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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the protections his Department will install for workers to prevent the situation that occurred at a company (details supplied) being replicated at other companies, whereby workers are left without any form of income for prolonged periods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [62594/25]

2. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether he plans to review the employment permits process with a view to making the process faster; whether his Department has considered streamlining the process with the visa process, in conjunction with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [62597/25]

3. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment how he is taking account of the views expressed by the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Enterprise, Tourism and Employment in its scrutiny of the proposed Omnibus Directive, in particular the Committee's concerns that the proposals extend far beyond the simplification of burdensome regulations for small and medium enterprises and could weaken the due diligence obligations of large companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [62596/25]

4. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the progress being made by his Department in creating an operational AI regulatory sandbox by 2 August 2026, in line with the EU (AI) Act 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [62583/25]

5. 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]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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 Muirí. [62153/25]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

71. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the provisions that have been made to ensure that agencies, organisations, charities and service providers funded by his Department will be able to meet their obligations under the new auto-enrolment scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [62181/25]

72. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider granting a fuel allowance to those that have had an application refused or revoked due to an adult child or family member moving back home. — Mark Wall. [62019/25]

73. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an estimate of the number of new people that will be eligible to receive carer's allowance following Budget 2026; if he will explain to carers who are currently excluded by the means-test exactly when they will be made aware of when they will become eligible; the amount his Department is prepared to spend on the relaxation of the carer's means-test, given that this was not made clear in the Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [62427/25]

74. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when his Department will establish, and make publicly available, the administration fees and charges being imposed as a part of auto-enrolment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [62261/25]

75. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will reintroduce a cost of disability lump sum payment before Christmas to reduce the negative impact of Budget 2025 on disabled people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [62432/25]

76. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider reviewing the income disregards for carers and people with disabilities in light of the increased cost of living, to ensure that social protection supports do not act as a disincentive to work or education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [62187/25]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether the collection of biometric data with Safe 2 registration has ceased. — Thomas Gould. [62058/25]

115. 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]

116. 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]

117. 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]

118. 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]

119. 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]

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

129. 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]

130. 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]

131. 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]

132. 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]

133. 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]

134. 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]

135. 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]

136. 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]

137. 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]

138. 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]

139. 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]

140. 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]

141. 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]

142. 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]

143. 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]

144. 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]

145. 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]

146. 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]

147. 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]

148. 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]

149. 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]

150. 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]

151. 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]

152. 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]

153. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his proposed timeframe for abolishing the means test for carers allowance applicants. — Matt Carthy. [62133/25]

154. 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]

155. 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]

156. 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]

157. 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]

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

*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Question No. 215 of 6 November 2025, if he will provide an estimated timeframe for the implementation of the process to establish a link between the carbon markets of the European Union and the United Kingdom, and by extension the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, through a European Union/United Kingdom agreement linking the UK Emissions Trading Scheme (UK ETS) and the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS), as committed to at the EU/UK Summit in May 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [62390/25]

*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the oversight mechanisms which are in place to monitor and assess the effectiveness and impact of Ireland's climate finance channelled through multilateral funds and organisations; and the way in which the Government ensures equivalent oversight and accountability for this funding as for finance provided through civil society and bilateral partnerships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [62372/25]

*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether the Government has delivered on the commitment in Ireland's Climate Finance Roadmap to scale up climate finance channelled through bilateral partnerships and civil society organisations, rather than primarily through multilateral funds and institutions; the progress on this commitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [62373/25]

*161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the thematic focus of Ireland's international climate finance commitments post-2025; whether the principle of a just transition will be explicitly integrated into Ireland's future climate finance programming; the measures being taken to ensure that Ireland's climate finance is provided as grant-based finance not only at the point of disbursement but also in practice throughout the full financing cycle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [62374/25]

*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the provisions which have been made to ensure that agencies, organisations, and charities funded by his Department will meet their obligations under the new AE scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [62468/25]

*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for a breakdown of every agency, not-for-profit organisation, charity or service provider directly funded by his Department; and the details of each specific directly funded post in each body, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [62473/25]

*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade following recent remarks by the European Commission about the UK's unilateral changes to the Windsor Framework raising trust deficits in UK-EU trade relations, if he could provide an assessment of the implications for Ireland's cross-border trade and Northern Ireland Protocol implementation; the steps the Government is taking to ensure that Irish exporters, including from Cork port-region, are protected against regulatory or procedural divergence; and how Ireland is leveraging its position in EU policy forums to ensure the protocol remains fit-for-purpose and supports regional stability. — Ken O'Flynn. [62500/25]

*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his position on the recent crackdown on opposition by the Chama Cha Mapinduzi government in Tanzania; the implications this has for Irish Aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [62519/25]

*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade with Ireland participating in the EU-CELAC Summit of 9-10 November, and the forthcoming EU Council agenda of 10-23 November, covering key issues such as energy taxation, customs-duty relief and EU-UK relations, how the Government will ensure that Ireland's export- and energy-intensive sectors are protected, that duties or taxes do not disadvantage Irish firms and that Ireland's voice is amplified within the Danish presidency to secure favourable terms for our economy. — Ken O'Flynn. [62577/25]

*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the recent election in Tanzania (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [62663/25]

*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of vacant and derelict buildings in County Mayo owned by his Department that are vacant or rented, by the region/towns location of the buildings, in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [62672/25]

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

*169. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he has received correspondence from an organisation outlining concerns regarding new controls proposed for the River Suir (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [62407/25]

*170. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the total spend on batteries supplying the electricity grid from 2018 to date in 2025, by year; and the estimate over procurement of batteries each year from 2018 to date to date in 2025, by year, in tabular form. — Brian Stanley. [62306/25]

*171. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for a breakdown of every agency, not-for-profit organisation, charity or service provider directly funded by his Department; and the details of each specific directly funded post in each body. — Louise O'Reilly. [62474/25]

*172. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures in place to support small businesses in transitioning to using renewable sources of energy. — Malcolm Byrne. [62621/25]

*173. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of vacant and derelict buildings in County Mayo owned by his Department that are vacant or rented, by the region/towns location of the buildings, in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [62666/25]

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

*174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will submit a business case to the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to allow former members of the Defence Forces (with less than 21 years' service prior to the enactment of the single pension scheme, and with greater than 26 weeks break in service) who subsequently take a position within the public service/civil service post 1 January 2013, to have their pension contributions transferred to the single pension scheme in their new position as they are not entitled to a defined benefit unlike other civil servants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [62341/25]

*175. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the measures in place to support the physical and mental health outcomes of veterans of the Defence Forces. — Malcolm Byrne. [62446/25]

*176. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will address the genuine concerns regarding RDF treatment issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [62534/25]

*177. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the specific instances where the Triple Lock mechanism has prevented the deployment of Irish Defence Forces personnel in situations where the Government, the Defence Forces, and the Oireachtas were otherwise willing to proceed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [62656/25]

*178. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide details of any occasions since the introduction of the Triple Lock where a proposed deployment reached Cabinet approval stage but could not be advanced due to the absence of a UN Security Council mandate; and to confirm whether any such deployment was subsequently deemed critical to Ireland's foreign policy objectives. — Erin McGreehan. [62657/25]

*179. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to outline the commitments made by the Government during the referenda on the Nice and Lisbon Treaties regarding the preservation of Ireland's policy of military neutrality, including the role of the Triple Lock, and to explain how the proposed removal of the Triple Lock aligns with those commitments. — Erin McGreehan. [62658/25]

