department to An Garda Síochána on such requests. — Erin McGreehan. [61757/25]

\*777. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the statistics for convictions under the Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) Act 2010 by county; to provide a breakdown of such convictions between juvenile and adult offenders; the figures for these convictions for the past five years, and for the previous five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [61775/25]

\*778. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of reported suspected drink-spiking cases in County Kerry; the number that were investigated; the number that were brought before the Courts; the number that were convicted, in the past five years, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61802/25]

\*779. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of reported suspected drink-spiking cases throughout the country; the number that were investigated; the number that were brought before the Courts; the number that were convicted in the past five years, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61803/25]

\*780. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí by rank attached to Donegal Divisional Protective Services Bureau as of 5 November 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [61811/25]

\*781. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of the report on the old Cork Prison that was expected for publication in November 2024; the reason for the delay in its publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61842/25]

\*782. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 1309 of 4 November 2025, the reason that two contracts with a company (details supplied) were terminated in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61853/25]

\*783. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of an application for asylum for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61857/25]

\*784. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if persons currently accommodated in Ireland through the Ukrainian accommodation scheme, can apply for a residency permit after a period of two years here; his plans to allow such persons to regularise their status. — Robert Troy. [61977/25]

\*785. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of special exemption orders secured by licensed premises from 2018 to 2024, by year, on a county by county basis, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [62017/25]

\*786. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of individual licensed premises who have secured special exemption orders from 2018 to 2024, by year, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [62018/25]

\*787. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason Garda vetting is taking up to ten months for some persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [62094/25]

\*788. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason a person (details supplied) was not provided with notice that there were additional documents required for their citizenship application. — Jen Cummins. [62115/25]

\*789. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); the actions he will take to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62122/25]

\*790. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has consulted with the Garda management leadership team and/or the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to develop and introduce a graduate programme for civilian Garda employees and a Garda officer graduate stream into an Garda Síochána at rank level. — Aidan Farrelly. [62152/25]

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

\*791. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number and value of contracts that underwent post-award variations; the net value change as a percentage of original awards, by CPV/category; and the three most common drivers of variation identified, for 2022-2024. — Albert Dolan. [60934/25]

\*792. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of WTE qualified tree surgeons that are employed by his Department in the years from 2023 to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [61134/25]

\*793. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the rules that apply to the sale of cattle from TB-restricted herds to controlled finishing units (CFU's); the basis upon which a permit may be refused by a district veterinary office; if the rules are inconsistent whether such is directly to a CFU or brokered via a mart restricted herd sales mechanism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61143/25]

\*794. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of the growing concern among farmers regarding the current cap of €3,000 on compensation for bovine TB reactor animals; if he will acknowledge that the market value of pedigree and high yielding stock has risen significantly in recent years, resulting in considerable losses for affected herd owners; and if he will review the current compensation ceiling to ensure it more accurately reflects the true market value of animals removed under the TB eradication programme. — Albert Dolan. [61182/25]



\*795. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for a breakdown of all spending on external communications and media, by company, including the amount spent and purpose of spend, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [61205/25]

\*796. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason it has taken up to 20 years and longer to process aquaculture licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61368/25]

\*797. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of aquaculture licences that were applied for in County Kerry during the past 12 months, two years, three years, four years, five years, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years and longer, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61369/25]

\*798. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of aquaculture licences that were granted in County Kerry during the past 12 months, two years, three years, four years, five years, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years and longer, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61370/25]

\*799. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of aquaculture licences that were refused in County Kerry during the past 12 months, two years, three years, four years, five years, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years and longer, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61371/25]

\*800. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of aquaculture licences that were withdrawn in County Kerry during the past 12 months, two years, three years, four years, five years, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years and longer, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61372/25]

\*801. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will make the terms and conditions available for the equine technical support scheme operated by his Department for 2024 and 2025; if he can confirm the recipients of the funding, the initiative supported, the amount of grant awarded and eventually paid to date to each recipient, in tabular form; if he is satisfied that each recipient of the funding met the stated eligibility criteria; the non-Department costs of each initiative, and how that shortfall was funded; to highlight any deviation from the stated criteria and the reasons for such deviation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [61398/25]

\*802. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an organisation still exists or has it been replaced by another name/organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61443/25]

\*803. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the current TB compensation scheme payment caps of €3,000 for commercial TB reactors and €5,000 for pedigree cows, in-calf heifers and stock bulls; if he has any plans to increase those payment caps given the current value of cattle in the market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [61462/25]

\*804. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has conducted an assessment of milk and beef prices in the west of Ireland; the findings of same; the measures being considered to support farmers in Roscommon and Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [61485/25]

\*805. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the level of foresight or future planning that operates within his Department; who is responsible for long-term planning; the input these individuals or teams have into Departmental policy and practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [61654/25]

\*806. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when consultations will commence with tillage and farming organisations regarding the design of the proposed €50 million tillage support package for 2026; the process through which stakeholder input will inform the targeting of supports by crop type and farm type; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [61697/25]

\*807. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way the €50 million in funding for the tillage sector in 2026 will be allocated between the protein aid scheme, straw incorporation measure and tillage support scheme; and whether he intends to refine eligibility criteria or payment rates to better support dedicated grain growers and other specialised tillage producers. — Michael Murphy. [61698/25]

\*808. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to clarify whether any interim supports will be provided to the tillage sector in 2025 ahead of the introduction of the new 2026 package; and the timeline for finalising scheme design and issuing guidelines to farmers and stakeholders. — Michael Murphy. [61699/25]

\*809. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to urgently examine issues outlined in correspondence (details supplied); in view of correspondence from the Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity to provide an update on the progress of the 2021 Bill to ban imports of non-native honeybees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61700/25]

\*810. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to ensure Ireland gets the best possible nitrates derogation deal for Irish farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61793/25]

\*811. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his Department's current surveillance and containment measures in response to the most recent outbreak of avian influenza among Irish poultry flocks; the number and location of outbreaks confirmed since September 2025; the supports being made available to affected poultry farmers, including compensation for stock losses, enhanced biosecurity grants, and advice on restocking timelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [61815/25]

\*812. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has engaged with the poultry industry and retail sector to assess the likely impact of the 2025 avian influenza outbreak on the domestic supply and price of turkeys and other poultry products during the Christmas period; if contingency plans are in place to stabilise supply and prevent price inflation for consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [61816/25]

\*813. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current biosecurity and import-control measures at ports, airports, and border inspection posts to prevent the introduction or spread of avian influenza from Great Britain or continental Europe; the frequency of veterinary inspections on imported poultry, eggs, and related products; whether additional surveillance or temporary restrictions are being considered during the 2025 Christmas production period given the recent confirmed outbreaks in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [61817/25]

\*814. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on reports that Teagasc will be taking part in joint projects with Israeli counterparts (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61859/25]

\*815. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his Department's response plan following the recent confirmation of avian influenza (H5N1) outbreaks on commercial turkey farms in counties Meath and Carlow; the measures being taken to prevent further spread of the disease; and if he will provide details of the compensation supports available to affected farmers, including the process and timeline for assessment and payment of losses incurred as a result of mandatory culling and movement restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [61862/25]

\*816. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of matings in the greyhound racing and coursing industries that involved surgical artificial insemination in each of the years 2019 to 2024, in tabular form; the number of those matings that involved the use of semen obtained from a sire deceased at the time the surgical artificial insemination occurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [61920/25]

\*817. 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; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [61921/25]

\*818. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhound homed via Irish Retired Greyhound Trust, listed both directly and assisted from 2019 to 2024 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [61922/25]

\*819. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds exported yearly via Irish Retired Greyhound Trust to the United States of America from 2019 to 2024 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [61923/25]

\*820. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Greyhound Racing Ireland or Irish Retired Greyhound Trust pays for the cost of transatlantic transport of non-coursing greyhounds to the United States of America from 2019 to 2024 inclusive; if so, the yearly cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [61924/25]

\*821. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for a breakdown of exports of non-coursing greyhounds by country destination as recorded in Rásaíocht Con Éireann Traceability System (RCETS) from 2021 to 2024 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [61925/25]

\*822. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide Greyhound Racing Ireland's costs to sponsor the Greyhound Derby quarterfinals, semi-finals and final on a television station (details supplied) in September 2025; the viewership figures for all three broadcasts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [61926/25]

\*823. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the decision to award €19.82 million to Greyhound Racing Ireland in the 2026 Budget was reliant on the figures stated in the July 2021 report (details supplied) based on estimates from 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [61927/25]

\*824. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is acceptable that page 28 of Greyhound Racing Ireland's 2025-2029 strategic plan's performance metrics includes the number of injuries at racing tracks but not the number of greyhound deaths at racing tracks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [61928/25]

\*825. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is acceptable that Greyhound Racing Ireland's industry update January to June 2025 includes the injuries at racing tracks as a percentage of starters instead of the actual number of injuries at racing tracks and also excludes the number of greyhound deaths at racing tracks, given the industry's claims of transparency and integrity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [61929/25]

\*826. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which an Irish greyhound who raced at Curraheen greyhound track in Cork is recorded on the Rásaíocht Con Éireann traceability system (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [61930/25]

\*827. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his Department's plans for the London agricultural attaché post; if the position will be replaced by a junior administrative officer; and the way in which his Department will ensure that Ireland's agri-food, fisheries, and all-island trade interests in the UK, will continue to be represented at an appropriate technical level. — Martin Kenny. [61931/25]

\*828. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason stock-proof fencing, required by goat farmers, has been omitted from targeted agriculture modernisation schemes to date; his plans to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [61955/25]

\*829. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider providing grant funding to enable goat farmers to purchase electronic 'no-fence' collars so as to better manage their goat herds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [61956/25]

\*830. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in view of the Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers Association warning that lack of clarity around the next CAP regime and existing trade deals is undermining farmer confidence, if he will provide the timeline and key milestones for the next CAP implementation in Ireland; the way in which regional farming businesses (including those in Cork) will be engaged; the specific measures being taken to ensure food-security and investment rather than dependency on import-led production; and the way in which the Government is monitoring the impact of trade-deal structures on Irish farm incomes and investment decisions. — Ken O'Flynn. [62196/25]

\*831. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the incentive a greyhound owner has to keep the status of a non-coursing greyhound updated on the Rásaíocht Con Éireann Traceability System once that greyhound is no longer going to be raced on a Rásaíocht Con Éireann licensed track; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [62220/25]

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

\*832. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she plans to publish the review into the mobility allowance; when an alternative scheme will be announced to replace this scheme; if those who are currently eligible will transfer to any such new scheme and remain on their current or increased rate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [61937/25]

\*833. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the means test for the mobility allowance has been reviewed to account for increases in the State pension (contributory); if she will consider amending the means test threshold from the State pension (non-contributory) to the State pension (contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [61938/25]

\*834. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps she will take to allocate an immediate extra support package for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62099/25]

\*835. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number and value of contracts that underwent post-award variations; the net value change as a percentage of original awards, by CPV/category; and the three most common drivers of variation identified, for 2022–2024. — Albert Dolan. [60935/25]

\*836. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware that there is only one Family Resource Centre in Cork City; her plans to remedy this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [61067/25]

