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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [46873/25]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Aindrias Moynihan. [48529/25]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [56902/25]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [56996/25]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [57002/25]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [57037/25]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Conor D. McGuinness. [58034/25]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Brendan Smith. [58231/25]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will meet next. — Barry Heneghan. [59583/25]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [59735/25]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61677/25]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Liam Quaide. [63177/25]
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Erin McGreehan. [63428/25]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Malcolm Byrne. [63480/25]

15. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [63511/25]

16. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Paul Lawless. [63527/25]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island unit in quantifying the economic and social dimensions of greater North-South integration (details supplied). — Michael Murphy. [62809/25]

26. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the work of the Shared Island unit. — Liam Quaide. [63178/25]

27. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the work of the Shared Island unit. — Shane Moynihan. [63180/25]

28. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the work of the Shared Island unit. — Mary Lou McDonald. [63429/25]

29. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the work of the Shared Island unit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63463/25]

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island unit. — Peadar Tóibín. [63512/25]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island unit. — Paul Lawless. [63528/25]

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

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

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

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will next meet. — Barry Heneghan. [63404/25]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will next meet.-. — Mary Lou McDonald. [63430/25]

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63464/25]

38. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [63466/25]

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

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

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

43. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the programme plan for his Department's new disability unit for 2025-2027. — Ruth Coppinger. [63181/25]

44. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the programme plan for his Department's new disability unit for 2025-2027. — Barry Heneghan. [63403/25]

45. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the programme plan for his Department's new disability unit for 2025-2027. — Martin Daly. [63424/25]

46. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the programme plan for his Department's new disability unit for 2025-2027. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63465/25]

47. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the programme plan for his Department's new disability unit for 2025-2027. — Paul Murphy. [63467/25]

48. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the plan for a new disability unit in his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [63513/25]

49. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the plan for a new disability unit in his Department. — Paul Lawless. [63529/25]

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

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

52. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with Prime Minister Keir Starmer. — Ruth Coppinger. [63183/25]

53. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his recent meeting with the British prime minister. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [63259/25]

54. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his recent meeting with the British prime minister. — Darren O'Rourke. [63268/25]

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

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

57. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on his Department's plans to co-ordinate a range of actions aimed at regulatory reform. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [63260/25]

58. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on his Department's plans to coordinate a range of actions aimed at regulatory reform. — Darren O'Rourke. [63269/25]

59. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on his Department's plans to co-ordinate a range of actions aimed at regulatory reform. — Malcolm Byrne. [63479/25]

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

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

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

63. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Aindrias Moynihan. [63425/25]

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

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

66. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the Conference of Parties Summit in Brazil in November 2025. — Malcolm Byrne. [62257/25]

67. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with faith and non-confessional groups to discuss a structured dialogue process. — Ruth Coppinger. [63182/25]

68. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [63507/25]

69. To ask the Taoiseach whether, in the context of the Government's child-poverty target of reducing consistent child poverty to 3 percent or less by 2030, the statistic for "children experiencing consistent poverty" as published by the Central Statistics Office (or other measurement body) includes children who are living in emergency accommodation (including family homelessness or temporary emergency housing); if not, the number of such children; whether there are plans to incorporate them into the measure to ensure the target covers all children in vulnerable housing situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [61985/25]

70. To ask the Taoiseach if it would be possible for the CSO, drawing on SILC data to create a new measurement, 'consistent poverty (after housing costs)', which would combine households at risk of poverty after housing costs and households in material deprivation in the same fashion as the existing measurement, 'consistent poverty'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [62184/25]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

71. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will defer the January 2025 toll increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [63433/25]

72. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the scheme for free travel for five-to-eight-year-olds; if he will report on the roll out of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [63434/25]

73. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider undertaking a review of the current regulatory regime in place for e-scooters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [63600/25]

74. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the development of his Department's sectoral investment plan following the National Development Plan review; if there is a date for the publication of this sectoral investment plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [63319/25]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

75. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider extending the short hop zone to Newbridge and surrounding areas to aid with the cost-of-living of commuters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [62392/25]

76. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions his Department is undertaking to deliver contactless payments on all public transport; the estimated timeline for the introduction of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [63320/25]

77. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update with timelines for the restoration of the Derry to Dublin air link. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [63485/25]

78. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to ensure that public transport is fully accessible to all; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62394/25]

79. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the upgrade of real-time tracking of Dublin Bus services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63502/25]

80. To ask the Minister for Transport when the promised increase on the 132 bus route will finally happen given the increased traffic volumes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [63503/25]

81. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the recent salary increases of CEOs of commercial State bodies under the aegis of his Department; if he has discussed these increases with the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Services, Reform and Digitalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [63377/25]

82. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has examined international best practice in public transport app design; if lessons from other jurisdictions are being considered in the digital strategy for TFI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [63379/25]

83. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the condition of DART and train stations across Dublin Bay north (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [63444/25]

84. To ask the Minister for Transport the action his Department is taking to progress the Mallow relief road project; the current status of this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63270/25]

85. To ask the Minister for Transport if analysis has been completed to study the way in which or if the completion of active travel projects have had a material effect on the carbon emissions of commuters in County Dublin, or across the country. — Maeve O'Connell. [63312/25]

86. To ask the Minister for Transport the projects identified in the Strategic Rail Review with regard to Monaghan that he intends to progress; and the status of same. — Cathy Bennett. [63068/25]

87. To ask the Minister for Transport to examine the transportation connectivity to Cork Airport, and the way in which this can be enhanced by sustainable investment, in view of the request from the airport for a 24-hour bus service to be introduced as soon as possible. — Séamus McGrath. [63383/25]

88. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the concerns regarding the introduction of a taxi fixed price; if he has conducted a review into whether it complies with the Taxi Regulation Act 2013 and the Taxi Regulation (Maximum Fares) Order 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [63062/25]

89. To ask the Minister for Transport when he will meet with the elected members of the Letterkenny Municipal District, Donegal County Council to discuss the urgent need to fund a number of relief roads and by passes around the town of Letterkenny to address the serious traffic delays at certain times of the day, every day. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [63484/25]

90. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to address the concerns in relation to the unsafe working hours arrangements of Coast Guard helicopter crews; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [63061/25]

91. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that there is consistency in signage on motorways for tourist attractions for centres (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [54624/25]

92. To ask the Minister for Transport when the current contract for the toll in Watergrasshill, County Cork is due to expire; the engagement that has taken place with regard to extending the contract; the amount raised via toll roads nationwide since 2020 to date; the way in which the income was allocated; if further information can be provided on expenditure, by year and, by road, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [63174/25]

93. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will take urgent action on the lack of train carriages available for morning services from Midleton train station to Kent Station during rush hour; if his Department is aware of the volume of passengers who take those morning commuter trips each weekday morning; if his Department will ensure that extra carriages are added to this route expeditiously; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [63496/25]

94. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will take CPOs off the table in relation to greenways; if he will engage in meaningful consultation with landowners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [63515/25]

95. To ask the Minister for Transport if the issue of elevator services being regularly out-of-order at all stations will be examined (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [63558/25]

96. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the establishment and implementation of the proposed transport security force, given its importance in improving passenger safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [63500/25]

97. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the new F-Spine routes and instruct the NTA to make the changes necessary in order that journeys are not more indirect and do not take much longer than the previous routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [63318/25]

98. To ask the Minister for Transport for urgent improvement and safety works to be carried out on the N22 road section east of Macroom to Ballincollig; if the high road incident figures on this stretch of road will be considered on advancing urgent improvement and safety works for this road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [63447/25]

99. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount in fines issued to a bus company (details supplied) and Dublin Bus in 20224 and 2025; the consequences of these fines on route allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [63458/25]

100. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the appointment of a design consultant for the N25 Midleton to Youghal scheme; the timeline for the appointment if not already appointed; if his Department has outlined the importance of this project to the southern region for persons who travel from Rosslare to Cork each day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [63495/25]

101. To ask the Minister for Transport the-up-to-date position on the implementation of the changes to be rolled out to the current 233 bus service; the route and frequency for implementation under the new services 233N, 233C and 233S; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [63446/25]

102. To ask the Minister for Transport the current position regarding the development of the N52 Link Road in County Offaly; the way in which the project will improve connectivity and safety in the midlands region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [63387/25]

103. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has met with the NTA to address the 6,000 complaints submitted to the NTA in relation to cancelled, delayed or so called ghost buses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [63063/25]

104. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which wheelchair users and others with limited mobility can be better accommodated at bus stops; the way in which the need for these stops can be highlighted to and facilitated by those responsible for their provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [63381/25]

105. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the implementation of the Programme for Government commitment to expand bus services in cities and continue to strengthen local urban transport in towns. — Cathal Crowe. [63510/25]

106. To ask the Minister for Transport the action his Department is taking to address the growing problem of overcrowding and lack of services on the Dublin to Rosslare rail line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63265/25]

107. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the work his Department is carrying out to establish a dedicated transport policing force. — Cathal Crowe. [63509/25]

108. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to address the current loophole in the licensing system which allows learner drivers to repeatedly renew their learner permits without ever sitting a driving test; if he plans to legislate to require learner drivers to sit a test after their third permit, as recommended by PARC road safety group, and raised before the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Transport and Communications on 8 October 2025; the timeline for the introduction of such legislation in order to close this loophole and strengthen road safety compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [60927/25]

109. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to expand the frequency of Local Link and Bus Éireann services coming in and out of Mayo, particularly during mornings and weekends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [63483/25]

110. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the progression of the proposed upgrade of the R624 access road to Cobh and the Great Island in east Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [63176/25]

111. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of the planned investment on the skeleton train service from Rosslare to Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [63504/25]

112. To ask the Minister for Transport the communication and public engagement measures that have been undertaken by Iarnród Éireann in the Donaghmede area in relation to the DART+ Coastal North project, particularly around a station (details supplied), in view of reports from an organisation and local residents that no direct updates or correspondence have been received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [63445/25]

113. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will acknowledge the need for additional return rail services from Dublin to Carlow and Kilkenny; if he plans to address the limitations of the current service for people living in Carlow and Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [63516/25]

114. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to reopen the Midleton to Youghal railway line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [63272/25]

115. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on works on N24/N25, and on State investment in the project. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [63290/25]

116. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of toll bridges in the State; and if he will outline when each was built; and the cost to the State. — Peadar Tóibín. [63521/25]

117. To ask the Minister for Transport the action his Department is taking to dealing with the increasing levels of traffic congestion on the M11/N11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63266/25]

118. To ask the Minister for Transport the total investment in bus services in each county in each of the years since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [63405/25]

119. To ask the Minister for Transport if provision will be made to extend early morning bus services at weekends (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [63557/25]

120. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the number of cancellations by a bus company (details supplied) and Dublin Bus buses in the Dublin mid-west constituency; the efforts his Department is taking to address this level of cancelation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [63457/25]

121. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has been made aware of escalating issues with punctuality and reliability in Cork's bus service. — Thomas Gould. [63070/25]

122. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures his Department is taking to ensure that disabled passengers in rural areas, such as Mayo, are provided with equitable access to transport services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [63482/25]

123. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the move by a company (details supplied) to fixed price fares, which is being used as a tool to undermine competition in the taxi market; the way in which this will impact taxi drivers in Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63329/25]

124. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the proposed N52 Link Road project in County Offaly; the stage the project is at within the Transport Infrastructure Ireland delivery pipeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [63386/25]

125. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will consider providing funding for the upgrade of the N25 route between Carrigtwohill, Midleton and Youghal in Cork east; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [63175/25]

126. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the current phase of the Luas Finglas extension project; the projected funding amounts for 2026, 2027 and 2028; the indicative timeline on the commencement of construction given the recent planning approval by An Coimisiún Pleanála; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [63324/25]

127. To ask the Minister for Transport to include as a priority, the Portlaoise Northern Orbital Route and the Mountmellick By-Pass in the revised National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62688/25]

128. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to address service reliability on bus routes in Kildare north, given repeated last-minute cancellations and ghost buses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [63499/25]

129. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the rollout of Connecting Ireland in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [63322/25]

130. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps his Department is taking to improve public transport systems in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [63520/25]

131. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the enhancement of commuter rail services in Cork; the estimated timeline on when the new stations at Tivoli, Blarney/Stoneview, Blackpool/Kilbarry will be constructed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [63173/25]

132. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the provision of a new bridge urgently needed to replace the existing Lennox bridge, which connects Kinlough, County Leitrim to Bundoran and Ballyshannon in County Donegal. — Eamon Scanlon. [63172/25]

133. To ask the Minister for Transport when technical measures to improve real time information across bus services in Dublin city will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [63443/25]

134. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the 103 bus service in County Meath; the plans to improve this service to meet increasing demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [63321/25]

135. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration is being given to specific measures to support commuters travelling to city and town centres, particularly students travelling from east Galway into university in Galway city, whose bus and/or train services are at capacity before reaching their locality at peak times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [63420/25]

136. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the port access Northern Cross route in Drogheda, County Louth; the current stage of design, funding commitment from his Department and the engagement that his Department has had with Louth County Council in relation to the delivery of this critical infrastructure. — Erin McGreehan. [63497/25]

137. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent by central Government on greenways since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [63406/25]

138. To ask the Minister for Transport when the NTA review into the operation of bus services for Nenagh town which as was committed to will be concluded; and if consideration will be given to the creation of a transport hub in the railway station (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [58444/25]

139. To ask the Minister for Transport the proportion of his Department’s National Development Plan allocation that will be assigned to funding Luas extensions in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [63505/25]

140. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passenger journeys in each of the past three years on Local Link services in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [63385/25]

141. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider consolidating Transport for Ireland’s multiple public transport apps into a single, user-friendly platform to improve accessibility and

convenience for commuters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [63378/25]

142. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the current traffic issues in Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63330/25]

143. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passenger journeys per year on Bus Éireann route 425A in Galway; the basis on which the decision was made to reroute this service, which is considered unsustainable for the community it serves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [63419/25]

144. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement his Department has had with Irish Rail and other stakeholders regarding the provision of additional car parking spaces at Clarke Station, Dundalk; the solutions there are to the problem of high space demand by commuters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [63380/25]

145. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Clontibret to the Border road project; and the estimated time to completion. — Cathy Bennett. [63069/25]

146. To ask the Minister for Transport his position on the role of public consultations in the development of community active travel projects. — Maeve O'Connell. [63313/25]

147. To ask the Minister for Transport the current prevalence of the practice of injecting additional buses along routes when such routes have reached capacity; if there are plans for increasing the frequency of this practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [63286/25]

148. To ask the Minister for Transport the earliest estimated construction start and end dates for the N2 Clontibret to the Border and N2 Ardee to Castleblayney road projects. — Matt Carthy. [63066/25]

149. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to improve safety on the N7/M7 road from Kildare to Dublin in view of frequent crashes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [62393/25]

150. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans in place to improve and expand public transport services in County Louth, including increased frequency and capacity on bus and rail connecting Dundalk and Drogheda and rural towns and villages; and the measures being taken to ensure equitable access of rural residents and people with disabilities. — Erin McGreehan. [63498/25]

151. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration is being given to an extension of the Metro North in advance of works being concluded, to ensure no delay in delivering for other areas of Dublin and neighbouring counties which could benefit from such a project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [63292/25]

152. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he has taken to improve public transport systems in County Mayo. — Paul Lawless. [63542/25]

153. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that a project (details supplied) will be included in his Department's sectoral plan for the 2026 to 2030 period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [63476/25]

154. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that a project (details supplied) will be included in his Department's sectoral plan for the 2026 to 2030 period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [63475/25]

155. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made on the proposed flood mitigation measures at Ballycar, County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [63384/25]

156. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the pilot new transport initiatives that have resulted from Our Rural Future: Rural Development Policy 2021-2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [56048/25]

157. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the upgrade of the Kilkenny ring road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [63291/25]

158. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will be providing additional funding Cavan and Monaghan County Councils for road resurfacing in 2025; and the total allocations to each council in 2026. — Matt Carthy. [63067/25]

159. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the formation of the transport security force to address safety issues on public transport in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [63506/25]

160. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress his Department has made with the Road Safety Authority to shorten the waiting lists for driving tests; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Dún Laoghaire/ Deansgrange test centre has one of the longest average wait times in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62395/25]

161. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans and measures considered and implemented by publicly funded public transport operators when it becomes clear there is a lack of services on a particular route to meet demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [63285/25]

162. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the overall cost of the 90-minute Leap Card fare hardware in Cork city; and the timeline for the installation of same. — Thomas Gould. [63071/25]

163. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the current platform length at MacDonagh Junction railway station in Kilkenny; if he will engage with CIÉ/Iarnród Éireann to ensure that plans are put in place to extend the platform to accommodate longer intercity services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [63518/25]

164. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to increase the frequency of the 130 Dublin Bus service, recognising the significant reliability issues on this route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [63284/25]

165. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans in place to expand public transport options including bus and rail services and Local Link services in rural areas such as County Laois to reduce car dependency and improve social inclusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62689/25]

166. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for such a disparity in pricing between online ticket reservations with Irish Rail and purchasing a ticket at the station; the reason those who are forced to purchase a ticket offline, after the window for online reservations has closed, are penalised with higher ticket prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [63514/25]

167. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the steps that have been taken to address ghost buses on the real time information service on bus services in Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [63442/25]

168. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on progress in reopening the western rail corridor between Claremorris and Athenry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [63522/25]

169. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to ensure the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Dublin Bus, as the service provider, can alleviate issues that have arisen with the rollout of the phase 7 of Bus Connects in Dublin north west, given he has no direct responsibility for the day-to-day operations of either the NTA or Dublin Bus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [63325/25]

170. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the implementation of the D spine Dublin Bus routes; if the NTA has considered adding a cross-city south connection following the discontinuation of the 14 and 15 routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [63283/25]

171. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the rollout of contactless fare payment on public transport systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63501/25]

172. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the review of the Expressway services recently reported; the timeline for when this review will be completed; the steps he is taking to ensure that a service continues on that route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [63064/25]

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoiseach: To the Taoiseach.

*173. To ask the Taoiseach the number of vacancies which arose at principal officer level for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in his Department and agencies under the aegis of his Department; the number of these vacancies filled between internal and external methods; the number of vacancies each year at principal officer level filled by mobility; and the number of internal competitions for principal officer grade run by his Department since 2010. — George Lawlor. [63033/25]

*174. To ask the Taoiseach 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. [62680/25]

*175. To ask the Taoiseach the timeframe for finalisation and publication of the new National Digital and AI Strategy. — Emer Currie. [63450/25]

*176. To ask the Taoiseach the total legal costs in defending judicial reviews of planning decisions involving his Department and/or agencies within the aegis of his Department for each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63629/25]

*177. To ask the Taoiseach the progress that has been made to date in achievement of the stated goals of the Dublin City Task force; the spending on establishing the taskforce; and the projected costs and funding for next 10 years. — Tom Brabazon. [63730/25]

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

*178. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps the Government will take to smooth the bureaucratic and financial way for returning Irish emigrants with their families. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [63815/25]

*179. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether Ireland will raise at European level the decision of the Israeli authorities to obstruct and place a five year travel ban on the Chair of the European Parliament Delegation for Relations with Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [62741/25]

*180. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the ongoing construction of a children's hospital in Ukraine (details supplied); if he will consider allocating targeted funding for this project as part of Ireland's wider financial support for Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62797/25]

*181. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will raise the matter of the ongoing construction of a children's hospital in Ukraine (details supplied) at an EU level to propose direct funding for this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62798/25]

*182. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will consider facilitating a meeting with an Irish based engineer that is part of the ongoing construction of a children's hospital in Ukraine (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62799/25]

*183. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to report on Ireland's commitment to the "loss and damage" mechanism agreed at COP30; and the amount of additional funding or support which Ireland will provide in the next five years. — Sorca Clarke. [62948/25]

*184. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the average turnaround time for applications to the foreign birth register. — Seán Crowe. [62953/25]

*185. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his Department will assist a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [62971/25]

*186. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total amount allocated to Irish Aid in 2025; and the way in which this compares to the previous five years. — Sorca Clarke. [62973/25]

*187. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the proportion of Ireland's GNI that is spent on ODA annually. — Sorca Clarke. [62974/25]

*188. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide a list of current Irish funded development projects in Africa, including funding amounts and objectives. — Sorca Clarke. [62975/25]

*189. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which Irish Aid monitors and evaluates the effectiveness of its funded projects. — Sorca Clarke. [62976/25]

*190. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the support Irish Aid provides to women's empowerment programmes in developing countries. — Sorca Clarke. [62977/25]

*191. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the funding which has been provided for emergency relief in response to the recent humanitarian crises in Palestine and Sudan. — Sorca Clarke. [62978/25]

*192. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of vacancies which arose at principal officer level for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in his Department and agencies under the aegis of his Department; the number of these vacancies filled between internal and external methods; the number of vacancies each year at principal officer level filled by mobility; the number of internal competitions for principal officer grade run by his Department since 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [63025/25]

*193. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the human rights record of the Qatari government; and whether an event organised by the Irish embassy in Abu Dhabi with the Qatari Director of Human Rights is consistent with national policy (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63083/25]

*194. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will outline Ireland's current and planned financial contributions to the loss and damage fund; the timeline for disbursement of such funds; the mechanisms in place to ensure that Ireland's contributions are additional to existing official development assistance commitments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [63146/25]

*195. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Ireland was represented at the Second World Summit for Social Development 2025, held in Doha; if so, the composition of the Irish delegation; the purpose and outcomes of Ireland's participation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [63526/25]

*196. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total legal costs in defending judicial reviews of planning decisions involving his Department and/or agencies within the aegis of his Department for each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63621/25]

*197. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his Department is aware of any instances where official development aid funding from Ireland has been misappropriated by partner organisations during the period 2020 to date in 2025; if so, to provide details of same; the efforts made to recoup such funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [63778/25]

*198. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will address concerns regarding a passport application appeal, raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [63794/25]

*199. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps being taken to ensure that the €200 million currently earmarked and future monies under the Horizon Europe's EIC Accelerator for Israeli start-ups is withdrawn; and whether the matter has been raised by him at EU Council meetings. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [63979/25]

*200. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on a foreign birthright application for a person (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [64013/25]