*180. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the Government has obtained a clear democratic mandate from the Irish electorate to remove the Triple Lock, given that the mechanism was introduced as a political guarantee underpinning previous EU Treaty referenda; and if not, to set out the rationale for proceeding without a referendum. — Erin McGreehan. [62659/25]

*181. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to detail any proposed alternative oversight or democratic accountability mechanism that would replace the UN authorisation element of the Triple Lock; the way the Government intends to ensure that future overseas deployments remain transparent, justified, and consistent with Ireland's longstanding policy of military neutrality. — Erin McGreehan. [62660/25]

*182. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the proposed removal of the Triple Lock is connected to commitments made to EU or NATO partners, including within the framework of PESCO or the EU's Common Security and Defence Policy. — Erin McGreehan. [62661/25]

*183. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to assess the likely impact of removing the Triple Lock on Ireland's international reputation as a neutral, independent, and peace-focused State; and to provide any Departmental analysis or external advice received in this regard. — Erin McGreehan. [62662/25]

*184. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of vacant and derelict buildings in County Mayo owned by his Department that are vacant or rented, by the region/towns location of the buildings, in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [62668/25]

*185. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the status of the examination of a protected disclosure (details supplied) circulated to senior Cabinet members in July 2025 and asked as a Leader's Questions on 22 October 2025; and if correspondences will be issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gillian Toole. [62714/25]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the development of the new vehicle adaptation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [62525/25]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that individuals with British driving licences cannot purchase motor insurance, whether as the sole driver or as a named driver, on an Irish-registered car; whether his Department is undertaking any actions to address this issue given cases of members of the Irish diaspora encountering issues with accessing motor insurance for Irish registered cars (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [62294/25]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of a taxi companies introduction of a 'Taxi Fixed Price' on its drivers (details supplied); whether such a system is permissible under the Taxi Regulation Act 2013 and related Statutory Instruments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [62324/25]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of an application for a driving test for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [62345/25]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason several Dublin Bus stops were not constructed by the NTA according to BusConnects plans submitted to and approved by An Coimisiún Pleanála (details supplied). — Máire Devine. [62354/25]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will support the proposal to add a daily return commuter train from Longford to Sligo to accommodate workers and students commuting to

Sligo on a daily basis, which would substantially reduce the local carbon footprint and traffic gridlock around the town of Sligo; and if he will do everything within his powers to persuade Irish Rail management to provide this service as a matter of urgency. — Frankie Feighan. [62400/25]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown of the amount paid to PPP toll operators in each of the years since the inception of their contract, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [62416/25]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will reconsider increasing the M50 toll in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [62486/25]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the new road realignment and footpath from Laune Bridge, Killorglin, County Kerry to a hub (details supplied) on the Killarney road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62487/25]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport to urgently address the extremely dangerous condition of footpaths and streets in Cahersiveen town, County Kerry; if he will accept that this is by far the most dangerous section of roadway and footpath passing through any town throughout the entire country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62508/25]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the approved enhancement works for the N59 Road between Bunakill and Claremount, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [62530/25]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport If he will address the concerns regarding the recently introduced taxi fixed price model raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [62535/25]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport to request Bus Éireann to open the public toilets at the Outlet Centre, Killarney, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62536/25]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport to urgently address drainage issues on the N70 Ring of Kerry at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62537/25]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details of park and ride facilities that are being developed in County Wicklow; the locations; at what stage the plans are at regarding planning/construction; a timeframe for delivery; the total cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62540/25]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on plans to extend the DART to Wicklow Town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62541/25]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional carriages will be added to the Dublin to Rosslare rail line to help address the serious overcrowding issues on the trains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62542/25]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding for the upgrade of the N11 will be made available; when works will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62543/25]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details of the N11 bus priority scheme; if funding is currently available for the scheme; the phases and timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62544/25]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans in place to carry out costal protection works at the Murrough in Wicklow Town to protect the rail line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62545/25]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans to extend the LUAS to Bray; the planning completed on the project to date; the cost of the project to date; for a timeframe for delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62546/25]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the planned new Local Link service between Bray and Glendalough in County Wicklow, including when the service is due to commence; to provide details of the schedule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62547/25]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport the projects in Wicklow that will be prioritised and funded following the review of the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62548/25]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be made available to progress the N81 Tallaght to Hollywood Cross upgrade scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62549/25]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details of road traffic accidents on the N81 in County Wicklow for each year between 2015 and 2025; the type of accidents; if anyone was injured; if there have been any fatalities, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62550/25]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport the responses from Dublin Airport Authority, AIRNAV and Irish Aviation Authority to the solutions for safer and lawful flight departure paths from the north runway at Dublin Airport, as proposed by the North Runway Technical Group in June 2025 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gillian Toole. [62587/25]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No's 177 to 184 of 16 October and No. 265 of 4 November 2025, the date that his Department actually started its concerted effort in 2025 to deep dive into the area of court disqualification orders received without a driver number attached; his Department's plan to publish more complete data on the matching process by the end of 2025 as he stated in his reply of 4 November 2025.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62599/25]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport the number and locations of EV charging hubs to be installed under phase 3 of the light duty vehicle scheme; the timeline for completion of these hubs; the measures in place to ensure that both urban and rural areas, including counties such as County Laois, have equitable access to high-powered charging infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62626/25]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures being taken under the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan to expand and improve public transport options in rural and regional areas; if he will provide details of the funding allocated in 2025; the number of new routes planned; the measures in place to ensure reliability and affordability of Local Link services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62627/25]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of those currently waiting for Cat C, Cat C1, and Cat BE testing in test centres in County Laois; the number tested in each of those categories for July, August, September and October 2025; the number of tests scheduled for November 2025, by category, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62628/25]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions being taken to improve road safety, reduce fatalities, and ensure adequate maintenance of national and regional roads, particularly in light of recent accident statistics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62629/25]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which his Department is progressing toward the transport sector's emissions reduction targets under the Climate Action Plan; the additional measures being considered to meet 2030 goals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62630/25]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps being taken to expand the national EV charging network, address regional disparities in charger availability, and support lower-income households in transitioning to electric vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62631/25]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding allocated in 2026 for rural active travel infrastructure such as footpaths, cycle ways, and safe routes to schools; the way his Department will ensure that all local authorities have the capacity to deliver these projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62632/25]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made to date on implementing the Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030, with particular reference to reducing fatalities and serious injuries on rural roads; the level of resources allocated to Garda enforcement and local road safety improvements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62633/25]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport the average wait time for driving tests in Portlaoise, County Laois for October 2024 and October 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62634/25]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps being taken to ensure that rural and regional road networks are made more climate-resilient in response to increased flooding, storm damage, and extreme weather events; if additional funding will be made available to local authorities for road repair and adaptation works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62635/25]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has conducted any studies on aligning transport and infrastructure planning on an all-island basis, particularly in relation to rail connectivity and strategic corridors. — Michael Murphy. [62636/25]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of vacant and derelict buildings in County Mayo owned by his Department that are vacant or rented, by the region/towns location of the buildings, in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [62681/25]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*225. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of income collected in Donegal through the local property tax each year since it was introduced in 2013, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [62346/25]

*226. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the review of inheritance tax within his Department; the parameters for this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62349/25]

*227. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding a timeline for the publication of his review into inheritance tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62350/25]