\*837. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she is aware that a resource centre (details supplied) have submitted an application for family resource centre status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [61068/25]

\*838. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when an announcement will be made on the additional 10 family resource centres; and if a resource centre (details supplied) will be in this cohort given the lack of family resource centres in Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [61069/25]

\*839. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers of sessional services in Naas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [61100/25]

\*840. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers of sessional services in Leixlip; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [61101/25]

\*841. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers of sessional services in Maynooth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [61102/25]

\*842. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers of sessional services in Celbridge; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [61103/25]

\*843. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers of sessional services in Kilcock; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [61104/25]

\*844. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers of sessional services in Clane; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [61105/25]

\*845. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers of sessional services in Straffan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [61106/25]

\*846. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers of sessional services in Sallins; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [61107/25]

\*847. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers of sessional services in Caragh; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [61108/25]

\*848. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers of sessional services in Prosperous; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [61109/25]

\*849. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason Tusla must take out a care order through the courts placing children into State care in order for their guardian to receive foster care allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61112/25]

\*850. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department and Tusla have explored the use of artificial intelligence or automated data systems to support intake triage, case risk scoring, and compliance monitoring within Tusla's Case Management System, in view of the potential for such technology to accelerate low-risk case filtering, improve oversight, and free up social worker time for frontline work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61129/25]

\*851. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for a breakdown of all spending on external communications and media, by company, including the amount spent and purpose of spend, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [61206/25]

\*852. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when Clondalkin CDNT will move from Scoil Mochua to the new Primary Health Care Centre on the Boot Road; the reasons for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [61234/25]

\*853. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children who have been in the care of Tusla, the Child and Family Agency, under section 17 and section 18 of



the Child Care Act 1991 in each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [61264/25]

\*854. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of subcontractors registered as limited companies that Tusla, the Child and Family Agency, has paid to provide care for children in each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [61265/25]

\*855. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a list of limited companies (LTD) that have received payments from her Department or its agencies in each of the past five years; the total amount paid to each company in that period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [61266/25]

\*856. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to a press release issued by an organisation (details supplied) articulating a crisis in the sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [61313/25]

\*857. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her Department's future plans for a home (details supplied) in County Donegal; when the new accommodation will be ready; when is it expected that residents will be moved out of their current temporary accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [61341/25]

\*858. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has undertaken a review of existing employment protections for individuals who experience pregnancy loss; and if legislative or policy measures are being considered to strengthen workplace supports. — Ken O'Flynn. [61375/25]

\*859. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures being taken to promote awareness among employers and HR professionals of best practice in supporting employees who experience pregnancy loss or stillbirth. — Ken O'Flynn. [61376/25]

\*860. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has reviewed examples of statutory pregnancy loss leave in other EU member states; and if similar provisions are being considered in Ireland to promote workplace equality. — Ken O'Flynn. [61377/25]

\*861. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has assessed whether the absence of statutory paid leave following pregnancy loss may constitute indirect gender discrimination under existing equality legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [61380/25]

\*862. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the day services available in north Westmeath to an adult with an intellectual disability (details supplied); and the way in which they can be included in them. — Robert Troy. [61382/25]

\*863. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to urgently grant a person (details supplied) an appointment to receive occupational therapy and speech and language therapy with east Cork CDNT. — Pat Buckley. [61402/25]

\*864. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total number of children currently engaged with Clare CDNTs; the number that have an individual family support plan

and or key contacts in place, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [61437/25]

\*865. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children currently on waiting lists for disability services in Roscommon-Galway, including occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, and physiotherapy; the average wait time for each service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [61467/25]

\*866. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the plans her Department has to reduce waiting times for children's mental health in Roscommon-Galway; whether additional staff or resources have been allocated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [61468/25]

\*867. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has carried out an assessment of the impact of long waiting times on children and families in Roscommon-Galway; and the steps being taken to address the findings of that assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [61469/25]

\*868. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the Building Blocks Programme is on track to deliver the 1,500 new childcare places as announced in 2025; the reasons for any delays in delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [61500/25]

\*869. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider introducing a streamlined capital delivery mechanism for high-need areas, particularly where community providers face high barriers to entering or continuing in a geographical area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [61501/25]

\*870. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for updated benchmarking data on the average childcare costs, by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [61502/25]

\*871. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has assessed the economic impact of childcare constraints on workforce participation, particularly among women; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [61503/25]

\*872. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has assessed the economic impact of childcare constraints on workforce participation, particularly among women; if her Department has examined the broader implications of these constraints for the Irish economy; if any analysis has been undertaken to estimate the potential positive economic impact of increased female workforce participation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [61504/25]

\*873. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 102 of 4 November 2025, her views on the way in which evidence based policy will be effectively developed in the absence of up-to-date data on return to work outcomes following maternity, paternity and parent's leave (details supplied). — Grace Boland. [61505/25]

\*874. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to address the issues raised by an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [61507/25]

\*875. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider increasing the number of days for parental leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [61514/25]

\*876. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children awaiting an assessment from a Children's Disability Network Teams in County Laois; the average waiting time for these assessments in County Laois; and the steps her Department will take to reduce these wait-times, particularly in rural counties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [61515/25]

\*877. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans and the timeframe for achieving a reduction in the average net cost of childcare to €200 per month per child under the national childcare scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [61516/25]

\*878. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the specific measures which will be introduced in the next twelve months to reduce childcare costs for families; the way in which he will ensure the quality of the sector is maintained while cost pressures ease for parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [61517/25]

\*879. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children with disabilities or additional needs which are participating in the Access and Inclusion Model across early learning and childcare settings in County Laois; the trends year-on-year; the further measures which are planned to increase inclusion in mainstream early years for children with disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [61518/25]

\*880. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the first quarter-by-quarter milestone commitments which are under the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025 2030; the way in which her Department will monitor progress; the resourcing in place to ensure the strategy delivers for people with disabilities in terms of employment, independent living and full participation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [61519/25]

\*881. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether foster carers allowance can be used to qualify persons for a State pension (contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [61520/25]

\*882. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the investment and actions her Department will take to strengthen prevention and early intervention services for children and families, particularly those experiencing disadvantage, trauma or adversity; the number of new community-based programmes which will be funded in the next year; the way in which outcomes will be evaluated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [61521/25]

\*883. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an enhanced package of services for all thalidomide survivors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61533/25]

\*884. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when her Department officials will complete their examination of the study, 'PLACES | Pregnancy Loss (under 24 weeks) in Workplaces: Informing Policymakers on Support Mechanisms'; the timeline for when a decision

will be made on whether policy interventions are required at a national level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [61572/25]

\*885. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the launch date for the next National Strategy for Women and Girls; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [61574/25]

\*886. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if consideration will be given to introducing statutory leave entitlements for those undergoing fertility treatment such as IVF; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [61635/25]

\*887. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the level of foresight or future planning that operates within her Department; who is responsible for long-term planning; the input these individuals or teams have into Departmental policy and practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [61655/25]

\*888. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children currently waiting for an assessment of needs in the HSE CHO9 area; and the breakdown of the number of children waiting on same in Dublin northwest (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [61679/25]

\*889. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will address the issues raised in a document from a Kildare childminding facility outlining their concerns about the childminding sector (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [61755/25]

\*890. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE administrative posts by grade that have been filled in each Children’s Disability Network Team in Donegal in 2023 to 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [61814/25]

\*891. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when a reply will issue from Tusla regarding correspondence (details supplied). — Paul Lawless. [61960/25]

\*892. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the plans her Department has to reduce waiting times for children’s disability services in Roscommon-Galway; whether additional staff or resources have been allocated. — Martin Daly. [61961/25]

\*893. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will engage with private childcare providers who avail of core funding from her Department on the issue of significant increased costs under the new obligations under the auto enrolment scheme. — Frankie Feighan. [61978/25]

\*894. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality If she will consider increasing core funding rates to take into consideration the additional costs incurred by auto enrolment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [61979/25]

\*895. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether flexibility or discretion can be applied in situations where a child narrowly misses the upper age threshold for availing of a second year of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) programme, specifically in cases where a parent decided in good faith based on official ECCE guidance at the time (details

supplied); if her Department will clarify if any discretionary arrangements or exceptions exist for late-December births in such circumstances. — Ken O'Flynn. [61995/25]

\*896. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the training and resources which are provided to Tusla to assist staff in identifying and supporting victims of grooming; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ann Graves. [61996/25]

\*897. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason a child (details supplied) is still awaiting an autism assessment alongside accessing occupational therapy and psychological services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [62030/25]

\*898. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the supports in place for children who are in State care upon turning 18 years of age, to ensure they are provided with appropriate long term housing and supports to support them through an independent adulthood; the legislation which governs this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [62085/25]

\*899. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children who have received housing as part of their aftercare plan when leaving care at the age of 18 years of age; the number of young adults being supported through aftercare plans by Tusla; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [62091/25]

\*900. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to review the current means tests for the national childcare scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [62095/25]

\*901. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the engagements she has had with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Ireland (FASD) regarding their work in supporting children, young adults and families living with FASD; the future plans she has for supporting FASD Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [62101/25]

\*902. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will amend the eligibility criteria for aftercare services to ensure that all young people leaving state care, regardless of duration in care, are entitled to an aftercare assessment of need and appropriate supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [62105/25]

\*903. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider extending the age limit for aftercare supports from 23 to 26 years, based on assessed need, in line with the reality that many young adults require continued support beyond the current threshold; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [62106/25]

\*904. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review the requirement that care leavers must be in full-time accredited education to qualify for the aftercare allowance; if alternative pathways such as apprenticeships, employment, or career exploration will be considered valid for eligibility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [62107/25]

\*905. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the Government intends to publish the revised childcare amendment bill, and whether it will include provisions to make

aftercare planning mandatory for all care leavers regardless of time spent in care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [62108/25]

\*906. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has conducted any analysis on the outcomes for young people who leave care but do not qualify for aftercare supports, including rates of homelessness, unemployment, and mental health challenges; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [62109/25]

\*907. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for a list of early years and school age childcare services that have withdrawn from the core funding scheme; the number and percentage of services that have signed up to the scheme to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [62219/25]

\*908. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of naíonraí closures over the last five years; and the number of closures forecast for next year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [62240/25]

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

\*909. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons availing of private health insurance by age group (details supplied). — Martin Daly. [60904/25]

\*910. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to review the need for lifetime community rating on private health insurance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [60905/25]

\*911. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [60906/25]

\*912. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the recruitment campaign for an ophthalmologist in south Tipperary; the number of applications received; the number called for interview; the timeframe now for the position to be offered; the status of the recruitment campaign for an optometrist; when this position will be filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [60911/25]

\*913. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive a very urgent appointment at UHL; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [60930/25]

\*914. To ask the Minister for Health the number and value of contracts that underwent post-award variations; the net value change as a percentage of original awards, by CPV/category; and the three most common drivers of variation identified, for 2022–2024. — Albert Dolan. [60944/25]