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

*201. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when he expects a determination to be made regarding legislation on marine protected areas; if this determination will be made over the Dail Éireann recess period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [62777/25]

*202. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures in place to support theatres, arts centres and other cultural buildings in transitioning to using renewable sources of energy. — Malcolm Byrne. [62849/25]

*203. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will review matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if he will address the specific questions raised therein; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [62886/25]

*204. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment in view of the agreement reached at COP30 and the commitments made by the EU to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 90 % by 2040 and between 66.25-72.5 % by 2035, the way in which Ireland is aligning its national policy and its emissions reduction pathway to these new EU targets; the steps the Government will take to ensure these are met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [62947/25]

*205. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the progress being made toward Ireland's 2030 emission reduction targets; and the further measures planned to meet sectoral ceilings. — Sorca Clarke. [62970/25]

*206. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of vacancies which arose at principal officer level for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in his Department and agencies under the aegis of his Department; the number of these vacancies filled between internal and external methods; the number of vacancies each year at principal officer level filled by mobility; the number of internal competitions for principal officer grade run by his Department since 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [63019/25]

*207. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if there are plans in place at Departmental level to re-designate Lough Sheelin as a pike and coarse fishery considering the results of 2022 fish survey conducted by Inland Fisheries Ireland, which found that native brown trout are a marginalised species within a larger biomass of invasive/non-native fish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63200/25]

*208. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department and Inland Fisheries Ireland are considering legislation for Lough Sheelin to impose a total ban on the harvesting of brown trout by rod angling; a total ban on the use of electronics (chartplotters, echosounders, side-scan sonar, livescope and active target) for angling purposes; restricting the use of outboard engines over a predetermined horsepower for angling purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63201/25]

*209. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his inland fisheries division and Inland Fisheries Ireland continue to support catch and release angling competitions on Lough Corrib SAC, which advertently target native brown trout under 13 inches (33 cm) as defined in the Western Fisheries Region Conservation of Trout Bye-law No. 840, 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63202/25]

*210. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Departmental officials in conjunction with Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) will implement legislative changes to the Conservation of Pike Bye-law No. 809, 2006 as clearly referenced in IFI's 2014 Pike Policy document; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63204/25]

*211. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the principal officer of environmental protection within his Department, is on secondment to the Permanent Representation of Ireland to the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63205/25]

*212. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason minutes of the Angling Consultative Council of Ireland (ACCI)/Angling Advisory Group (AAG) meetings held on 6 August and 15 October 2024 respectively, have not been disseminated in the public domain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63206/25]

*213. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Departmental officials and Inland Fisheries Ireland continue to legislatively conserve the invasive fish species of roach and dace in the River Blackwater SAC considering their classification under the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats Regulations 2011 (S. I. No. 477 of 2011)); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63210/25]

*214. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the volumes of domestic, commercial and medical waste contained in the illegal landfill in Whitestown, County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63392/25]

*215. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the amount of material which has been removed from the illegal landfill at Whitestown, County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63393/25]

*216. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide details of the location the waste from the illegal landfill at Whitestown, County Wicklow has been removed to; the location the remainder is to be taken to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63394/25]

*217. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the details and timeframe of the remediation plan for the illegal landfill at Whitestown, County Wicklow; if he will make the plan public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63395/25]

*218. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide details on pollution or contamination to the environment or watercourses at the illegal landfill at Whitestown, County Wicklow or to adjoining lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63396/25]

*219. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the total costs to date, including legal costs, incurred in addressing the illegal landfill at Whitestown, County Wicklow; to specify the parties which have borne these costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63397/25]

*220. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the details of funding provided to Wicklow County Council to help address the illegal landfill at Whitestown, County Wicklow, including the amounts and years in which such funding was allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63398/25]

*221. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the projected final costs to remediate the illegal landfill at Whitestown, County Wicklow; the party which will bear these costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63399/25]

*222. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of submissions received during the consultation on Ireland's Social Climate Plan; the key issues raised in the submissions; and the timeline for finalisation and publication of the plan. — Emer Currie. [63452/25]

*223. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the estimated cost of Ireland's participation in COP30, including travel and accommodation for the delegation. — Sorca Clarke. [63543/25]

*224. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment Ireland's plans for participation in COP30; the composition of the official Irish delegation; the ministerial or departmental engagements planned during the conference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [63544/25]

*225. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the key policy priorities and negotiating positions Ireland aims to advance at COP30; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [63545/25]

*226. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on proposed regulations for biogas facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [63555/25]

*227. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has reviewed the balance between environmental protection considerations and the timely delivery of essential infrastructure in the current planning and regulatory processes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [63589/25]

*228. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of major infrastructure projects delayed due to environmental assessment processes, in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [63590/25]

*229. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the total legal costs in defending judicial reviews of planning decisions involving his Department and/or agencies within the aegis of his Department for each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63615/25]

*230. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will meet the deadline to transpose EU laws which require Ireland to collect and publish data centre emissions details, together with the energy and water use from the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [63987/25]

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

*231. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of vacancies which arose at principal officer level for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in his Department and agencies under the aegis of his Department; the number of these vacancies filled between internal and external methods; the number of vacancies each year at principal officer level filled by mobility; the number of internal competitions for principal officer grade run by his Department since 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [63021/25]

*232. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the countries with whom Ireland has a memorandum of understanding in respect of defence cooperations, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [63112/25]

*233. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his plans to renew the memorandum of understanding on defence with Finland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [63113/25]

*234. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if Ireland will be signing an agreement with a company to replace its fleet (details supplied); the timeline involved in such a decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [63114/25]