*228. To ask the Minister for Finance the provisions that have been made to ensure that agencies, organisations and charities funded by his Department will be able to meet their obligations under the new AE scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [62454/25]

*229. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of vacant and derelict buildings in County Mayo owned by his Department that are vacant or rented, by the region/towns location of the buildings, in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [62671/25]

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

*230. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to outline the work that has been done to ensure tetra access in Connemara in the event of a storm, given that there was no access to 999 calls during Storm Éowyn; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [62511/25]

*231. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the details of plans to upgrade the Garda station in Greystones; when work is due to commence; the timeframe for delivery; the cost of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62565/25]

*232. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the work which is being done on Dún Chonchúir on Inis Meáin since the wall has fallen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [62322/25]

*233. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the provisions which have been made to ensure that agencies, organisations, and charities funded by his Department will meet their obligations under the new AE scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [62478/25]

*234. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for a breakdown of every agency, not-for-profit organisation, charity or service provider directly funded by his Department; and the details of each specific directly funded post in each body. — Louise O'Reilly. [62481/25]

*235. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of commercial State bodies that have sought or received approval to increase senior executive remuneration following the senior posts remuneration committee review completed in 2024; and the rationale provided by each board for proposed upward revision. — Ken O'Flynn. [62570/25]

*236. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the estimated additional cost to the Exchequer or to the relevant State bodies arising from the implementation of revised remuneration bands for chief executives and senior management, by organisation, in tabular form. — Ken O'Flynn. [62571/25]

*237. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the mechanisms used by his Department to assess whether remuneration adjustments at commercial State bodies are linked to measurable improvements in performance, governance, and value for money to the taxpayer. — Ken O'Flynn. [62572/25]

*238. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the steps being taken to ensure that executive pay levels within commercial State bodies remain proportionate to public-service standards and consistent with the wider cost-of-living pressures faced by citizens. — Ken O'Flynn. [62573/25]

*239. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he is aware that due to the lack of maintenance of Headford River, County Galway, OPW channel 2, adjoining agricultural land belonging to a person (details supplied) has been subjected to severe and repeated flooding for the past 15 years; if he will outline when maintenance works will be carried out on this section of the channel to alleviate the problem; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [62654/25]

*240. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of vacant and derelict buildings in County Mayo owned by his Department that are vacant or rented, by the region/towns location of the buildings, in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [62677/25]

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

*241. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the anticipated engagement and support mechanisms his Department intends to provide for Irish enterprises and innovators participating in the forthcoming AI regulatory sandbox; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [62584/25]

*242. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will lend his support to the Killarney Innovation Centre new build project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62401/25]

*243. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment given the heavy reliance in previous consultations with online travel agent platforms, and the limited engagement with the grassroots micro-businesses who will be most impacted, if he will commit to structured, meaningful and time-bound consultation with representative short-term letting host groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [62412/25]

*244. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment given the Irish Times' assertion that Ireland remains structurally exposed to the risks of de-globalisation and weakening export-momentum, if he could set out the contingency scenario-planning that has been undertaken for Ireland's FDI/export model; the role regional centres such as Cork play in diversification plans; and how the Government proposes to monitor and mitigate knock-on risks from UK/EU regulatory-trust issues, including the Windsor Framework, for Irish trade corridors. — Ken O'Flynn. [62499/25]

*245. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has considered the recently delivered judgment of the English High Court in the case of Getty Images v Stability AI; and to outline the implications for Irish copyright law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [62520/25]

*246. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of vacant and derelict buildings in County Mayo owned by his Department that are vacant or rented, by the region/towns location of the buildings, in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [62670/25]

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

*247. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures in place to stop an individual, or group of individuals, from undertaking the Primary School Survey multiple times by inserting a different Eircode each time; and the systems in place to prevent a group of ideologically motivated individuals from skewing the survey. — Peadar Tóibín. [62298/25]

*248. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of the flaws in the Primary School Survey (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [62299/25]

*249. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she aware that the framing of a survey question can significantly change the answer that will be given by the person completing the survey (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [62300/25]

*250. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the progression to stage 2 to provide two special education teacher rooms at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [62304/25]

*251. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider a request for school transport from a person (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [62305/25]

*252. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a school (details supplied) which has four children with additional needs including autism who started in September 2025 will not be given any additional SNA support this year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [62312/25]

*253. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the amount of money allocated to the DEIS + programme; the amount which will be allocated to primary education; the amount which will be allocated for secondary education. — Jen Cummins. [62317/25]

*254. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans for a specific TY curriculum. — Jen Cummins. [62318/25]

*255. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to address inequalities in TY programmes across schools; and in particular DEIS schools. — Jen Cummins. [62319/25]

*256. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to ensure same sex girl schools have equal access to STEM subjects, equipment and opportunities. — Jen Cummins. [62320/25]

*257. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to ensure girls have equal access to STEM subjects, equipment and opportunities in DEIS and DEIS plus schools. — Jen Cummins. [62321/25]

*258. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if in view of her reply (details supplied) her Department will cover the costs of the re-tendering process for the school in question; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [62352/25]

*259. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school (details supplied) will be given permission to establish a special class within their school to support children with additional learning needs in their community. — Pat Buckley. [62359/25]

*260. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether there are plans to review the decision to disallow over 70s from driving school buses, as this is placing significant strain on school bus operators who have contracts with Bus Éireann; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [62379/25]

*261. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has an official policy on the use of sensory or quiet rooms in schools for students with autism; whether schools are permitted to limit the use of such facilities to a set number of classes per day; and if her Department has an official policy or recommended usage time per student per day for such facilities. — Tom Brabazon. [62391/25]

*262. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to support schools in the southwest inner city with mental health supports similar to the programme in the northeast inner city. — Jen Cummins. [62403/25]

*263. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the resources which will be needed to expand counselling and primary schools pilot programme for strand one and two. — Jen Cummins. [62404/25]

*264. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to ensure all schools in Dublin south central are prepared and equipped for leaving cert reform especially, in STEM subjects. — Jen Cummins. [62405/25]

*265. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the appeal to retain a teacher at a school in County Cork (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [62433/25]

*266. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of cases of intimate image abuse that have been reported by schools to her Department since the enactment of Coco's law; if any of these involved deepfakes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [62441/25]

*267. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of students who availed of July special provision during Summer 2025; the requirements to qualify; if there are plans to expand the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [62442/25]

*268. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the subject areas that are currently identified where there are staff shortages at second level; the measures in place to address this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [62443/25]

*269. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the Department's plans to make school sports facilities more available to the wider community. — Malcolm Byrne. [62444/25]

*270. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if classes can be sanctioned for autistic children for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [62451/25]

*271. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her intention to provide a written agreement to the survivors of industrial schools, and a definitive timeline for when their demands will be met; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [62452/25]

*272. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the provisions which have been made to ensure that agencies, organisations and charities funded by her Department will meet their obligations under the new AE scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [62467/25]

*273. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for a breakdown of every agency, not-for-profit organisation, charity or service provider directly funded by her Department; and the details of each specific directly funded post in each body, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [62472/25]

*274. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of deaf children and deaf parents currently known to Tusla; the measures in place to ensure they receive accessible, culturally informed support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [62485/25]

*275. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 816 of 4 November 2025, the number of schools who have mechanical ventilation heat recovery systems installed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [62488/25]

*276. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will report on the use of a standardised marking distribution also known as a bell curve for Irish as is used in English and maths standardised tests. — Shane Moynihan. [62490/25]