\*915. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of staff in each public and voluntary hospital on a whole-time equivalent basis at the end of September 2025; the number of medical and dental staff on a whole-time equivalent basis and the number of nursing and midwifery staff on a whole-time equivalent basis in each public and voluntary hospital at the end of September 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [60963/25]



\*916. To ask the Minister for Health if an early date for surgery will be arranged for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [60964/25]

\*917. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients awaiting ear, nose, throat surgery at the ENT department of the Mater Hospital; the types of surgeries being awaited; and the current waiting times for patients to receive ENT surgery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [60966/25]

\*918. To ask the Minister for Health the number of holter monitors and cardiac event monitors currently available at Beaumont Hospital; the number of patients awaiting the use of a holter monitor and cardiac event monitor; and the average wait time to access these monitors from the hospital. — Paul Donnelly. [60967/25]

\*919. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times to see a consultant paediatric neurologist at CHI Temple Street. — Paul Donnelly. [60968/25]

\*920. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the EuroMOMO z-score for Ireland for each week from the beginning of November 2024 to the end of March 2025, in tabular form; if the table will state the z-score in respect of each week and the number of corresponding recorded deaths; if she will provide the respective figures for the corresponding period in respect of the EuroMOMO zone as a whole; whether excess deaths in Ireland were above or below this average; if she is concerned with the EuroMOMO z-score for Ireland during this period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [60978/25]

\*921. To ask the Minister for Health the number hospitalisations per 1,000 cases of influenza in adults aged 65 and over in Ireland, alongside available comparative data for other EU member states, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [60979/25]

\*922. To ask the Minister for Health when the ‘ADHD in Adults - National Clinical Programme’ will be available to County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [60981/25]

\*923. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the implementation of spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) screening in the National Newborn Bloodspot Screening Programme; if she will confirm the expected timeline for the commencement of routine SMA screening for newborns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [60986/25]

\*924. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to expand dental surgery services under general anaesthetic at Galway University Hospital for adults and children with intellectual, physical, or sensory disabilities in the Galway-Roscommon region, given that the current provision of one session every second Tuesday morning is insufficient and elective procedures have been repeatedly cancelled due to hospital escalation protocols; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [60989/25]

\*925. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to conduct a review of maternity services in University Hospital Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [60993/25]

\*926. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2278 of 8 September 2025, the number of families over the past five years that have availed of the International Outsourcing Initiative in relation to spinal surgery. — Ken O’Flynn. [60995/25]

\*927. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on her Department’s efforts to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to publish a national policy on adult safeguarding for the health and social care sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [61008/25]

\*928. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on her Department’s efforts to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to explore the establishment of a National Safeguarding Body to ensure the health, safety and welfare of vulnerable adults; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [61010/25]

\*929. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Health (assisted human reproduction) (amendment) Bill; the timeline she is working towards in publishing this supplementary legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [61012/25]

\*930. To ask the Minister for Health if she has considered the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health’s Pre-Legislative Scrutiny Report on the health (assisted human reproduction) (amendment) Bill; if she will accept the committee’s recommendations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [61013/25]

\*931. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently examine fair deal client contribution costs for a person (details supplied); to provide a breakdown of the way in which these costs were calculated, as the family cannot afford same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61014/25]

\*932. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of consultant epileptologists who are employed by the HSE and based in Cork University Hospital; if they are full-time or part-time, for each of the years ending the 31 December 2023, the 31 December 2024 and the number working there as of 31 October 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61019/25]

\*933. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing numbers in the national cervical screening laboratory, by discipline and Grade of their employment; the vacancies that exist in each discipline and in each grade, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61020/25]

\*934. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of senior dental surgeons who are employed by the HSE part-time or full-time and who provide for those who have special needs based in HSE CHO4 area for each of the years ending 31 December 2023, 31 December 2024, and 31 October 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61021/25]

\*935. To ask the Minister for Health if persons seeking to enter or reside in the State are currently required to undergo medical screening or testing for infectious diseases or viruses; if not, the reason for this change from previous practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [61028/25]

\*936. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to reintroducing or expanding medical screening for infectious diseases and viruses among persons entering or

residing in the State; if any risk assessments or public health reviews have been undertaken in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [61029/25]

\*937. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the contract between the HSE and a company (details supplied) regarding the provision of imaging scans; if there are caps on the number of public patients that can be taken for scans; if the reason for these caps is due to limited HSE funding or another reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [61037/25]

\*938. To ask the Minister for Health her views on including spinal muscular atrophy in the national newborn screening programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [61040/25]

\*939. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the rise of both childhood and adult obesity, the policies of her Department and Government plans to reduce obesity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [61041/25]

\*940. To ask the Minister for Health in view of another recent failure to provide nursing cover for Tory Island, when commitments will be fulfilled regarding the provision of nursing cover on the island at all times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [61059/25]

\*941. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital admissions for drug-induced psychosis, by drug type, hospital, and year from 2022 to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [61062/25]

\*942. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department would outline the reason that the DESMOND diabetes training held in the Celbridge Health Centre is no longer running, given it provided invaluable information to those in the locality; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [61072/25]

\*943. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the opening of the dementia unit in Heather House in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [61073/25]

\*944. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department is considering adding a test for spinal muscular atrophy to the heel prick test for newborns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [61074/25]

\*945. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the engagement between her Department officials and the HSE regarding implementing a timeframe for the introduction of screening for SMA and SCID; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [61075/25]

\*946. To ask the Minister for Health if she will report on the implementation of a report concerning the upgrading of radiotherapy services provided by the St. Luke’s network and radiotherapy services in general (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [61076/25]

\*947. To ask the Minister for Health the plans she has to increase the number of dementia specific nursing home spaces in the CHO3 area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [61085/25]

\*948. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public beds in nursing homes suitable for people with dementia in years 2020 to 2025, within the CHO3 area, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [61086/25]

\*949. To ask the Minister for Health the steps which are being taken to address the shortfall of nursing home spaces in the CHO3 area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [61087/25]

\*950. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to make permanent the pilot Community Access Support Team in Limerick; if it will be expanded; if additional central funds will be provided in support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [61088/25]

\*951. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for completion of the additional 96-bed unit at University Hospital Limerick; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [61089/25]

\*952. To ask the Minister for Health the plans which are in place to support the health service and hospitals in the Mid-West region during, and in advance of, the Ryder Cup 2027, during which an additional 200,000 people are expected in the Limerick area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [61090/25]

\*953. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assertive outreach or on-street mental health intervention teams provided or funded by the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [61113/25]

\*954. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to expand the CAST (community access support team) pilot model in Budget 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [61114/25]

\*955. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of revenue generated through public parking charges at a hospital (details supplied) in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61127/25]

\*956. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who have availed of HSE stop smoking services from a centre (details supplied) in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61128/25]

\*957. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant neurologists based at Tallaght University Hospital in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [61131/25]

\*958. To ask the Minister for Health If she will report on the capacity of palliative care services within Kildare; the number of WTE staff, by job title currently working within this service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [61132/25]

\*959. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount of Exchequer funding paid to private hospitals in 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025 including all payments made through the National Treatment Purchase Fund, block-funding arrangements, contractual agreements, or any other State-supported schemes; the percentage increase in such funding by year; if Departmental analysis has verified reports that overall payments to private hospitals are now approximately seven times higher than in 2020; the policy rationale for this increase and his Department's

assessment of its impact on waiting lists, value for money, and the capacity of the public hospital system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [61152/25]

\*960. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE costs attributable to international protection applicants, by service that is GP/primary care (including GP visit cards), pharmacy/medicines, public health (screening, vaccination), emergency department, inpatient and outpatient activity, mental-health services, dental, interpreting and any per-applicant or per-episode cost estimates used for internal planning, from 2022 to date in 2025. — Albert Dolan. [61175/25]

\*961. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the retention and emigration of newly qualified doctors and nurses for each graduation year since 2010 to date in 2025; the number who entered HSE employment within one year of qualification; the number who emigrated or were not practising in Ireland within two years; and the data sources used to monitor these figures (e.g., Medical Council, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland, CSO, or Revenue employment records). — Albert Dolan. [61188/25]

\*962. To ask the Minister for Health the total cost of international recruitment of healthcare professionals including agency fees, relocation supports, and induction costs; and to compare this to the estimated annual cost of emigration of domestically trained nurses and doctors in each of the past five years. — Albert Dolan. [61190/25]

\*963. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that a nursing home support payment is approved for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [61200/25]

\*964. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of all spending on external communications and media, by company, including the amount spent and purpose of spend, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [61216/25]

\*965. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to roll out a long acting injection to prevent HIV as was done by NHS England recently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [61225/25]

\*966. To ask the Minister for Health if she accepts medical analysis that the shingles vaccine can reduce the risk of developing dementia in older people; if she plans to add this vaccine to the national adult immunisation programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [61231/25]

\*967. To ask the Minister for Health if she will clarify Ireland’s current position on the key issues of Bolar and Regulatory Data Protection/Market Protection with regard to the European General Pharmaceutical Legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [61235/25]

\*968. To ask the Minister for Health if the Government maintains its support for the proposed 8 years of Regulatory Data Protection; if the Government considers recent geopolitical developments as a relevant factor in Ireland’s approach to the revision of the package at Council level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [61236/25]

\*969. To ask the Minister for Health the whole time equivalent within HSE dental services in both Cavan and Monaghan, by role, vacancy status, including the duration of any vacancy, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [61237/25]

\*970. To ask the Minister for Health when severe combined immunodeficiency and spinal muscular atrophy will be added to the Newborn Bloodspot Screening Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [61250/25]

\*971. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists operating the dental medical card scheme in County Tipperary and nationwide; the level of funding for the dental medical card scheme over the past five years; the options available to dentists where a shortfall exists between the actual cost of providing treatments under the scheme and the reimbursement fee paid by the HSE to the dentist; the reason there has been no increase in the funding under this scheme despite the levels of dental inflation costs; the plans to increase the funding under this scheme to ensure those dentists operating under the scheme are viable; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [61263/25]

\*972. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has ever engaged with the owners of site (details supplied) drawn plans for or considered purchasing the site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [61289/25]

\*973. To ask the Minister for Health the detailed outline of the plans the HSE has for a closed site/facility (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [61290/25]

\*974. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria used to allow indeterminate to be placed on the gender section on a birth notification form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [61301/25]

\*975. To ask the Minister for Health the specific legislative framework that limits the gender option on a birth notification to male, female or indeterminate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [61302/25]

\*976. To ask the Minister for Health the number of lipid profiles ordered through primary care (GP and primary care clinics) in each of the years 2019 to date in 2025, by CHO area and by quarter, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61316/25]

\*977. To ask the Minister for Health the total cost to the health service from 2019 to 2025, by year for laboratory testing for standard lipid profiles ordered from primary care, including the cost per test and any trend in test volumes over that period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61317/25]

\*978. To ask the Minister for Health the number of lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] tests carried out in public hospitals and HSE-funded laboratories from 2019 to 2025, by referral source (primary care versus hospital-based specialist services), by year, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61318/25]

\*979. To ask the Minister for Health if current national guidelines on cardiovascular risk assessment in primary care recommend measurement of lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] for any cohort of patients; the rationale for current practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61319/25]