*235. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the engagement his Department has had with the European Commission regarding the so-called 'crisis mechanism' within the European Defence Industrial Programme which would allow basic protections within the Working Time Directive to be suspended for arms companies, allowing them to override core workers' rights provisions of EU law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63603/25]

*236. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the total legal costs in defending judicial reviews of planning decisions involving his Department and/or agencies within the aegis of his Department for each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63617/25]

*237. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 265 of 12 November 2025, the meaning of emergency resilience in this context. — Thomas Gould. [63716/25]

*238. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the additional costs incurred by the Irish Defence Forces for security provided at Shannon Airport due to US military use of that airport from 2010 to 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [64014/25]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*239. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps his Department is taking to reduce the economic burden being experienced by people who commute long distances to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [63790/25]

*240. To ask the Minister for Transport his response to the introduction of a fixed fare strategy by operators in the taxi sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [62737/25]

*241. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans to introduce chargers (details supplied) for EV vehicles to Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [62757/25]

*242. To ask the Minister for Transport if TII plans to conduct a safety assessment on the M3 motorway (Navan to Dublin) before the toll bridge at Dunboyne, taking into account frequent incidents occurring on this section of the road which can cause significant safety issues and delays for commuters. — Darren O'Rourke. [62766/25]

*243. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures available for him to take to improve safety and reduce the volume of incidents before the toll bridge at Dunboyne on the M3, taking into account that there have been several incidents affecting commuters on this section of road in recent times. — Darren O'Rourke. [62767/25]

*244. To ask the Minister for Transport the long-term plans in place to improve transport infrastructure for commuters from Navan to Dublin. — Darren O'Rourke. [62768/25]

*245. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of EV grants and the average value in each of the years 2020 to date in 2025, by county, tabular form. — Pa Daly. [62779/25]

*246. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of EV grants; the average value of vehicle; the average value of award in each of the years 2020 to date in 2025, by county, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [62780/25]

*247. To ask the Minister for Transport the fines charged to each bus operator for not meeting their service level agreements; the reasons for the value of each fine in each of the years 2020 to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [62781/25]

*248. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of vacancies, by job title within the railway accident investigation unit of his Department; and the estimated timeframe for filling each of those vacancies, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [62814/25]

*249. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Port of Cork continues to own a building (details supplied); if so, if the Port of Cork accepts responsibility for the derelict condition of the property; and if his Department is satisfied with the continued disrepair of the property by the Port of Cork in the context of the housing emergency. — Roderic O’Gorman. [62839/25]

*250. To ask the Minister for Transport the level of contamination at the Port of Cork lands at Tivoli in Cork; how this will negatively affect the future use of the lands for residential purposes; the estimated length of the time it will take to decontaminate the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [62840/25]

*251. To ask the Minister for Transport the Port of Cork’s plans to relocate from its current site at Tivoli; if these plans have changed since the publication of the Port of Cork masterplan for 2050; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [62841/25]

*252. To ask the Minister for Transport the Port of Cork’s plans with regard to entrance-egress for port activities at Tivoli during the period of transition to use of the site for residential purposes; the means by which the port intends to manage this dual purpose for the site; and if these purposes will be kept separate or mixed, including at points of entrance-egress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [62842/25]

*253. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline on when Iarnród Éireann’s deployment of a traffic management system within the new national train control centre will be completed and commissioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62852/25]

*254. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the completion of Iarnród Éireann’s plans to implement upgrades and enhancements to station customer services systems (including passenger information display boards) across the entire Iarnród Éireann station network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62853/25]

*255. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding available to Iarnród Éireann in order to carry out its plans to implement upgrades and enhancements to station customer services systems including passenger information display boards across the entire Iarnród Éireann station network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62854/25]

*256. To ask the Minister for Transport to request the National Transport Authority to expedite the processing of requests for additional/increase bus stops (collect/drop off customers) on selected routes (currently taking six to nine months); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62857/25]

*257. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); if the decision on the RSA compensation claim could be expedited; if consideration will be given to reimbursing the cost of two additional driving lessons booked, one the day before and one on the morning of the cancelled test, which proven unnecessary due to the last-minute cancellation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [62859/25]

*258. To ask the Minister for Transport the direction which has been issued to the NTA and public transport operators regarding mandatory accessibility reporting under the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People. — Erin McGreehan. [62872/25]

*259. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department is currently on schedule to meet its obligations under the first Programme Plan of Action of the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People; and to outline any risks to delivery that have already been identified. — Erin McGreehan. [62895/25]

*260. To ask the Minister for Transport what direction has been issued to the NTA and public transport operators regarding mandatory accessibility reporting under the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People. — Erin McGreehan. [62920/25]

*261. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount Irish Rail spent on taxi services for transfers of staff and train users in each of the years 2021 to 2024, inclusive, and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [62937/25]

*262. To ask the Minister for Transport the average age of those taking the driving test for each of the past five years; the average age of those failing the driving test for each of the past five years; the gender of those taking the driving test for each of the past five years; the gender of those failing the driving test for each of the past years; the nationality of those taking the driving test for each of the past five years; and the nationality of all those failing the driving test for each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [62942/25]

*263. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an account of the time it took to issue the Leap Card for five to eight-year-olds from inception to delivery; the breakdown of the associated cost, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [62979/25]

*264. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown of the full and first year cost to issue the leap card for five to eight-year-olds, broken down by capital and current costs, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [62980/25]

*265. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown of the full and first year cost to print the Leap card for five to eight-year-olds (details supplied), broken down by capital and current costs, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [62981/25]

*266. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has met with taxi representative organisations regarding concerns about the introduction of the taxi fixed price model by a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [62983/25]

*267. To ask the Minister for Transport if he or any of his Government colleagues have met with a company (details supplied); the dates on which these meetings took place; the items that were discussed; if the taxi fixed price model was discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [62984/25]