*277. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a new primary school for Carrigaline, County Cork (details supplied); the stage this project is currently at; the remaining stages; and estimated timeline for construction.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [62512/25]

*278. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the Stage 1 review meeting will be held for the development of a new school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [62521/25]

*279. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will sanction additional autism classes at a school (details supplied); if she will engage with the NCSE to increase the provision of autism classes and supports in the wider north Dublin area to match the increasing demands due to a growing large young population; if she will accept the request of a meeting with the school to discuss the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [62551/25]

*280. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the results of recruitment campaigns by the Health Service Executive and National Council for Special Education for healthcare professional roles (details supplied), in tabular form. — Gillian Toole. [62589/25]

*281. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the proposals to amend and improve the criteria for the establishment of school transport to primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [62611/25]

*282. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures in place to support schools in transitioning to using renewable sources of energy. — Malcolm Byrne. [62618/25]

*283. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the introduction of drama, film, and theatre studies as a second level school subject; if additional resources have been made available to participating schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [62619/25]

*284. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the introduction of climate action and sustainable development as a second level school subject; if additional resources have been made available to participating schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [62620/25]

*285. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she is aware of sports complexes attached to community schools in Cork and Dublin, the funding stream these can be supported under; and whether her Department intends to increase funding to these facilities given increased running costs. — Thomas Gould. [62623/25]

*286. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the application for fire safety works at a sports complex (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [62624/25]

*287. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the proportion of religious to non-denominational schools in Kildare; the number of schools successfully reconfigured in Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [62639/25]

*288. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of vacant and derelict buildings in County Mayo owned by her Department that are vacant or rented, by the region/towns location of the buildings, in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [62669/25]

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

*289. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide a timeline for his Department's approval of the seven percent increase for An Post pensioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [62389/25]

*290. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he has made the Arts Council aware in writing of his objective as expressed publicly on a programme (details supplied) that they should support comedy; if so, the date; and if not, if he will do so. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [62303/25]

*291. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of places which will be available in the permanent basic income for the arts scheme; when the positions will commence; and when the application process will be available. — Paul Murphy. [62307/25]

*292. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether a full list of recipients of the basic income for the arts scheme is available. — Paul Murphy. [62308/25]

*293. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the provisions which have been made to ensure that agencies, organisations and charities funded by his Department will meet their obligations under the new AE scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [62471/25]

*294. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for a breakdown of every agency, not-for-profit organisation, charity or service provider directly funded by his Department; and the details of each specific directly funded post in each body. — Louise O'Reilly. [62476/25]

*295. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures in place to tackle the problem of scam texts and the growing threat of AI generated voice scams; if he plans any further measures to address these problems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [62617/25]

*296. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether sports complexes operated under the Department of Education can apply for Sporting Ireland Capital Grants. — Thomas Gould. [62625/25]

*297. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of vacant and derelict buildings in County Mayo owned by his Department that are vacant or rented, by the region/towns location of the buildings, in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [62667/25]

*298. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when it is anticipated that the Sports Capital Grant 2026 will open for applications. — Tom Brabazon. [62685/25]

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

*299. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will guarantee a realistic grace period, beginning only once planning rules are published and when local authority capacity is in place to ensure that compliant rural businesses are not forced to cease trading or be removed from platforms due to delays outside their control; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [62411/25]

*300. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the options available to an individual who is seeking social housing while awaiting a division of assets through the courts for a legal separation/divorce, in view of the fact that they have a housing need and are unable to return to the family home in cases of domestic violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [62296/25]

*301. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures his Department is taking to protect renters who are subletting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [62309/25]

*302. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider introducing legislation to protect renters who are in a subletting arrangement and not covered under the Tendencies Residence Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [62310/25]

*303. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider introducing legislation to protect renters in digs accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [62311/25]

*304. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is aware that farm families are being denied planning permission to build homes on land fronting N roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [62323/25]

*305. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the asbestos abatement works at the Tailte Éireann facility in Santry; if the abatement process has commenced or been put out to tender (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [62348/25]

*306. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the failure of timely housing delivery at an affordable purchase housing project (details supplied); and the measures he will implement to ensure that applicants do not suffer hardship as a consequence of these delays. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [62375/25]

*307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an overview of the legislation governing medical priority in allocation of social homes and supported tenancies. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [62420/25]

*308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline any role for agencies and departments outside of his remit in determining eligibility for medical priority in allocation of social homes and supported tenancies. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [62421/25]

*309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the entitlement of each category of affected house on the defective block scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [62422/25]

*310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which he will end the housing crisis within his term as Minister; his plans to achieve this goal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [62447/25]

*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the social housing allocation for County Wicklow and County Wexford for 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [62448/25]

*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason Wexford County Council is not providing ready to build scheme serviced sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [62449/25]

*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of every agency, not-for-profit organisation and charity or service provider directly funded by his Department; and the breakdown of each specific directly funded post in each body, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [62458/25]

*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of cost rental active tenancies, by cost rental providers (details supplied), in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [62502/25]

*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of cost rental tenancies, by Local Authority administrative area, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [62503/25]

*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a breakdown of the 2024 expenditure and 2025 allocation, under sub head A3, by funding stream including SHIP, Land Acquisition fund, development levy waiver refund etc. — Eoin Ó Broin. [62504/25]

*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the development of a single stage approval process for social and affordable housing delivery. — Eoin Ó Broin. [62505/25]

*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a breakdown of average social housing new build costs for 2024, for each of the schemes used to fund social housing, including SHIP construction, SHIP turnkey, CALF construction, CALF turnkey, CAS turnkey, CALF turnkey, to include the revenue component and full unit cost for the CALF schemes, by local authority area. — Eoin Ó Broin. [62506/25]

*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the means by which mixed tenure social and affordable development approvals are dealt with by his Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [62507/25]

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an unprecedented large investment will now be made through Uisce Éireann and Local Authorities to progress the provision of modern, increased capacity, wastewater treatment plants in all of our towns and villages, as the present situation is having a highly negative effect on health, the environment and housing supply; if he and Uisce Éireann will adhere to my consistent calls for the development of constructed wetlands, as they are a much cheaper form of treatment, much speedier to develop and are environmentally friendly; if he will consider County Kerry as a pilot study where over 40 of our villages are unsewered and others are at capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62509/25]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authorities that have responded to Circular 2025/01 regarding designation of UDZs issues on 6