\*980. To ask the Minister for Health if she has considered introducing a once-in-a-lifetime lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] test as part of routine cardiovascular risk assessment for adults, in line with



emerging European recommendations on heart health and inherited risk; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61320/25]

\*981. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department or the HSE has undertaken any clinical or economic evaluation of the potential benefits and costs of introducing once-in-a-lifetime lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] testing for the general population; the details of any such analysis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61321/25]

\*982. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of adults in the State for whom Lp(a) has been measured at least once; the estimated prevalence of elevated lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] among those tested; the extent to which this information is used to guide more intensive LDL cholesterol lowering or other preventive measures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61322/25]

\*983. To ask the Minister for Health if she will report on any international examples, particularly within the EU, where once-in-a-lifetime lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] testing has been adopted or piloted as part of national cardiovascular prevention strategies; if similar pilots are being considered in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61323/25]

\*984. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that future revision of national cardiovascular prevention guidelines for primary care explicitly considers the role of lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] testing in identifying people at inherited high risk of heart disease and stroke; if she will report on the timeframe for such guideline updates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61324/25]

\*985. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which her Department plans to improve early detection and management of cardiovascular risk in primary care over the next five years, including the role of lipid testing, potential once-in-a-lifetime lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] screening, and targeted follow up for high-risk patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61325/25]

\*986. To ask the Minister for Health if a GP service will operate in the new Adamstown primary care centre; when these services will be operational; how local residents can apply to be patients of the GP service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [61327/25]

\*987. To ask the Minister for Health the number of abortions carried out during 2024 in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, by gestation, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [61331/25]

\*988. To ask the Minister for Health the date by which it is intended that an MRI machine will be operational in Monaghan Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [61337/25]

\*989. To ask the Minister for Health when a baby is born alive through an abortion procedure, according to clinical guidance, the health professionals which should be present in the room and responsible for the care of the baby immediately after birth; if a neonatologist is on call in all such cases where a live birth is a possibility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [61345/25]

\*990. To ask the Minister for Health the number of babies which have been born alive after abortion in Ireland from 2019 to date in 2025, and survived more than four weeks after birth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [61346/25]

\*991. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 334 of 18 September 2025, the number of clients which availed of counselling at HSE funded organisations who provide face to face and virtual counselling sessions, for unplanned pregnancy advice and support; separately the figure which provides post abortion counselling, in tabular form, by year from 2019 to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [61347/25]

\*992. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that presented to the accident and emergency department of CHI Crumlin between the hours of 5pm on 31 October 2025 to 1am on 1 November 2025; of the those that presented to accident and emergency department, the number that were walk-in patients, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [61357/25]

\*993. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant dermatologists based at Tallaght University Hospital in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [61358/25]

\*994. To ask the Minister for Health to intervene and pause the board’s decision to adopt the proposed standards and Criteria for Counsellors and Psychotherapists by the Counsellors and Psychotherapists Registration Board of CORU, pending a full review to ensure that the process is lawful, proportionate, and transparent, and that it aligns with appropriate regulatory oversight; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [61359/25]

\*995. To ask the Minister for Health the plans which are in place to support persons with long-Covid when the long-Covid payment ends in December 2025; if she plans to continue with the payment past December 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [61360/25]

\*996. To ask the Minister for Health the funding available for community groups to install defibrillators in their area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [61361/25]

\*997. To ask the Minister for Health her Department’s plans and timeframe for the introduction of a national lung cancer screening programme using low-dose CT scanning, in line with recommendations before the National Screening Advisory Committee and given the success of the lung health check pilot initiatives in north Dublin and the northeast, which have shown clear benefits in early detection and improved outcomes, but now require clarity on national rollout and next steps; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [61362/25]

\*998. To ask the Minister for Health if training or guidance is available to help managers and workplace wellbeing officers support employees who experience pregnancy loss, with regard to confidentiality, sensitivity, and mental health support. — Ken O’Flynn. [61399/25]

\*999. To ask the Minister for Health the current HSE policy on paid leave for staff who experience miscarriage or pregnancy loss; and if there are plans to ensure consistent and compassionate implementation across all HSE workplaces. — Ken O’Flynn. [61400/25]

\*1000. To ask the Minister for Health if national data is collected on the prevalence and impact of pregnancy loss, particularly in relation to the mental health and employment outcomes of those affected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [61401/25]

\*1001. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite an appointment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [61403/25]

\*1002. To ask the Minister for Health the specific types of blood tests that are covered by a medical card; the tests that are excluded; if her Department has issued guidance to GPs on the correct charging procedures for medical card holders in relation to blood tests; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [61406/25]

\*1003. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of consultant epileptologists employed by the HSE and based in Cork University Hospital; if they are full time or part time for each of the years 2022 to 2024, inclusive; the number working there as of the 31 October 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61407/25]

\*1004. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of senior dental surgeons, employed part time or full time, and who provide for those who have special needs, based in HSE CHO4 area for each of the years 2022 to 2024, inclusive and as of 31 October 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61409/25]

\*1005. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the capital investment planned for Beaumont Hospital’s emergency department compares with other major Dublin hospitals in terms of per-bed or per-patient capital spend; if additional funding is being considered given population growth in the catchment area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61417/25]

\*1006. To ask the Minister for Health if the design and planning stages for Beaumont Hospital’s emergency department planned redevelopment have been completed; if planning permission has been lodged or approved; when tendering for construction is expected to begin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61418/25]

\*1007. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of Beaumont Hospital’s emergency department planned redevelopment; if the project remains a priority item under the HSE Capital Plan; the expected timeline for completion of each phase of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61419/25]

\*1008. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of emergency ambulances available to serve Dublin city and county; the average response times for life-threatening incidents in the Dublin area, in tabular form; the measures being taken to address delays and increase ambulance capacity given recent cases where patients waited up to two hours for an ambulance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61420/25]

\*1009. To ask the Minister for Health the current vacancies by job title within Clare Older Persons Services as of 31 October 2025; the estimated timeframe for filling each of those vacancies, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [61429/25]

\*1010. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE psychologists, by grade, based at Ennis Primary Care Centre in the years 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [61430/25]

\*1011. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently on waiting lists for initial assessments for mental health services in the Roscommon-Galway constituency; the average waiting time for these assessments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [61465/25]

\*1012. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently waiting for follow-up appointments or ongoing treatment in mental health services in Roscommon-Galway; the average duration of these waits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [61466/25]

\*1013. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being implemented to reduce hospital waiting times in the Roscommon-Galway region, particularly at Portiuncula and Roscommon University Hospitals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [61470/25]

\*1014. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has conducted a review of ambulance response times in rural areas of Roscommon and Galway; the actions being taken to improve emergency response efficiency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [61471/25]

\*1015. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in Galway and Roscommon that have missed critical developmental checks in the past 12 months; whether her Department has assessed the long-term impact; the plans in place to ensure timely access to these checks going forward; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [61472/25]

\*1016. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts being made by the HSE to recruit staff for the home support services being delivered in Carlow and Kilkenny; the estimated number of extra staff required to fulfil all of the demands on the service; the number of frontline staff directly employed by the HSE in the service; the number of agency staff employed for each of the past three years; if a certain ratio between HSE and agency staff is required to be maintained; if the home support services will be maintained as a stand alone service into the future; if the hours budgeted for by Government are fully allocated or sufficient to cover requirements to year end; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [61540/25]

\*1017. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the provision of dental services to medical card holders as thousands of medical card holders across the country cannot currently afford to attend a dentist; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [61551/25]

\*1018. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the need to provide additional supports to persons attempting to quit vaping; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [61568/25]

\*1019. To ask the Minister for Health if she will allocate additional funds to the mental health budget. — Ivana Bacik. [61569/25]

\*1020. To ask the Minister for Health if an urgent CT scan will be expedited for a person (details supplied) in St. James's Hospital. — Pat Buckley. [61597/25]

\*1021. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for medication by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61600/25]

\*1022. To ask the Minister for Health if she will roll out the inclusion of a test for spinal muscular atrophy by November 2025, the second anniversary of the announcement that it would be added (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61601/25]

\*1023. To ask the Minister for Health if she will address the issue that a national transfer system does not exist for health and social care professionals only for clerical and management grades; when the need for fair mobility across the system will be available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [61633/25]

\*1024. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive the treatment at Cappagh Hospital; if she will ensure that the necessary treatment is expedited for this patient; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61634/25]

\*1025. To ask the Minister for Health the baseline budget for Local and Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Forces in each year 2023 to 2026; the breakdown of the core LDATF funding; the additional community-based drug services funding allocated via the Drugs Initiative budget; and temporary or non-baseline allocations. — Paul Murphy. [61646/25]

\*1026. To ask the Minister for Health if the €1.7 million additional community-based funding allocated in Budget 2025 has been incorporated into the 2026 baseline for Local Drugs and Alcohol Task Forces; and if not, the reason. — Paul Murphy. [61647/25]

\*1027. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which Budget 2026 achieves ‘no reduction’ in Local Drugs and Alcohol Task Force funding when the overall allocation for the drugs initiative has fallen from €11.6 million to €8.7 million. — Paul Murphy. [61648/25]

\*1028. To ask the Minister for Health the funding per capita for Local Drugs and Alcohol Task Forces operating in high-risk areas including Finglas-Cabra, Ballymun, the Canal Communities, Tallaght and the North Inner City; and to compare this with 2008 levels. — Paul Murphy. [61649/25]

\*1029. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Budget 2026 contains no emerging needs allocation for Local Drugs and Alcohol Task Forces, despite clear evidence of new patterns of drug use for example, crack cocaine and increased demand for harm reduction services. — Paul Murphy. [61650/25]

\*1030. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which her Department reconciles its claim of ‘no reduction in allocations’ to Local Drugs and Alcohol Taskforces with the 25% variation between Budget 2025 and Budget 2026 reported publicly. — Paul Murphy. [61651/25]

\*1031. To ask the Minister for Health the level of foresight or future planning that operates within her Department; who is responsible for long-term planning; the input these individuals or teams have into Departmental policy and practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [61664/25]

\*1032. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to maintain special leave with pay for healthcare workers injured on the frontline during the pandemic; if not, if she still plans to end

this arrangement at the end of 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [61672/25]

\*1033. To ask the Minister for Health if an application for continuous glucose monitoring technology submitted to the primary care reimbursement service by the patients diabetes nurse specialist (details supplied) St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny, will be reviewed and approved as a matter of urgency. — John McGuinness. [61678/25]

\*1034. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on an urgent appointment for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [61690/25]

\*1035. To ask the Minister for Health for an update in regard to a person awaiting an operation (detail supplied). — John McGuinness. [61696/25]

\*1036. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the changes that have been made to the podiatry services in County Galway; if patients are now experiencing longer wait times between appointments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [61701/25]

\*1037. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the current eligibility criteria for access to continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) devices for people living with diabetes; the number of people currently waiting for a CGM device, disaggregated by age group and CHO area; the average wait time for device approval; and whether he will commit to ensuring equitable access to CGM devices for all diabetes patients who require them, including people with Type 2 diabetes, in line with best practice in other EU member states. — Erin McGreehan. [61704/25]