*268. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the ongoing blockages of bus lanes and bus stops that are creating serious safety risks and operational challenges for the Broadstone Garage bus fleet; if his Department will urgently intervene to ensure that 24-hour bus lane restrictions are enforced and that bus stops remain accessible for safe passenger boarding

and disembarkation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [62986/25]

*269. To ask the Minister for Transport if Transport Infrastructure Ireland can be urgently requested to address the extremely dangerous section of the Killorglin to Milltown road, County Kerry at Tinnahalla (details supplied); if he will request the Road Safety Authority to carry out a safety audit on this road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62988/25]

*270. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider implementing a system where the TFI app states as soon as it is known that a bus service is cancelled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [62994/25]

*271. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of vacancies which arose at principal officer level for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in his Department and agencies under the aegis of his Department; the number of these vacancies filled between internal and external methods; the number of vacancies each year at principal officer level filled by mobility; the number of internal competitions for principal officer grade run by his Department since 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [63034/25]

*272. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 262 of 4 November 2025, if the RSA has made mismatches in the past; if so, the total number discovered to date; the number wrongly inputted onto the driver record on his Department's national vehicle and driver file in error; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63045/25]

*273. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider funding for a feasibility study into the Metro South West project; the estimated cost of such a study; the practical steps to be undertaken in such a study; the timeframe from initiation to completion of such a study based on previous practice; if he will confirm whether he favours and supports such a study; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [63047/25]

*274. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update regarding the expression of interest by a school (details supplied) in the Safe Routes to School Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63081/25]

*275. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department, or any of the State transport agencies, have plans to engage in an information campaign regarding the safety precautions of operating electric vehicles, and safety information in relation to electric vehicles if they are involved in road traffic accidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [63100/25]

*276. To ask the Minister for Transport when an office (details supplied) will provide a date for oral examinations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63109/25]

*277. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline when the next meeting of the Technical Committee on Motor Vehicles (TCMV) Interdepartmental Working Group will take place; to outline whether the group has had the opportunity to consider suggestions made in a parliamentary question (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63170/25]

*278. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of recurring issues such as cancellations, delays, break-downs and ‘ghost buses’ on the S8 route operated by a provider (details supplied); if the operator is complying with their service level obligations in respect of this route; if he will instruct the NTA to conduct a review of the operator’s performance on this route given these issues have been persistent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [63185/25]

*279. To ask the Minister for Transport his engagements with the NTA concerning the awarding of a new contract to a public transport service operator (details supplied) for service provision in the outer Dublin metropolitan area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [63186/25]

*280. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a copy of the contract awarded to a public transport service operator (details supplied). — Ciarán Ahern. [63187/25]

*281. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the rapid deployment pedestrian scheme 2024-Northwest LEA in Cork; the estimated timeline for completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [63240/25]

*282. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to the provision of safety information to the general public regarding electric vehicles with electronic door handles which have a hidden emergency mechanical release mechanism, in view that if the electronic door handle fails during an accident the occupant may not know how to get out of the car; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63273/25]

*283. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to the provision of safety information to the general public in relation to electric vehicles, in view that electric vehicles may have different operational features to non-EV vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63274/25]

*284. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the current phase of the Metrolink project; the expected timeline for the establishment of the designated activity company or body responsible for the delivery of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [63314/25]

*285. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the measures he and his Department plan to take to alleviate the issues of poor bus service following the recent launch of Phase 7 of Bus Connects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [63315/25]

*286. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the ‘F Spine’ and Phase 7 of the Bus Connects programme following its recent implementation in Dublin North West; if the National Transport Authority (NTA), under his Department and Dublin Bus, as the service provider, are aware of the ongoing issues faced by constituents in Dublin North West; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [63316/25]

*287. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on safety measures and upgrades planned for the N25 in Waterford and Kilkenny. — Conor D. McGuinness. [63350/25]

*288. To ask the Minister for Transport if recently announced bus stop closures on the N25 in west Waterford will be reversed; and if alternative arrangements will be made for rural commuters. — Conor D. McGuinness. [63351/25]

*289. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the achievement of the target for a 50% increase in daily active travel journeys; and to provide a breakdown of the increase by different modes of active travel. — Emer Currie. [63449/25]

*290. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the review of EV grants, including the prospect of extending grants to car-share and car rental operators; and the timeframe for finalisation and publication of the review. — Emer Currie. [63454/25]

*291. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the up-to-date position on commencement of the new 256 bus route to service Macroom, Inchigeelagh, Ballingeary, Kealkill and Bantry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [63448/25]

*292. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is in agreement with the previous Government's stated position on the need for an EU legislative proposal on greening corporate fleets, as per the letter signed by former Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan, on 7 October 2024; if his Department has carried out any assessment on the impact that EV fleet mandates will have on the car rental sector and rural and regional tourism; if the previous Government's position on this matter aligns with the current Programme for Government and the upcoming tourism strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [63523/25]

*293. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that there are persons who drive tractors only, that can no longer get insurance as they do not have a valid driver number; the steps a person can take to have a tractor licence without take a driving test for a car; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [63556/25]

*294. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are provisions to address the requirement for individuals with additional accessibility needs, such as wheelchair users, to have to ring a minimum of one hour in advance and up to a maximum of 12 hours in advance to use Irish Rail and Luas services (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [63559/25]

*295. To ask the Minister for Transport if issues in relation to the 40E bus route will be addressed (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [63560/25]

*296. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to add an extra bus for students in the Dublin 15 area travelling to Dunboyne College on the 270 bus route (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [63561/25]

*297. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department and Transport Infrastructure Ireland will conduct an examination of an area (details supplied) to determine if the area will be considered an accident blackspot and resultingly if traffic calming measures can be implemented in the interest of road safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63563/25]