June 2025; and if he has received any requests for UDZ designation from any local authority. — Eoin Ó Broin. [62516/25]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amount provided to local authorities for vacant social housing acquisitions in each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025; and the number of such acquisitions purchased in each year. — Eoin Ó Broin. [62517/25]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide the dates on which meetings took place of the Housing Activation Office; the Housing Activation Delivery Group and the Housing Activation Industry Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [62518/25]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new social and affordable homes delivered in Dublin bay north in 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [62561/25]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in light of the record figure of 16,614 people in emergency accommodation, including 5,238 children, and the revised annual social-housing target of 12,000 units, the projected timeline and funding commitment to deliver 12,000 social homes annually; the mechanisms to ensure land-zoning, planning consents and servicing infrastructure are aligned with this target; and how local authorities will be resourced to reverse long-term voids in council housing stock, particularly as evidenced in north Cork. — Ken O'Flynn. [62575/25]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when, under the National Housing Strategy for Disabled Individuals 2022-2027, the National Guidelines for the Assessments and Allocations Process for Social Housing Provision for People with Disability will be made mandatory across all local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [62586/25]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on proposals for the new planning exemptions for slurry storage on farms; if the exemptions will be in place to coincide with the application window for TAMS 3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62638/25]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the commencement date for Part 3, Chapter 5, Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2024, which will require local authorities to prepare a strategy relating to the creation, improvement and preservation of sustainable places and communities, including the reservation of land for use and cultivation as allotments and community gardens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [62640/25]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the publication date for a guide to the provision of allotments and community gardens by local authorities which was first promised to be completed by December 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [62641/25]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of homelessness figures by nationality, including Irish, EU, and non-EU citizens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [62653/25]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant and derelict buildings in County Mayo owned by his Department that are vacant or rented, by the region/towns location of the buildings, in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [62675/25]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount in development levies collected by each local authority for each year between 2010 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62691/25]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount in uncollected development levies by each local authority for each year between 2010 and 2025, the duration of time for the uncollected Levies, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62692/25]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding spent on clearing Cherry Laurel for each year between 2000 and 2025, including location and cost, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62693/25]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding spent clearing Rhododendron for each year between 2000 and 2025, including location and cost, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62694/25]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans on including Cherry Laurel to the list of invasive alien species of national concern; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62695/25]

*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to give details of all enforcement actions that have been taken under Section 17(1) of the European Union (Invasive Alien Species) Regulations 2024 (S.I. No. 374/2024); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62696/25]

*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details on plans to clear Cherry Laurel from the Glen of the Downs Nature Reserve in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62697/25]

*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details on costs of removing Cherry Laurel from the Glen of the Downs in County Wicklow for each year from 2000 to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62698/25]

*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Section 42 deer hunting licences from 2015 and 2025, by county, by year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62701/25]

*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of deer that were killed under Section 42 licence for each year between 2015 and 2025, by county, type of deer, in tabular form. — John Brady. [62702/25]

*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of deer that were killed under standard deer hunting licences, by type, county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62703/25]

*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans to start construction on a development (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62706/25]

*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans to purchase lands for the National Parks and Wildlife Service at the Glen of the Downs to expand the ancient woodland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62708/25]

*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of income Donegal receives as a top-up from central government each year since 2013, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [62889/25]

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

*346. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether funding exists to cover the cost for a deaf person who wishes to use an Irish sign language interpreter to engage with a TD or local elected official; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [62313/25]

*347. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will provide an update on the implementation of the cost of disability report recommendations, including any new measures being introduced in Budget 2026 to address the extra living costs faced by people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [62188/25]

*348. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which those who fall outside the age and earning threshold of the My Future fund can opt in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [62297/25]

*349. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Questions Nos.1151 and 1152 of 4 November 2025, to confirm that there is no strategic policy in place at Departmental level to bring down household costs and environmental impact of households benefitting from the additional needs payment for the purchase of white goods, by promoting the purchase of goods with better energy ratings, and approving additional needs payments in respect of those goods, given that they may have a higher upfront cost. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [62357/25]

*350. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the provisions in Budget 2026 to address the cost of disability. — James O’Connor. [61904/25]

*351. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will outline any plans to review and improve the financial and social supports available to foster carers, including measures relating to allowances, pension entitlements, and access to additional benefits such as the back to school clothing and footwear allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [62409/25]

*352. 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. [62424/25]

*353. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether the €10 million euro allocated towards the relaxation of the carer’s means test comes under €1,152 million for ‘Key policy adjustments’

or from the €390 million ‘increase in pension and illness, disability, carers scheme recipients’; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [62428/25]

*354. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether funding for new recipients of the carer’s allowance, who would not have qualified under the current income disregards but who will qualify on foot of the budget 2026 measure, is allocated from the €390 million ‘increase in pension and illness, disability, carers scheme recipients’ or elsewhere; and the amount he plans to allocate to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [62429/25]

*355. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for a breakdown of the estimated 30,000 additional recipients across the pension, illness, disability and carers schemes respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [62430/25]

*356. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for a breakdown of the 30,000 additional pension and IDC recipients across the numbers resulting from changes to schemes announced as Budget 2026 measures versus the numbers resulting from demographic changes. — Louise O’Reilly. [62431/25]

*357. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the provisions that have been made to ensure that agencies, organisations and charities funded by his Department will be able to meet their obligations under the new AE scheme. — Louise O’Reilly. [62455/25]

*358. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider introducing a voluntary higher PRSI contribution option for self-employed workers under Class S, which would allow them to qualify for illness benefit in the same way as PAYE employees; if his Department has examined the feasibility or cost implications of extending illness benefit coverage to self-employed persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [62585/25]

*359. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the full range of services covered by those paying category K PRSI. — Malcolm Byrne. [62616/25]

*360. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of vacant and derelict buildings in County Mayo owned by his Department that are vacant or rented, by the region/towns location of the buildings, in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [62679/25]

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

*361. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to continue to expand or extend the Humanitarian Admissions Programme; his views in relation to the history of the operation of the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [62415/25]

*362. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current Garda staffing levels at Raheny and Coolock Garda Stations; the way in which this compares to 2019 figures; and the plans for further increases to address the growing population in the area. — Tom Brabazon. [62343/25]

*363. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider establishing an independent review mechanism for historic or disputed cases of sudden or unexplained death, including those of (details supplied), to ensure transparency, accountability,

and public confidence in the justice process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [62366/25]

*364. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his department has a formal process to support families who have long sought answers in unresolved cases, such as (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [62367/25]

*365. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to respond to concerns that IPAS is providing an unsafe environment for residents at a centre (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [62380/25]

*366. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will intervene in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [62387/25]

*367. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of immigration detainees held at Cloverhill Prison between 2020 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [62426/25]

*368. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the timeframe to introduce legislation to place the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal on a statutory footing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [62436/25]

*369. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the timeframe in which he expects to receive a report of the Law Reform Commission regarding the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal; the timeframe for when it will be published; the format and timeframe of arising stakeholder consultation in relation to the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [62437/25]

*370. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 272 of 9 October 2025, the timeframe for when he expects to hear the considerations of the High Court following on from the judgement of the Court of Justice of the European Union of 2 October 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [62438/25]

*371. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 272 of 9 October 2025, and the judgement of the Court of Justice of the European Union of 2 October 2025, if individuals will now be entitled to compensation from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal for pain and suffering; the basis upon which access to such will be i.e. the 2004 EU directive coming into force; the date the preceding case was taken in the Irish Court; the date of the judgement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [62439/25]

*372. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the provisions that have been made to ensure that agencies, organisations and charities funded by his Department will be able to meet their obligations under the new AE scheme. — Louise O’Reilly. [62456/25]

*373. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline plans for the currently vacant Wicklow District Courthouse in Wicklow town; if funding will be made available for its refurbishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62562/25]

*374. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the details of plans to increase capacity in County Wicklow for the Courts Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62563/25]

*375. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the breakdown of all associated costs including, heating, electricity, security, maintenance, repair work on the currently vacant Wicklow District Courthouse in Wicklow town for each year between 2010 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62564/25]

*376. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardai, by rank, in each Garda station in Wicklow, in each of the years between 2015 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62566/25]

*377. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of deportations of EU citizens from Ireland for each year between 2000 and 2025; the details of where they were deported to and the associated costs, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62567/25]