\*1038. To ask the Minister for Health the reason people with Type 1 diabetes, who are clinically entitled under national guidelines to access continuous glucose monitoring devices, continue to face prolonged waiting periods; the steps currently being taken to address these delays; and the date by which she expects waiting times to be brought within acceptable clinical standards. — Erin McGreehan. [61705/25]

\*1039. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Department or the HSE has commissioned or plans to commission a health technology assessment for the use of continuous glucose monitoring devices for people living with Type 2 diabetes; if not, the rationale for the delay; and if so, to provide a timeline for commencement, completion, and implementation of findings. — Erin McGreehan. [61706/25]

\*1040. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm whether multiannual ring-fenced funding for diabetes care will be introduced in Budget 2026 to support the expansion of diabetes specialist teams in both acute and primary care settings, including clinical nurse specialists, dietitians, and diabetes educators; and to provide details of any planned workforce modelling. — Erin McGreehan. [61707/25]

\*1041. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the development and publication of Ireland's national diabetes strategy; the timeline for publication; the consultation process undertaken with patient groups and clinicians; and the performance indicators which will be included to ensure accountability and measurable improvement in outcomes. — Erin McGreehan. [61708/25]



\*1042. To ask the Minister for Health to publish the total expenditure on diabetes care and diabetes-related complications in 2023 and 2024; to confirm the basis for cost calculations; and whether annual reporting on diabetes expenditure will be introduced to ensure transparency in planning and resource allocation. — Erin McGreehan. [61709/25]

\*1043. To ask the Minister for Health the way the Health Information Bill 2024 will support the development of a national diabetes register; the expected implementation timeline; and how the register will support prevention, service planning, and early intervention for patients at risk of complications. — Erin McGreehan. [61710/25]

\*1044. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to support the adoption of digital and connected health technologies in diabetes management, including real-time data-sharing platforms; and the way in which equitable access will be ensured for rural and lower-income patients. — Erin McGreehan. [61711/25]

\*1045. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 333 of 15 October and 173 of 22 October 2025, the number and location of sites sought in the original questions. — Peadar Tóibín. [61718/25]

\*1046. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of patients on community waiting lists by service in Counties Cavan and Monaghan, in tabular form; and the number waiting 0-6, 6-12, 12-18, and 18+ months. — Matt Carthy. [61721/25]

\*1047. To ask the Minister for Health if Mayo University Hospital was scheduled to receive new dialysis machines in the past year; if so, the reason for the delay in their allocation; and when the unit can expect delivery of updated equipment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [61741/25]

\*1048. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that Mayo University Hospital's dialysis unit has not received any new dialysis machines in recent years, despite over 13 years of continuous service and increasing patient numbers; the steps being taken to ensure the unit is adequately equipped to meet current demand and infection control standards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [61742/25]

\*1049. To ask the Minister for Health the current waitlist time for overnight respite at a facility (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [61761/25]

\*1050. To ask the Minister for Health the most up-to-date position on all supplier-related financial liabilities for the HSE, including outstanding bills, trade creditors and accruals; and to provide a clear and comprehensive breakdown and methodology (details supplied). — Albert Dolan. [61763/25]

\*1051. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application to fund a laptop for a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61764/25]

\*1052. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite a fair deal application in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61768/25]

\*1053. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No.1626 of 4 November 2025, the reason for the delay in her receiving the report from the National Hearing

Care Plan Working Group which was supposed to have been with her in Q2 2025, and that now is expected in Q1 2026. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [61770/25]

\*1054. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she has taken to ensure that the delay in the publication of the National Hearing Care Plan Working Group and the subsequent implementation of its recommendations and the current delay in treatments is not further exacerbating the hearing issues of thousands of people. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [61771/25]

\*1055. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list for audiology services, by age cohorts, hearing assessments and procedures, and length of time on the list; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [61772/25]

\*1056. To ask the Minister for Health if she will direct that any future regulatory measures proposed by CORU or its registration boards are subject to full proportionality assessment, public consultation, and Ministerial oversight prior to adoption, in accordance with the proportionality regulations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61779/25]

\*1057. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that the implementation of new professional standards for counsellors and psychotherapists under CORU is aligned with the national workforce planning objectives for mental health services to avoid unintended reductions in service availability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61780/25]

\*1058. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to undertake an assessment of the potential workforce and service-access implications arising from the new standards and criteria for counsellors and psychotherapists, particularly regarding training requirements and practice scope; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61781/25]

\*1059. To ask the Minister for Health if she will confirm whether a proportionality assessment was undertaken by her Department or by CORU prior to the adoption of the new standards of proficiency and criteria for education and training programmes for counsellors and psychotherapists published on 11 July 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61782/25]

\*1060. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2576 of 8 September 2025, the status of the external expert review group established to review children who may have undergone unnecessary hip surgeries; if it has been delayed; if recruitment of the international experts has been completed; if the group has convened; if individual case reviews will still commence no later than January 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [61783/25]

\*1061. To ask the Minister for Health the amount raised from car parking charges at University Hospital Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61795/25]

\*1062. To ask the Minister for Health the measures her Department already have in place, and the additional measures planned, to ensure adequate physical and mental health supports for members of the National Ambulance Service, in recognition of the toll that their vital work can take on members (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [61796/25]

\*1063. To ask the Minister for Health the current protocols in place for cases where a patient presents at accident and emergency and reports suspected drink-spiking; the reason hospitals do not carry out toxicology testing in these cases, even when requested by patients and families; the measures in place to ensure timely Garda statements and preservation of evidence where a victim is incapacitated; if he will commit to establishing a clear national pathway across hospitals and Garda stations to ensure suspected spiking incidents are treated as crimes, investigated promptly, and supported by appropriate clinical and policing protocols; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61801/25]

\*1064. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE physiotherapists by grade based in primary care system within Donegal in the years of 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; the average waiting time for a first appointment with a physiotherapist within primary care service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [61808/25]

\*1065. To ask the Minister for Health the locations within CHO1 where HSE podiatry services are located; the number of WTE staff, by job title working in each of the HSE podiatry clinics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [61809/25]

\*1066. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently on orthopaedic outpatient and inpatient waiting lists in all hospitals in Cork; the average and longest waiting times; the steps being taken to reduce these lists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [61822/25]

\*1067. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a breakdown of orthopaedic waiting lists in Cork by procedure type (hip, knee, spinal, etc.); and her views on the measures to address long delays in elective surgery. — John Paul O'Shea. [61823/25]

\*1068. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Cork continues to have some of the longest orthopaedic waiting times in the State despite repeated commitments to reduce waiting lists; if she will outline a timeline for improvement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [61824/25]

\*1069. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant orthopaedic surgeons employed across Cork hospitals; the number of unfilled posts; when these vacancies will be filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [61825/25]

\*1070. To ask the Minister for Health if operating theatre capacity for orthopaedic surgery in Cork hospitals is currently being fully utilised; if not, the reasons why; whether staff shortages or bed pressures are contributing to under-use; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [61826/25]

\*1071. To ask the Minister for Health the number of orthopaedic procedures cancelled in Cork hospitals in 2024 and to date in 2025; the reasons for these cancellations; the measures being taken to prevent a recurrence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [61827/25]

\*1072. To ask the Minister for Health if she is satisfied that the orthopaedic departments in Cork hospitals have sufficient theatre and nursing staff to meet patient demand; the additional supports that will be provided in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [61828/25]

\*1073. To ask the Minister for Health the current level of funding allocated to the specialist clinic for survivors of female genital mutilation operated by the Irish family planning association; and the way in which this compares to the funding provided in each of the past five years. — Sorca Clarke. [61846/25]

\*1074. To ask the Minister for Health if she has plans to expand regional specialist female genital mutilation services beyond a single national clinic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [61847/25]

\*1075. To ask the Minister for Health given reports that the country's only specialist service for survivors of female genital mutilation is currently experiencing a waiting time of around 12 months or more, owing to a 330% uplift in demand, the immediate steps her Department is taking to reduce those waiting times and ensure timely access to care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [61848/25]

\*1076. To ask the Minister for Health the latest national estimate of the number of women and girls living with female genital mutilation related health needs in Ireland, in view of the fact that the last published estimate (2018) was circa 5,000 and that no national follow-up survey has been undertaken in recent years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [61849/25]

\*1077. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she will take to ensure that the health service is sufficiently resourced and that cross-departmental collaboration addresses both care and accountability in relation to female genital mutilation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [61850/25]

\*1078. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to train healthcare professionals in recognising and responding to female genital mutilation and its complications, including culturally appropriate support services for survivors and those at risk. — Sorca Clarke. [61851/25]

\*1079. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the planned new Dungloe primary care centre; the timeframe for when the Centre will be operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [61854/25]

\*1080. To ask the Minister for Health the amount raised from car parking charges at St Lukes Hospital in Kilkenny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [61855/25]

\*1081. To ask the Minister for Health the amount raised from car parking charges at University Hospital Waterford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [61856/25]

\*1082. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital appointments cancelled in Cavan and Monaghan hospitals in the years 2020 to date, by year, by hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61860/25]

\*1083. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the new ambulance and training facility base for Sligo, the stage the appraisal is at; when a design and planning application will be forthcoming; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [61867/25]

\*1084. To ask the Minister for Health if a procedure (details supplied) comes under the remit of the HSE in public hospitals here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [61875/25]

\*1085. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists and dental staff employed in the free HSE dental services providing emergency care for children under 16 years of age; the number working in the school dental programme from 2008 to present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [61879/25]

\*1086. To ask the Minister for Health the number of school visits undertaken under the school dental programme annually, by area, by year, from 2008 to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [61880/25]

\*1087. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on waiting lists for cataract surgery at University Hospital Waterford, by time band, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [61911/25]

\*1088. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on waiting lists for hernia surgery at University Hospital Waterford, by timeframe, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [61912/25]

\*1089. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in receipt of pain management as they wait for procedures at University Hospital Waterford, by the specialty on procedural waiting lists, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [61913/25]

\*1090. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on an application for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61935/25]

\*1091. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in receipt of the mobility allowance in the years 2020 to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [61936/25]

\*1092. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in receipt of the mobility allowance which had their allowance either reduced or suspended because of no longer meeting the means test for this scheme between 2020 to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [61939/25]

\*1093. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on current staffing levels at a hospital (details supplied), including whole-time equivalent posts by staff category and department; if she will confirm whether a full review of workforce capacity and resourcing needs has been undertaken, given the ongoing reports of overstretched staff and increased service demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61940/25]

\*1094. To ask the Minister for Health the number of healthcare workers diagnosed with long covid who have been deemed unfit to return to work; the current arrangements in place to support them once the temporary Covid-19 illness scheme ends in December 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61941/25]

\*1095. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider recognising long covid as an occupational illness for healthcare and social care workers, in line with practice across several EU member states; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61942/25]

\*1096. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement her Department has had with trade unions and healthcare staff representatives regarding the planned cessation of the temporary Covid-19 illness scheme in December 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61943/25]

\*1097. To ask the Minister for Health the number of appeals or reviews sought by healthcare workers under the temporary Covid-19 illness scheme since its introduction; the proportion of these that were granted, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61944/25]