*378. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration given the forthcoming International Protection Bill 2025 and the pilot project which has processed over 300 decisions since July, the assessment that his Department has made of the current backlog in international protection appeals; the estimate that has been made of the additional resources required to meet the June 2026 EU processing obligations; and how his Department will ensure that those outcomes do not exacerbate pressures on emergency accommodation, including in Cork. — Ken O'Flynn. [62576/25]

*379. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if all IPAS centres in operation have a valid fire safety certificate; the number of centres found to have fire safety concerns during inspections in 2025; if any IPAS centres have been allowed to begin operations without a fire safety certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [62578/25]

*380. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 268 of 9 October 2025, if the information regarding the current average duration of employment of staff in each of the agencies involved in the end-to-end asylum process; the current number of vacancies in each of the agencies involved in the end-to-end asylum process, in tabular form is now available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [62643/25]

*381. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 116 of 22 October 2025, if the response to the question regarding whether a company which operates international protection accommodation at a site (details supplied) are facing legal proceedings under the Fire Services Act in relation to taking water by tanker from a fire hydrant, a practice which the Minister for State for Migration told the Dáil on 9 October 2025 has now ceased is now available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [62644/25]

*382. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of individuals currently availing of the higher daily expense allowance; the number of those who have been offered accommodation and declined it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [62650/25]

*383. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether individuals who decline offers of accommodation continue to retain eligibility for the higher daily expense allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [62651/25]

*384. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average processing time for applications for international protection at each stage of the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [62652/25]

*385. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of vacant and derelict buildings in County Mayo owned by his Department that are vacant or rented, by the region/towns location of the buildings, in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [62676/25]

*386. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 699 of 14 October 2025, regarding the number of Gardaí in each of the past five years and to date in 2025 who applied to rejoin the Gardaí, the number who were accepted back, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [62682/25]

*387. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 1548 of 8 September 2025, if the information regarding the average time in each of the past five years between application to join An Garda Síochána and attestation is now available, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [62683/25]

*388. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 1688 of 8 September 2025, if the information requested regarding the number of planned physical interventions that is, incidents of planned use of force that took place in the years 2022 to date, by prison and location of the intervention in each prison for example, cell, yard, landing, workshop and so on; the number of spontaneous physical interventions that is, incidents of spontaneous use of force that took place in the years 2022 to date, by prison and location of the intervention in each prison for example, cell, yard, landing, workshop and so on, by year, in tabular form is now available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [62684/25]

*389. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of the examination of a protected disclosure (details supplied) circulated to senior Cabinet members in July 2025 and asked as a Leader's Questions on 22 October 2025; and if correspondences will be issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gillian Toole. [62716/25]

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

*390. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide details on the deer management strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62699/25]

*391. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide details on deer management units, including the locations, number of staff, and their remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62700/25]

*392. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of road traffic accidents per county involving deer between 2015 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62704/25]

*393. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of badgers that have been culled in each county between 2015 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62705/25]

*394. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current vacancies which exist for a Technical Agricultural Officer in the Tipperary or Limerick area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [62325/25]

*395. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to put a process in place to purchase the title to Kilkeaveragh Pier, Portmagee, County Kerry in order that the structure qualifies for state funding; to clarify the rights and responsibilities attributed to it as it appears that the title to Kilkeaveragh Pier, which was built by Trinity College Dublin (TCD) as part of the Iveragh Estate is not owned by his Department and has been left in 'no man's land' (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62355/25]

*396. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to urgently investigate and allow for payment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62381/25]

*397. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will allow for a late application due to illness under the sheep welfare scheme for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62383/25]

*398. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the work done under each of the 12 actions under the Action Plan arising from the National Dialogue on Women in Agriculture. — Erin McGreehan. [62418/25]

*399. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the provisions that have been made to ensure that agencies, organisations and charities funded by his Department will be able to meet their obligations under the new AE scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [62457/25]

*400. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in view of the IFA's warning that the loss of the nitrates derogation could reduce average family-farm income by €43,500 and precipitate a drop of 200,000 dairy cows nationally, with major ramifications in rural Cork, the assessment that has been made of the regional income impact in Munster/Cork; the targeted supports planned to offset income loss, farm-exit risk or generational renewal disruption; and how his Department will engage with the outgoing CAP-2027 architecture to provide clarity within the next quarter. — Ken O'Flynn. [62498/25]

*401. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications nationally, under tranche 2 of ACRES; that have withdrawn their applications to date; the number of remaining participants in the scheme on each island; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [62522/25]

*402. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 731 of 14 October 2025, the date he began to prepare a tender to procure the services of a firm with specialised knowledge of the poultry industry to compile poultry valuation tables to assist with calculating compensation rates; when he expects to receive same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [62579/25]

*403. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 731 of 14 October 2025, if all strains of avian influenza which may result in an order from his Department to cull a flock are covered by a related compensation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [62580/25]

*404. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on his response to outbreaks of avian influenza within the State; his related engagements with his counterpart in the North of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [62582/25]

*405. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a Citizens' Assembly on food will be convened, to ensure an all-of-Government approach to Irish food security and meeting the objectives of the Healthy Ireland Policy and Actions. — Gillian Toole. [62591/25]

*406. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the outcome of recent discussions he had with the EU Commissioner in relation to the need to review the Nitrates Derogation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [62622/25]

*407. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will reissue a national survey on allotments and community garden provision to all local authorities to give a national overview of the provision of allotments and community gardens across Ireland, following figures released by FOI in April 2025 that only 16 out of 31 local authorities responded to the national survey issued by his Department in 2024, and which includes no responses from any local authority in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [62642/25]

*408. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of vacant and derelict buildings in County Mayo owned by his Department that are vacant or rented, by the region/towns location of the buildings, in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [62664/25]

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

*409. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality his plans to protect children from a parent who abuses the other; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [62402/25]

*410. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide details of the recruitment of new community neuro rehabilitation teams in Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [62557/25]

*411. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if Tusla compiles statistics on the number of deaf children the agency engages with each year; the number of deaf parents it engages with each year; if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [62314/25]

*412. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the extent to which Tusla parent support services and family support services are made accessible to parents who are deaf; if ISL interpretation is provided when deaf parents access Tusla programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [62315/25]

*413. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider creating a national working group to review the way in which deaf families are identified and supported by Tusla, comprised by deaf professionals, advocacy organisations, representatives from the Department of Children, Disability and Equality and representatives of Tusla; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [62316/25]

*414. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the schemes available to an organisation (details supplied) to fund the building of their early childhood and family centre; how they can apply for this; if she will engage with the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [62356/25]

*415. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No.1506 of 4 November 2025, the expected timeframe for the introduction of the fee increase assessment type exercise referred to in the reply; if she will confirm when this assessment will open to providers participating in the Core Funding programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [62358/25]

*416. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 808 of 30 September 2025, her plans to provide additional funds to the Interim Children’s Respite Centre for Monaghan to facilitate the provision and retention of emergency respite services in the county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [62440/25]

*417. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the provisions which have been made to ensure that agencies, organisations and charities funded by her Department will meet their obligations under the new AE scheme. — Louise O’Reilly. [62470/25]

*418. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for a breakdown of every agency, not-for-profit organisation, charity or service provider directly funded by her Department; and the details of each specific directly funded post in each body. — Louise O’Reilly. [62475/25]

*419. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the parents and families of adults with special needs and profound disabilities will get the respite in County Kerry; her views on whether the number of respite beds available to Kerry families is unacceptable and falls far short of what is required; the steps being taken to address this urgent matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62496/25]

*420. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the findings of data collected by her Department on awareness levels following the national campaign to promote understanding of the Convention and its Second Optional Protocol, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [62552/25]

*421. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the way in which the awareness campaign undertaken in line with Article 42 of the Convention and the Second Optional Protocol was structured to ensure both adults and children were informed of their rights and the obligations arising under the Convention; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [62553/25]

*422. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide an update on the State’s preparations for ratification of the Second Optional Protocol before the end of 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [62554/25]

*423. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the availability of psychotherapy services to children in care, in particular to reference access to child art psychotherapy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [62612/25]

*424. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures in place to support childcare facilities in transitioning to using renewable sources of energy. — Malcolm Byrne. [62613/25]

*425. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of vacant and derelict buildings in County Mayo owned by her Department that are vacant or rented, by the region/towns location of the buildings, in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [62665/25]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*426. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding supports available for persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [62347/25]

*427. To ask the Minister for Health to review the answer to a previous parliamentary question (details supplied) regarding the sale of a property. — Peadar Tóibín. [62301/25]

*428. To ask the Minister for Health to review a matter detailed in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the sale of a property. — Peadar Tóibín. [62302/25]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to concerns in relation to the provision of podiatry care due to waiting lists particularly for elderly patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62332/25]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health the number of podiatrists that are currently practicing in the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62333/25]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health the number of podiatrists that are currently practicing in the greater Dublin region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62334/25]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health the number of podiatrists that are currently practicing in the Dún Laoghaire area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62335/25]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding average wait times for medical card holders to access to a podiatrist; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62336/25]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the adequacy of financial support available to elderly persons in receipt of a podiatry card; if she has been made aware of the significant top up payments required for patients that use this service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62337/25]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding annual recruitment of podiatrists to work in the health service; her views on whether it is adequate to meet demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62338/25]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding schemes or incentives in place or under consideration to promote an increase in the number podiatrists working in the health service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62339/25]

*437. To ask the Minister for Health her views the adequacy of publicly available information related to the provision of partially State funded podiatry care; if an advertising campaign in HSE clinics and GPs will be considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62340/25]

*438. To ask the Minister for Health when home support hours will commence for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal which were approved in September 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [62353/25]

*439. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date on the provision of a new emergency department at Beaumont Hospital; when it is envisaged construction will begin; the planned timeline for completion; when the new department will be operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [62371/25]

*440. To ask the Minister for Health if she will commit to increasing core funding for the existing female genital mutilation (FGM) treatment service; the steps she is taking to assist the service in meeting the substantial growth in demand for FGM treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [62376/25]

*441. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been brought to a model of care (details supplied); if she will engage with stakeholders to establish a nationwide framework for female genital mutilation (FGM) treatment services; if there are plans to create a network of FGM clinics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [62377/25]

*442. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 609 of 23 September 2025, to clarify if a group were excluded from the costing for the free hormone replacement therapy (HRT) scheme; if so, to outline how, given the details of an internal communication in relation to the basis for the costing (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [62378/25]

*443. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 817 of 14 October 2025, if radiation therapists have an explicit agreement with respect to incremental credit and agency work (details supplied); if not, the reasons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [62382/25]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health the amount the HSE has spent on holter monitors between the years 2020 to 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [62384/25]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the shortage of holter monitors and the wait lists and times for individuals to get access to a holter monitors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [62385/25]

*446. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to reduce holter monitor wait times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [62386/25]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health the plans regarding special leave with pay for covid-19; the number of people who will lose this payment at the end of the year and transition to the public sector sick leave scheme. — David Cullinane. [62413/25]

*448. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation plan for the 2019 National Oral Health Policy, Smile Agus Sláinte; if this implementation plan will be published before the end of 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [62423/25]

*449. To ask the Minister for Health the plans her Department has to roll-out primary care services in Clare to assess children for autism; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [62434/25]

*450. To ask the Minister for Health the status of orthodontal treatment for a person (details supplied); if she will ensure the person secures orthodontal treatment as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [62435/25]

*451. To ask the Minister for Health the specific training in the area of dementia and Alzheimer's that is provided to primary care staff in the healthcare system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [62445/25]

*452. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently waiting for BreastCheck screening in counties Wicklow and Wexford; the length of time they have been waiting; the number of patients carried over on the waiting list from 2024 who were not seen on time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [62450/25]

*453. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions which have been made to ensure that agencies, organisations, and charities funded by her Department will meet their obligations under the new AE scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [62477/25]

*454. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of every agency, not-for-profit organisation, charity or service provider directly funded by her Department; and the details of each specific directly funded post in each body. — Louise O'Reilly. [62480/25]

*455. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to recognising Covid-19 as an occupational illness for social workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [62483/25]

*456. To ask the Minister for Health if she will reconsider the ending of the long-Covid scheme in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [62484/25]

*457. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 1632 and 1633 of 4 November 2025, whether healthcare providers must indicate eligibility/ineligibility for the free HRT scheme on the prescriptions transmitted to pharmacists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [62489/25]

*458. To ask the Minister for Health when the additional staff will be provided and in particular nursing staff to allow for the overdue opening of beds in West Kerry Community Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62491/25]

*459. To ask the Minister for Health when the additional staff will be provided and in particular nursing staff to allow for the overdue opening of beds in Kenmare Community Hospital, County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62492/25]

*460. To ask the Minister for Health when the additional staff will be provided and in particular nursing staff to allow for the overdue opening of the new Killarney Community Hospital, the closed beds in West Kerry Community Hospital and Kenmare Community Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62493/25]

*461. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Kerry patients continue to be transferred to community hospitals and nursing homes in Cork, Limerick and as far away as County Offaly whilst the brand new Killarney Community Hospital remains closed and beds remain closed in West Kerry Community Hospital and Kenmare Community Hospital; her views on whether this is acceptable; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62494/25]

*462. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a detailed progress report in regard to the overdue primary care centre in Cahersiveen, County Kerry; when the residents of Iveragh and south Kerry will have this important health facility in place to serve the community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62495/25]

*463. To ask the Minister for Health her plans for the old Saint Finian's Hospital and lands, a prime property in Killarney, County Kerry, that has been idle since 2012; the reason no decision been made to date regarding this valuable asset; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62501/25]

*464. To ask the Minister for Health if she will reconsider the decision not to renew the temporary financial support scheme for healthcare and social care workers suffering from long-Covid, given the significant occupational risk faced by frontline staff during the height of the pandemic. — Martin Daly. [62513/25]

*465. To ask the Minister for Health if she will recognise long-Covid as an occupational illness, noting that several other EU countries have already set this precedent. — Martin Daly. [62514/25]

*466. To ask the Minister for Health the supports that will be made available to healthcare and social care workers affected by long-Covid once the current temporary financial support scheme ends in December. — Martin Daly. [62515/25]

*467. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the appointment of the design teams for the development of the new bed blocks at Galway University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [62523/25]

*468. To ask the Minister for Health for the number of approved wholetime equivalent consultants in emergency medicine at University Hospital Galway; the number of said approved positions currently vacant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [62524/25]

*469. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the resources provided to the Traveller Counselling Service in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [62526/25]

*470. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the resources provided to a service (details supplied) in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [62527/25]

*471. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the resources provided to a service (details supplied) in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [62528/25]

*472. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the resources provided to the Traveller Mental Health Initiative in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [62529/25]

*473. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on any plans to deliver a new primary care centre in Clonmel, County Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [62531/25]