\*1098. To ask the Minister for Health if she has considered the serious concerns raised by healthcare workers affected by long covid regarding the planned ending of the current illness scheme; the steps she will take to ensure these frontline staff are not left without adequate financial or occupational support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61945/25]

\*1099. To ask the Minister for Health the projected timeline for the disposal of property (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [61951/25]

\*1100. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied) in University Hospital Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [61958/25]

\*1101. To ask the Minister for Health if the blood test department in St Vincent's Hospital is going to close; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [61969/25]

\*1102. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has considered the recent €10 increase in pension rates when determining the income threshold for qualifying for a medical card; if the threshold will be adjusted accordingly to reflect this increase; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [61976/25]

\*1103. To ask the Minister for Health whether there are domestic violence officers in hospital emergency departments in most hospitals nationwide. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [62036/25]

\*1104. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the schedule of weeks when a service will be available in Portlaoise in 2025 and 2026 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [62080/25]

\*1105. To ask the Minister for Health if there were residential mental health facilities on the St Mary's Campus; and if these have closed. — Thomas Gould. [62086/25]

\*1106. To ask the Minister for Health the action she will take to allocate more resources to meet the essential needs of a person (details supplied), with an emphasis on more respite to enable sustainable homebased care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62100/25]

\*1107. To ask the Minister for Health the engagements she has had with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Ireland (FASD) regarding their work in supporting children, young adults and families living with FASD; the future plans she has for supporting FASD Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [62102/25]



\*1108. To ask the Minister for Health the engagements the Minister of State at the Department of Health with responsibility for Mental Health and Older People has had with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Ireland (FASD) regarding their work in supporting children, young adults and families living with FASD; the future plan for supporting FASD Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [62103/25]

\*1109. To ask the Minister for Health the engagements the Minister of State at the Department of Health with responsibility for Disability has had with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Ireland (FASD) regarding their work in supporting children, young adults and families living with FASD; the future plan for supporting FASD Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [62104/25]

\*1110. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of defamation cases, where litigation has been paid by the HSE, taken against family members of persons with disabilities where the person is a ward of court, over the past ten years; the breakdown of the category of litigation, to include injunctions, defamation proceedings and any other relevant details; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [62113/25]

\*1111. To ask the Minister for Health the number of individuals in receipt of respite services in Cavan and Monaghan in the years 2020 to date; the waiting list to access such services, by year and by respite service, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [62120/25]

\*1112. To ask the Minister for Health the options available to a person (detail supplied) to have an assessment to get correct medication. — Ann Graves. [62123/25]

\*1113. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that a person (details supplied) is moved to a location as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ann Graves. [62124/25]

\*1114. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a multi-disciplinary team to carry out bariatric surgery at Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown, is not currently in place as planned; when such a team will be in place as per previous plans; when the necessary posts will be filled; the number of patients which were due to receive care directly on the surgical waiting list when it was initially anticipated that this team would be in place; the number of patients from general surgery, endocrine and other ‘feeder’ clinics which are awaiting admission to this surgical list as priority patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [62145/25]

\*1115. To ask the Minister for Health if she has examined the recent findings reported by a newspaper (details supplied) that identified 35 private health insurance plans as offering poor value for money; if she will provide details of any reviews, investigations, or enforcement actions undertaken by the Health Insurance Authority arising from those findings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [62189/25]

\*1116. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken by the Health Insurance Authority to ensure that consumers are fully informed of the comparative value of health insurance plans before renewal; the way in which the authority monitors and reports on products identified as poor value; and her plans to strengthen consumer information requirements in view of a newspaper (details supplied) report highlighting 35 plans that offer substandard value. — Ken O’Flynn. [62190/25]

\*1117. To ask the Minister for Health if she is satisfied that the current regulatory framework governing private health insurance provides sufficient protection for consumers against low-value or duplicative plans; if she has sought advice from the Health Insurance Authority regarding the need for legislative amendments to improve price transparency and plan comparability; and the intended reforms or consultations in this regard. — Ken O'Flynn. [62191/25]

\*1118. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the much-needed new ambulance and training facility base for Sligo; the stage the appraisal is at; when a design and planning application will be forthcoming; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [62217/25]

\*1119. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Children's Health Ireland has not yet published its 2024 annual report; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that, according to the last annual report, it was sitting on €42 million and is currently marked as red by the Charities Regulator for having not filed its report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [62228/25]

\*1120. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the provision of special needs dental services in Nenagh; if she is aware that the post of special needs dentist has been vacant for over a year, with no replacement appointed despite advertisements; the number of children, including those with autism, currently waiting for dental treatment under sedation or anaesthetic in the Nenagh area; the contingency plans which are in place to ensure access to appropriate dental care for these children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [62229/25]

\*1121. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on CAMHS waiting lists in Kildare, by area and by length of time, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [62239/25]

\*1122. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE paediatric speech and language therapist posts that were filled within the primary care system within the former CHO7 areas in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025 in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [62244/25]

\*1123. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE paediatric psychologist posts that were filled within the primary care system within the former CHO7 areas in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025 in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [62245/25]

\*1124. To ask the Minister for Health when the new community hospital will be opened in Killarney; when patients will be transferred; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62266/25]

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

\*1125. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number and value of contracts that underwent post-award variations; the net value change as a percentage of original awards, by CPV/category; and the three most common drivers of variation identified, for 2022–2024. — Albert Dolan. [60943/25]

\*1126. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide any available data on the proportion of graduates in each of the years 2000 to 2025 who emigrated within five years of graduation; and whether such data is gathered by the CSO Graduate Outcomes Survey or Revenue-HEA linkage. — Albert Dolan. [60957/25]

\*1127. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of WTE qualified accountants working within her Department in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [60969/25]

\*1128. 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 this person's SUSI application will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [60994/25]

\*1129. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider making provision for the establishment of a third level course for early years education through the medium of Irish in a Gaeltacht service town to ensure an adequate supply of professionals in the naíonra sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [61115/25]

\*1130. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated average cost to the State of training a medical student and a nursing student to graduation; and to itemise these costs by component, undergraduate education, clinical placement funding, intern training, postgraduate specialist training, and any State subsidy to hospital training sites, in each of the past ten years. — Albert Dolan. [61186/25]

\*1131. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total annual public expenditure on training medical, nursing, and midwifery students in Ireland, including grants to higher education institutions and payments to the HSE for clinical placements, for each year since 2010 to date in 2025. — Albert Dolan. [61187/25]

\*1132. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated average public cost of training a primary teacher and a post-primary teacher to full qualification, including teacher education programme funding, teaching practice costs, and capitation grants to colleges of education, for each year since 2000 to date in 2025. — Albert Dolan. [61191/25]

\*1133. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for a breakdown of all spending on external communications and media, by company, including the amount spent and purpose of spend, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [61215/25]

\*1134. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the documentation which is accepted by SUSI for persons who are 'hidden homeless' that is couch surfing in other people's houses (details supplied) and unable to provide proof of address through a utility bill/lease; if exceptions will be made in these instances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [61267/25]

\*1135. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will review the current SUSI grant assessment criteria, given that some parents are being penalised where a dependent child previously worked full-time but is now returning to full-

time education, resulting in the loss of that income; if he will consider allowing this change in circumstances to be reflected in the means assessment so that families are not unfairly excluded from grant support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [61272/25]

\*1136. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if any universities in Ireland have or currently receive funding from China and/or have been persuaded not to study certain subjects or topics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [61291/25]

\*1137. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the south campus Tralee, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [61332/25]

\*1138. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprenticeships registered in Dublin northwest from 2022 to date in 2025, by LEA, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [61350/25]

\*1139. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students which are enrolled in Dublin City University for the 2025-2026 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [61439/25]

\*1140. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students which are enrolled in University of Galway for the 2025-2026 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [61440/25]

\*1141. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of first year students enrolled in Trinity College Dublin for the 2025-2026 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [61441/25]

\*1142. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 2090 of 4 November 2025, the timeline for the establishment of the sectoral working group mentioned; the way in which he plans to measure demand for Irish tertiary education; and if he intends to formulate a rights-based strategic policy on Irish at third level following the programme of work undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [61598/25]

\*1143. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the level of foresight or future planning that operates within his Department; who is responsible for long-term planning; the input these individuals or teams have into Departmental policy and practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [61663/25]

\*1144. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the form of support his Department is giving to the Higher Education Authority who stated that the Technical University Dublin is in a deteriorating financial position (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [61728/25]

\*1145. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the HEA financial recovery plan for TU Dublin from July 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [61729/25]

\*1146. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for a detailed and up-to-date report on TU Dublin regarding the provision of a monthly cash flow statement to the HEA; to outline what the agreed deliverables are up to December 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [61730/25]

\*1147. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans his Department has to address TU Dublin deficits, which are reported to be because of a decrease in student numbers because of associated tuition fee income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [61731/25]

\*1148. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department will provide information about TU Dublin and payments in 2024 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [61732/25]

\*1149. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department will provide detailed information about TU Dublin's payroll matters identified in HEA recovery plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [61733/25]

\*1150. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has investigated the reason TU Dublin's legal spend increased in 2024 more than threefold from €204,228 to €658,821; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [61734/25]

\*1151. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider the introduction of a national trade licensing system for construction workers and contractors, similar to the model used in Australia, to enhance accountability, safety, and quality assurance across the building industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61777/25]

\*1152. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider the establishment of a dedicated construction training board to address skills shortages and promote continuous professional development across the construction sector with a view to improving quality, safety, and workforce standards in line with national housing and infrastructure targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [61778/25]

\*1153. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students in receipt of SUSI grants; the percentage each group represents of the overall student body, by threshold group (partial fees, full fees, fees plus maintenance); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [61834/25]

\*1154. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware that the Commission for Regulation of Utilities excluded electric instrumentation tradespeople from registering with Safe Electric, both as a registered electrical contractor and attaining a qualified certifier number; the reasons for this decision and the timeline involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [61946/25]

\*1155. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware that by denying electric instrumentation tradespeople from being able to register with Safe Electric, these tradespeople are prevented from starting their own electrical business



(domestic, commercial or industrial) and by being denied a QC number, they cannot sign off on any electrical installation (domestic, commercial or industrial); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [61947/25]

\*1156. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views that by denying electric instrumentation tradespeople from being able to register with Safe Electric, barriers are being placed in the way of electric instrumentation tradespeople currently living abroad who wish to return to Ireland to live and work under the build back home campaign; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [61948/25]

\*1157. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the concrete action his Department will take to ensure that electric instrumentation tradespeople are able to register with Safe Electric; his views this is a necessary pressing step that needs to be taken urgently, particularly as regards to tradespeople returning to Ireland under the build back home campaign; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [61949/25]

\*1158. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department is aware that a recent Speak Out report states only one in eight third-level students who anonymously disclosed experiences of bullying, assault or sexual violence over a two-year period felt comfortable making a formal report to their higher education institution; the steps he will urgently take on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [62097/25]

\*1159. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department plans to expand the criteria for the SUSI grant to include persons who have become estranged from their family, and therefore cannot be supported by their family's income, and do not have the paperwork to prove this estrangement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [62098/25]

\*1160. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider extending the scope for the free fees initiative, which caps undergraduate fees at €3000, or €2500 as of the Budget 2026, to include undergraduate courses in higher education institutions that are currently excluded from the fee cap arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [62125/25]

\*1161. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total amount of student assistance fund, funding his Department has provided to universities (details supplied) for the academic years 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [62200/25]

\*1162. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when discussions regarding the alignment of the Youthreach calendar year with the second level calendar year will be concluded; when an announcement will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin Boxer Moran. [62221/25]

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

\*1163. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number and value of contracts that underwent post-award variations; the net value change as a



percentage of original awards, by CPV/category; and the three most common drivers of variation identified, for 2022–2024. — Albert Dolan. [60948/25]

\*1164. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for a breakdown of all spending on external communications and media, by company, including the amount spent and purpose of spend, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [61220/25]

\*1165. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will specifically ringfence funding that will enable the construction and delivery of a library in the Mahon, Blackrock, area which has been without a library space for over 30 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [61261/25]

\*1166. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when allocations under the 2025 town and village renewal scheme will be announced; if he will consider funding to a community (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [61421/25]

\*1167. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the projects that were funded under the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme within County Clare in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [61438/25]

\*1168. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the level of foresight or future planning that operates within his Department; who is responsible for long-term planning; the input these individuals or teams have into Departmental policy and practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [61668/25]

\*1169. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the funding provided for the afterhours library service in each of the past five years; if the system is operated centrally; and if he is aware of issues with the system. — Thomas Gould. [61702/25]

\*1170. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when the community services programme will reopen for applications; if his Department will accept expressions of interest at this time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [62093/25]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL  
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 2025**

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

*I.* To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the means by which the transition of the new AI Office to a fully independent statutory body will be managed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [62287/25]

2. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department and Enterprise Ireland plan to introduce a growth equity fund to help scale and co-invest in large privately owned Irish companies, with a view to expansion in other jurisdictions; if his Department has researched similar programmes which are operational in other European countries, such as Denmark, Finland and Germany; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [62264/25]

3. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to review the work visa arrangements for individuals in high demand roles, such as in the STEM area, in particular, the rule that an employer must employ at least 50 percent of non-national workers from the EEA.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [62148/25]

4. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will report on his proposals to cultivate cross-Border tourism. — Cathy Bennett. [62277/25]

5. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding supports for any SME that will not benefit from the planned VAT reduction in July 2026, if targeted supports for small businesses that are facing increasing costs will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [59971/25]

6. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department and Enterprise Ireland are reviewing current policies with a view to expanding opportunities in areas outside of the Dublin region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [62265/25]

7. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures being taken by his Department to support the retail sector; the initiatives in place to assist small and independent retailers facing cost pressures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [61547/25]

8. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his Department's timeline for identification and servicing of the large-scale regional "Next Generation Sites" for future FDI and enterprise; in which counties these will be located; the means by which local enterprise offices and regional agencies will be involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62203/25]

9. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the supports in place for small companies and businesses to enhance their understanding of profit and loss and cash flow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [62194/25]

10. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will amend the National Minimum Wage Act 2000 to include apprentices in its remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55506/25]

11. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will report on the work of Microfinance Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [62046/25]

12. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when he will publish a new national tourism policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [62076/25]

13. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the actions he has taken to support the employees, couriers and route owners of a company (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [62050/25]

14. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has collaborated with the Department of Children, Disability and Equality to align childcare policy with labour market needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [62169/25]

15. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the additional new actions his Department are taking to stop the decline in overall visitor numbers and tourism spending in Ireland in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [62268/25]

16. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will report on the work of the new small business unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [62079/25]

17. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when he will publish legislation on short term letting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62045/25]

18. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will report on the specific engagement his Department has had in County Louth with local SMEs, the Local Enterprise Office Louth, and other regional stakeholders, to identify gaps in enterprise supports; if he will set out any planned additional targeted supports for SMEs in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [61998/25]

19. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the seasonal supports available to small businesses in the food, catering, and hairdressing sectors during the 2025 Christmas period, in advance of the VAT reduction scheduled for July 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [62146/25]

20. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if there are efforts underway in his Department to streamline the process of work permits and visas for non-EEA nationals into a single integrated process so that a work permit will not expire before a visa is granted; if his Department has had any engagement with the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61765/25]

21. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has had any engagement with the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science regarding the changes to the national training fund, and how it may affect businesses. — Maeve O'Connell. [61623/25]

22. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his Department's efforts to promote tourism in east County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [61449/25]

23. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment how Budget 2026 will support the SME sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [62048/25]

24. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to invest in tourism marketing and tourism product development, including investment in regenerative tourism projects in the midlands with the help of the EU just transition fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [62077/25]

25. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for the artificial intelligence adoption accelerator available through Enterprise Ireland digital discovery grant to be expanded from the current specific criteria (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [62012/25]

26. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide an update on supports for remote working and remote working hubs in Donegal as a measure to address regional imbalance; whether additional supports will be allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [62293/25]

27. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his views on the lack of access to hotels for those with mobility issues; and specifically the availability of hoists. — Paul Donnelly. [58315/25]

28. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the means by which his Department intends to support Athlone's continued growth as a key regional centre of innovation and employment; and whether consideration is being given to enabling or streamlining the use of compulsory purchase orders by local authorities where necessary to facilitate strategic urban development in pursuit of future city status. — Martin Daly. [62291/25]

29. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether he would engage with Enterprise Ireland and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to develop guidance for meanwhile use of derelict and vacant buildings for start-ups and small businesses. — Thomas Gould. [62051/25]

30. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has undertaken any recent analysis of the challenges and future prospects for the retail sector in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [61548/25]

31. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if there will be a new Southeast Regional Enterprise Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [62042/25]

32. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to enhance the business regulatory environment by removing unnecessary regulatory or administrative burdens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [62078/25]

33. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment while welcoming both the VAT 9% rate and the auto enrolment scheme, the supports his Department has in place for businesses that are not in a position to benefit from the reduction to VAT 9%, and have increased costs under the new auto enrolment scheme and increased minimum wage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [62254/25]

34. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the means by which IDA Ireland determines site visit locations; and to provide the factors that may have contributed to the decline in visits to County Kildare since 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [62147/25]

35. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he intends to amend and extend certain rights and protections of retired persons and certain representative associations in relation to industrial relations and trade disputes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [62214/25]

36. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures introduced to assist SMEs on opportunities presented by artificial intelligence for business growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [62011/25]

37. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he is aware of the growing number of retail outlets establishing themselves across the country which are selling products without adhering to the required regulatory guidelines; if his Department has carried out any review or assessment of compliance levels within such outlets; the enforcement measures currently in place to ensure that products offered for sale meet safety, consumer protection and public health standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [60925/25]

38. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps he will take to protect the estimated 30 percent of Irish workers whose jobs could be replaced by AI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [62273/25]

39. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department will consider legislating for workers' wages to be protected in situations where they are unable to access their workplace due to severe weather events, as happened during storm Éowyn; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [62289/25]

40. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps he is taking to implement the Competitiveness and Productivity Action Plan goal of improved and more targeted funding for the adoption of AI and digital tools under the enterprise pillar of the new National Digital and AI Strategy; the metrics his Department will use to measure the success of these policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [61891/25]

41. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on efforts by his Department to encourage greater collective bargaining coverage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [62174/25]

42. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will report on plans to promote and develop marine and coastal tourism in Dublin Bay north, including initiatives to support local tour operators and local businesses that rely on seasonal visitor traffic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [62163/25]

43. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when he anticipates scoping research will conclude and a pilot regarding taking collective bargaining into account for public procurement will begin, as laid out in the Action Plan on Collective Bargaining; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [62290/25]

44. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when a new Southwest Regional Enterprise Plan will be brought forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [62274/25]

45. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether ending the voluntary system of industrial relations was considered for inclusion in the Action Plan on Collective Bargaining; the reasons for not including it as a measure or goal of the plan, given that it is frequently cited as a key barrier to greater collective bargaining coverage and better workplace relations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [62286/25]

46. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will report on his Department's new Statement of Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [62275/25]

47. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an overview of the microenterprise loan fund scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [62075/25]

48. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding Ireland's competitiveness relative to other EU countries; his views on whether our competitiveness is sufficient in that context; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62020/25]

49. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will commit to expanding Microfinance Ireland lending limits to reflect current cost structures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [62016/25]

50. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the State's efforts to develop industrial enterprise on the former Defence Forces firing range lands at Oranmore, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [62173/25]

51. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the supports available to SMEs in view of the increase of cost of business, especially regarding the minimum wage and auto enrolment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [61997/25]

52. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the progress being made in examining the role of the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission in protecting and enhancing consumer protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise O Muiri. [62153/25]

53. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the interaction his Department has had with other Government Departments about plans to increase the level of supports available to entrepreneurs with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [62175/25]

54. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on IDA activity in Kilkenny and Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [62043/25]



55. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the supports his Department are providing to companies impacted by the receivership announcement of a company (details supplied) to prevent further closures and job losses; the steps his Department is taking to ensure the packages held by the company are delivered to their owners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [62267/25]

56. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the powers he plans to grant to the new National AI Office; the way in which he plans to structure engagement between the office and industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [61890/25]

57. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the plans for development of the vacant IDA site in Fermoy, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [62241/25]

58. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to the recent consultation on the review of employment permits occupation lists, when the results of the review will be published; the number of critical skills employment permits approved to date in 2025; the breakdown of the categories, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61766/25]

59. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his views on figures published by the Central Statistics Office indicating that the number of tourists coming to Ireland is down seven and a half percent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [62276/25]

60. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his views on the recent closure of a factory (details supplied); the engagement his Department and the IDA have had with the company prior to the announcement; the supports being put in place for the workers affected; the steps being taken to secure alternative employment or investment for the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62202/25]

61. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if there will be an overall net gain or net loss of jobs in this country as a result of AI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [62272/25]

62. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the strategies in place to reduce bullying in the workplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [62193/25]

63. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the actions his Department is taking to encourage remote, flexible and hybrid working arrangements to support businesses and employees in adopting remote and retaining remote working patterns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [62288/25]

64. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has had any engagement with businesses or business representative groups regarding the changes to the National Training Fund. — Maeve O'Connell. [61622/25]

65. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures his Department is taking to support small and medium-sized enterprises facing rising energy and

business costs, particularly in the hospitality and tourism sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [62164/25]

66. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the total amount of money spent on promoting County Louth as a tourist destination to date in 2025; the nature and extent of this promotion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [62176/25]

67. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current annual cost of the disability allowance and invalidity pensions schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [62284/25]

68. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason so many applications for the domiciliary care allowance are rejected; the plans in place to deal with this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [62262/25]

69. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that will gain from the changes in the means allowance for the carer's allowance announced in Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [62283/25]

70. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to advise on the efforts underway in his Department to decrease social welfare appeal waiting times; the average time it takes an appeal to be decided on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61989/25]

71. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the employees of a company that has entered receivership (details supplied) can apply for new employment, job seeker's allowance, supplementary welfare allowance, or any other social welfare payment during the lengthy receivership period without this action having a negative impact on their redundancy entitlement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [62270/25]

72. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the guidance and information he is providing to employers in relation to my future fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [62073/25]

73. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the mechanism for any primary school participating in the hot school meal programme that have concerns related to the nutritional value of meals provided, plastic waste or any other issue; the way in which this can be rectified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [59973/25]

74. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an overview of the Budget 2026 measures to tackle child poverty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [62062/25]

75. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the deadline for employers to register on the my future fund portal, which will be open for registrations from 1 December 2025; if assistance will be available to employers and the SME sector on the registration process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [62013/25]

76. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason pre 1992 former employees of a company (details supplied) who were made redundant and not offered options with regards to their pension entitlements in the 1990s are not entitled to compensation for same, in accordance

with EU Directive 2008/94/EC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [62259/25]

77. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will outline his targets regarding the eradication of child poverty; his efforts to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [62281/25]

78. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the work being done to address the anomalies that have arisen with the wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [62180/25]

79. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide the conclusion of the Data Protection Commission's investigation into the public services card using facial-matching technology as a means for his Department's processing of biometric/identity data; the provisions that will be made to bring the scheme into full compliance with GDPR; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [61984/25]

80. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will introduce a cost of disability lump sum payment in the run up to Christmas, to reduce the impact of the increased cost of living on disabled people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [62271/25]

81. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount of expenditure to date on the creation and operation of the public services card; the amount expended in relation to regulatory and legal challenges regarding the card; if he accepts that the card records biometric data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [62280/25]

82. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has reviewed the possibility of lowering employers' PRSI in light of the forthcoming auto-enrolment scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [50818/25]

83. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the implementation of the Programme for Government commitments for older people that fall under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62071/25]

84. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider extending the domiciliary care allowance payment beyond the current age limit of 16 years of age, so that it continues until the child reaches 18 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [62167/25]

85. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is concerned at the impact the abolition of so-called once off payments in Budget 2026 will have on disabled people who are unable to work; the measures he will take to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [59243/25]

86. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department will review the rule whereby older carers lose access to a full carer's allowance payment when they reach pension age; if he will consider restoring the full payment given the evidence that reducing it to half-rate leads to financial strain and carer burnout in view of the fact that without family care, many of those cared for would require more costly institutional care funded by the State. — Paula Butterly. [60794/25]

87. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of first-time applications for domiciliary care allowance that have been received to date in 2025, the number that were refused; the number of those that were appealed or reviewed; the number of those that had their appeal allowed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [62179/25]

88. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current average waiting times for decisions on disability allowance and domiciliary care allowance applications, disaggregated by county, in tabular form; the steps being taken to reduce delays for families awaiting essential supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [62165/25]

89. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he intends to review the current weekly means limit for the increase for qualified adult allowance for recipients of the State pension, with a view to increasing the current means limit of €100 which has remained unchanged for several years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [62134/25]

90. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an overview of his Budget 2026 measures to support people seeking employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [62065/25]

91. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the implementation of the Government's commitment to establish a permanent annual cost of disability support payment; to outline the eligibility and payment level that will be established; the number of recipients expected to be impacted in the coming year; the means by which his Department will progress the phasing-out of the means test for carer's allowance as pledged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [61983/25]

92. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for domiciliary care allowance received to date in 2025; the number approved; the number rejected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [62130/25]

93. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the percentage of primary schools in the Dún Laoghaire constituency that are currently participating in the hot school meals programme or have started the process of providing this service in the school; the actions being taken to further expand this to all remaining primary schools in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [59972/25]

94. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures being taken to ensure that older people living alone receive timely access to the living alone allowance and the household benefits package, particularly where delays in processing applications are causing hardship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [62166/25]

95. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an overview of the Budget 2026 measures to support carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [62061/25]

96. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason his Department uses a different model of SWITCH compared to that of the ESRI; the reason for the choice to use a simplified model; if he will provide a breakdown of the specific differences between the SWITCH models used by the Department and the ESRI; to provide a breakdown of variables available in the ESRI SWITCH model that are not available to the Department, in tabular form; if he is aware of the impact this has or the limitations it could impose on Department poverty and child poverty targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [62183/25]

97. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will provide an update on the introduction of auto-enrolment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [62054/25]

98. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in view of his withdrawal of energy credits and the steady increase in households seeking financial support with energy costs, the additional supports or measures he will provide above what has already been committed to in Budget 2026 to address this rising need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [62185/25]

99. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures his Department are currently examining to better support victims of domestic violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [62156/25]

100. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of schools enrolled in the school meals scheme 2025; when he expects to receive a report on the nutritional standards of the hot school meals as part of the review currently being undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61988/25]

101. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons currently on jobseeker's benefit; the number of persons that have applied for jobseeker's benefit, by year, for the past five years; the steps he is taking to address the rising unemployment rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [61990/25]

102. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total amount of social-welfare payments written off in the past two years; the proportion that relates to deceased recipients; the steps his Department is taking to reduce future write-offs (including digital checking, beneficiary verification, and inter-agency data sharing); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [61987/25]

103. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who have been refused the disability allowance in each of the past ten years; the numbers of whom were successful in their appeal against the refusal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [61981/25]

104. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether the collection of biometric data with Safe 2 registration has ceased. — Thomas Gould. [62058/25]

105. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of successful domiciliary care allowance applications for the past three years; the number refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [62024/25]

106. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the specific support his Department has available, or is planning to make available, to those who are due to lose their incomes as a result of the receivership of a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [62250/25]

107. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider making the disability allowance into a non-means tested benefit rather than an allowance. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61674/25]

108. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that will benefit from the changes in the qualifying criteria for the fuel allowance announced in Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [62282/25]

109. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is aware that many parents are completely dissatisfied with the school meals scheme and concerned about the quality and nutritional value of the lunches provided to schools; and the measures being taken to restore confidence in the hot school meals scheme. — Darren O'Rourke. [59669/25]

110. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the operation and effectiveness of the Department's community employment and work activation schemes, including Tús, community employment and the rural social scheme; his Department's assessment of their impact on participants' progression to sustainable employment, education or training; whether there are plans to modernise these programmes to align with emerging labour market needs and Ireland's green, circular economy, and biodiversity objectives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [61986/25]

111. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider introducing an automatic or simplified transition mechanism for children who meet the criteria for domiciliary care allowance to continue receiving support through disability allowance at the age of 16; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [62168/25]

112. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if under the new rules for the rural social scheme, if a person from a rural area with no distinct ties to farming or fishing, but living in the rural area, qualify; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [62021/25]

113. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the action he is taking to support pensioners living alone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [62067/25]

114. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps being taken by his Department to improve access to training and upskilling opportunities for jobseekers, particularly those who have been long-term unemployed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [61550/25]

115. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in Counties Carlow and Kilkenny that will benefit from the changes in criteria for the fuel allowance announced in Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [62025/25]

116. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people with disabilities currently in employment; the action he is taking to address the low rate of individuals with disabilities in the workforce; and the supports he will put in place to ensure equality for those with disabilities. — Paul Lawless. [61901/25]

117. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an overview of his Budget 2026 measures to support one-parent families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [62068/25]

118. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports his Department has in place for over 65s in relation to heating supports coming into the winter; if his Department will ensure that a campaign is rolled out to make people aware of their entitlements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [62251/25]



119. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an overview of his Budget 2026 measures to support people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [62057/25]

120. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration is being given to reflecting inflation in the means test calculation for certain State benefits, such as the non-contributory State pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [62212/25]

121. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there will be an accommodation in the auto enrolment my future fund to include pre-school staff that only work part of the year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [62014/25]

122. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to present the number of payments made in each county under the humanitarian assistance scheme following storm Éowyn last year; the number of applications declined; the number of applications for which a decision is yet to be made; the total amount paid out, the average payment made per county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [62171/25]

123. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider a provision to allow individuals in exceptional circumstance applying for a means tested payment to be assessed without their partner's income, in particular in cases of domestic abuse where a person may be trying to save money to leave their partner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [62243/25]

124. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of families currently in receipt of the working family payment; the number of recipients per family size; the average payment made per family, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [62172/25]

125. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to confirm that consideration will be given to introducing a pay-related maternity benefit, based on the woman's current earnings so that they do not experience a sudden drop in income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [62177/25]

126. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for his Department's decision to remove the credit option for the household benefits package from December; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [61451/25]

127. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures her Department is taking to assist low- and middle-income households struggling with the rising cost of living, particularly in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [61549/25]

128. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of schools who have refused to take up the offer of a hot school meal; the attempts his Department have made to change this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [62023/25]

129. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of hours spent implementing the means-test for carer's allowance; the cost of this work to implement the means test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [62182/25]

130. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports his Department are providing to the workers, subcontractors and franchisees of a company (details supplied) following the company's receivership announcement in October 2025; the financial assistance his Department can provide to those workers of that company who are self-employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [62269/25]

131. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether consideration will be given to increasing the income threshold for eligibility to fuel allowance in line with increases received by pensioners in Budget 2026, as the increase could render some pensioners ineligible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [62178/25]

132. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether he has any plans to adapt auto-enrolment to cater for self-employed people; if he has any plans to provide an alternative for them; if he will outline the options of unemployed people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [62186/25]

133. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is concerned at the impact that the abolition of the disability support grant in Budget 2026 will have on disabled people; the measures he will take to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [59242/25]

134. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the social welfare benefits his Department is currently providing to Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [62252/25]

135. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he has concerns about the quality of meals being provided under the hot school meals scheme; if he has concerns about the amount of food provided under the scheme being binned due to these issues; if he has engaged with meal providers regarding this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [61450/25]

136. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of schools still waiting on the national roll out of the hot school meals programme; the communication her Department has had with providers of the hot school meals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [59396/25]

137. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are plans to reintroduce Citizen Information offices in areas where they have been closed in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [62213/25]

138. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the assessment his Department has done of the impact of the transition to the TCA for the State contributory pension across different income levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [62248/25]

139. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider excluding the working family payment from being reckonable for all means tested payments and services. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61673/25]

140. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to extend from six to 12 weeks the period of a social welfare payment

following the death of a dependent; the social welfare payments that are being considered for such an extension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [62260/25]

*141.* To ask the Minister for Social Protection the action he is taking to support lone parents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [62066/25]

*142.* To ask the Minister for Social Protection his position on the process for self-employed people to gain access to jobseeker's allowance or benefit when their income declines or halts for extended periods of time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [62249/25]

*143.* To ask the Minister for Social Protection his proposed timeframe for abolishing the means test for carers allowance applicants. — Matt Carthy. [62133/25]

*144.* To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the Christmas social welfare bonus will be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [62026/25]

*145.* To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he intends on updating the amount of time a person in receipt of disability allowance can spend outside the State within a year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [62242/25]

*146.* To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people who were initially refused the humanitarian assistance payment in response to storm Éowyn but were subsequently granted payment following appeal of his Department's decision. — Peadar Tóibín. [61982/25]

*147.* To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he intends to make provision for enhanced representation of retired workers in relation to the administration of certain pension schemes, to enable the right of such organisations to be consulted through The Pensions Authority for retired workers payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [62215/25]