*474. To ask the Minister for Health the current provision of staffing in the HSE substance misuse service in south Tipperary; the towns in which clinics or drop in services operate, and their frequency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [62532/25]

*475. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the expected impact on the local community of the removal of diabetic clinics from Carrick primary care centre; if the HSE has any further plans to remove other services from the Carrick primary care centre campus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [62533/25]

*476. To ask the Minister for Health when a PET scanner will be acquired for the purposes of cancer management at University Hospital Limerick; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [62538/25]

*477. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite the provision of a permanent oncology/haematology build at University Hospital Kerry (details supplied) in view of the fact patients numbers requiring chemotherapy are increasing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62539/25]

*478. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential disability places provided by the HSE in Dublin north city and county; the current level of unmet demand, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [62555/25]

*479. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioner practices in Dublin bay north currently accepting new medical card patients, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [62556/25]

*480. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on capital plans for a hospital (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [62558/25]

*481. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional consultant posts which have been approved for a hospital (details supplied) in 2023 to date in 2025, by year, by specialty, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [62559/25]

*482. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on delivery of the 2025 HSE National Service Plan targets for primary care expansion in Dublin north city and county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [62560/25]

*483. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting time for an appointment with a primary care psychologist in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [62581/25]

*484. To ask the Minister for Health the results of recruitment campaigns by the Health Service Executive and National Council for Special Education for healthcare professional roles (details supplied), in tabular form. — Gillian Toole. [62588/25]

*485. To ask the Minister for Health when a Citizens' Assembly on food will be convened, to ensure an all-of-Government approach to Irish food security and meeting the objectives of the Healthy Ireland Policy and Actions. — Gillian Toole. [62592/25]

*486. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to date in establishing trusted partnerships between industry, academia and national genomic programmes, as set out in the National Strategy for Accelerating Genetic and Genomic Medicine in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62600/25]

*487. To ask the Minister for Health whether any pilot partnership initiatives with commercial providers have been established since the publication of the National Strategy for Accelerating Genetic and Genomic Medicine in Ireland in 2022; if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62601/25]

*488. To ask the Minister for Health the way the HSE is measuring delivery against the objective of the National Strategy for Accelerating Genetic and Genomic Medicine in Ireland to ensure Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) in genomic service development; if any formal evaluation has been published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62602/25]

*489. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinical geneticists, genetic counsellors and genetic resource associates that have been recruited since an initial €2.7 million funding allocation in 2022; the additional number required to meet national demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62603/25]

*490. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new genomic medicine clinical trials that have been initiated in Ireland since 2022; whether any were supported through partnerships with indigenous industry or indigenous private clinical facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62604/25]

*491. To ask the Minister for Health the specific deliverables from the National Strategy for Accelerating Genetic and Genomic Medicine in Ireland that have been completed since its launch in 2022; the commitments that remain outstanding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62605/25]

*492. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of plans to establish a multidisciplinary HSE Central Laboratory, as outlined in the HSE Strategy for Laboratory Services 2025-2029; the key milestones achieved to date; the expected timeline for delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62606/25]

*493. To ask the Minister for Health if full funding has been ring-fenced for the implementation of the HSE Strategy for Laboratory Services 2025-2029; if not, which components remain unfunded; and the associated risk to the delivery timeline. — Emer Currie. [62607/25]

*494. To ask the Minister for Health if a location has been selected for the proposed HSE Central Laboratory, as outlined in the HSE Strategy for Laboratory Services 2025-2029; the criteria used in site selection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62608/25]

*495. To ask the Minister for Health the projected staffing and skills requirements for the establishment and operation of the proposed HSE Central Laboratory under the HSE Strategy for Laboratory Services 2025-2029; the recruitment timeline; the action being taken to ensure the necessary workforce is in place given current shortages in laboratory science and related disciplines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62609/25]

*496. To ask the Minister for Health the measures in place to support nursing homes in transitioning to using renewable sources of energy. — Malcolm Byrne. [62614/25]

*497. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has reviewed potential models for enhanced North–South cooperation in healthcare delivery, including cross-Border hospital and emergency care arrangements. — Michael Murphy. [62637/25]

*498. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons the shingles vaccine is not currently subsidised or included in the national immunisation programme, despite its proven effectiveness in preventing shingles and post-herpetic neuralgia, particularly among older adults and immunocompromised individuals; if her Department is currently considering any scheme to make the vaccine more affordable; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [62648/25]

*499. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant and derelict buildings in County Mayo owned by her Department that are vacant or rented, by the region/towns location of the buildings, in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [62674/25]

*500. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the completion of remaining works on a property on O'Dwyer's Road, Middleton; and the estimated opening date for a new HSE residential mental health service accommodating three people. — Liam Quaide. [62687/25]

*501. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE Central Laboratory will operate under ISO 15189 accreditation standards; the accreditation pathway being pursued; whether this accreditation will be in place prior to commencing clinical operations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62710/25]

*502. To ask the Minister for Health the expected benefits of the Central Laboratory, as outlined in the HSE Strategy for Laboratory Services 2026 to 2036, in terms of turnaround times, resilience and sustainability; whether a value-for-money assessment has been carried out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62711/25]

*503. To ask the Minister for Health the capital equipment requirements identified for the establishment of the proposed HSE Central Laboratory under the HSE Strategy for Laboratory Services 2026–2036; the estimated cost of procuring and commissioning this equipment; the

funding allocated to date; the expected phasing of investment over the lifetime of the strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62712/25]

*504. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the examination of a protected disclosure (details supplied) circulated to senior Cabinet members in July 2025 and asked as a Leader's Questions on 22 October 2025; and if correspondences will be issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gillian Toole. [62715/25]

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

*505. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps being taken to address the current shortage of qualified tradespeople across the country; the specific measures being implemented to attract, train, and support the next generation of apprentices and skilled workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [62408/25]

*506. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the details of the range of countries in which his Department are currently running a public relations campaign to attract Irish tradespeople to return home; the incentives which will be in place for these persons if they return home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [62414/25]

*507. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to ensure no further examinations for future apprentices are leaked; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [62406/25]

*508. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students studying graduate entry medicine, by institution, for each year from 2015/2016 to 2024/2025; the total and per capita funding his Department provided for each of these years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [62425/25]

*509. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the provisions which have been made to ensure that agencies, organisations, and charities funded by his Department will meet their obligations under the new AE scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [62479/25]

*510. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for a breakdown of every agency, not-for-profit organisation, charity or service provider directly funded by his Department; and the details of each specific directly funded post in each body. — Louise O'Reilly. [62482/25]

*511. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he and the Government will support in every way possible a person (details supplied) who has been selected to become the first Irish person in space who will undoubtedly represent Ireland with pride and distinction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62510/25]

*512. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on plans to attract a greater number of top international researchers and academics to Ireland. — Malcolm Byrne. [62615/25]

*513. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of vacant and derelict buildings in County Mayo owned by his Department that are vacant or rented, by the region/towns location of the buildings, in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [62673/25]

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

*514. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to examine along with his Ministerial colleagues with responsibility for the named Departments (details supplied), the proposal that will not alone enrich students by encouraging a greater understanding and learning of our native language and culture, but will also encourage Gaeltacht areas themselves to grow and extend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62326/25]

*515. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of vacant and derelict buildings in County Mayo owned by his Department that are vacant or rented, by the region/towns location of the buildings, in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [62678/25]