*298. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department is considering introducing legislation to prohibit e-scooter users from wearing non-high-visibility clothing and to restrict the wearing of full-face coverings while operating an e-scooter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63569/25]

*299. To ask the Minister for Transport the existing rules and regulations surrounding the wearing of helmets and high-visibility clothing when operating an e-scooter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63570/25]

*300. To ask the Minister for Transport his Department's plans to fund Local Link services to connect local villages to towns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [56037/25]

*301. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps being taken by his Department to implement a coordinated, multi-port development strategy for offshore wind energy; if he will provide details of the planned investment, site designations, and timelines to expand available laydown space and quayside infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [60460/25]

*302. To ask the Minister for Transport the specific measures his Department is taking to accelerate the development of a dedicated marshalling port, capable of supporting fixed-bottom offshore wind projects, given that recent analysis has identified the absence of such infrastructure as a critical barrier to meeting Ireland's 2030 target of 5 GW of offshore wind capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [60461/25]

*303. To ask the Minister for Transport the total legal costs in defending judicial reviews of planning decisions involving his Department and/or agencies within the aegis of his Department for each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63630/25]

*304. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review an ongoing issue for a student Leap card applicant (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [63676/25]

*305. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress of the N20-M20 Cork Limerick motorway project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [63681/25]

*306. To ask the Minister for Transport the active travel projects in Cork; the plans to expand the number of projects in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [63682/25]

*307. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding he plans to allocate to new and enhanced services under the BusConnects, Connecting Ireland and Towns Services programmes in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [63686/25]

*308. To ask the Minister for Transport when he intends to progress the long-promised double tracking of the rail line through Athenry, given its strategic importance for the western rail corridor, commuter services into Galway, and regional development in the west; and the reason for the ongoing delays and lack of visible progress on this essential infrastructure project. — Albert Dolan. [63687/25]

*309. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review congestion on the M3 approaching the Clonee/Damastown sections given it affects the 109X Cavan-Dublin Bus Eireann service (details supplied); if he will examine the feasibility of providing a dedicated bus lane on this approach to improve journey times and service reliability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [63702/25]

*310. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason his Department has decided to ignore the provisions of the Road Traffic Act 2024 in relation to a default 30 km/h speed limit in built-up areas; the reason his Department is instructing local authorities to implement 30 km/h speed limits by means of designating roads as special speed limit zones instead of introducing a national default 30 km/h speed limit in built-up areas as provided for in the legislation; the reason his Department has delayed the implementation of a default 30 km/h speed limit in the 85 currently defined built-up areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [63721/25]

*311. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated percentage reduction in fatalities and serious injuries on the roads by changing default speed limits in built-up areas from 50km/h to 30km/h, based on available data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [63722/25]

*312. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has identified a funding source to deal with the works required in Ballycar, Newmarket-on-Fergus, to alleviate flooding and ensure that the rail service in this area can continue on a year-round basis without interruption due to floods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63737/25]

*313. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the proposed R624 access road to connect Cobh and the Great Island to Cork following a meeting held with An Taoiseach and the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform and Minister for Transport in October 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [63755/25]

*314. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to improve accessibility on public transport in particular the requirement to book an hour in advance to access Irish Rail for those with a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [63801/25]

*315. To ask the Minister for Transport to consider an initiative to improve elevator access at train stations given the issues that have arisen (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [63802/25]

*316. To ask the Minister for Transport to consider the implementation of earlier bus on Saturday and Sunday for the number 37 bus given issues that have arisen (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [63803/25]

*317. To ask the Minister for Transport if the 90-minute fare will be rolled out in Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [63816/25]

*318. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he plans to take to address punctuality issues on the 304a bus in Limerick city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [63817/25]

*319. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of Ukrainian-registered vehicles that have undergone National Car Test inspections since February 2022, by year and by vehicle age category for example four years or older; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [63826/25]

*320. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of Ukrainian-registered vehicles that have passed National Car Test (NCT) inspections since February 2022; the pass rate compared to the

overall NCT pass rate for all vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [63827/25]

*321. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated number of Ukrainian-registered vehicles currently operating in Ireland without a valid National Car Test certificate; the measures in place to identify and address such non-compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [63828/25]

*322. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of Ukrainian-registered vehicles identified as non-compliant with motor tax requirements since February 2022; the steps being taken to ensure compliance among vehicles imported under temporary protection or refugee status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [63830/25]

*323. To ask the Minister for Transport the mechanisms in place to verify insurance compliance for Ukrainian-registered vehicles operating in Ireland; the estimated number of such vehicles without valid insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [63831/25]

*324. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are any exemptions or grace periods applied to Ukrainian-registered vehicles regarding registration, NCT testing, motor tax, or insurance due to temporary protection or refugee status; the duration of any such exemptions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [63832/25]

*325. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of road safety incidents or accidents involving Ukrainian-registered vehicles since February 2022; whether non-compliance with NCT, tax, or insurance was a factor in any such incidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [63833/25]

*326. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 520 of 30 September 2025, the plans in place to improve rail services on the Rosslare rail line south of Wicklow town, noting that when Iarnród Éireann responded on his behalf it did not address the issue raised in the question. — Malcolm Byrne. [63841/25]

*327. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide all planned transport upgrades for the Blarney, Glanmire and Ballyvolane growth corridors to 2030, including timelines for each scheme. — Ken O'Flynn. [63864/25]

*328. To ask the Minister for Transport the expected public transport capacity gain for Cork arising from all projects scheduled for 2026; and how this will support projected housing growth. — Ken O'Flynn. [63865/25]

*329. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of non-Irish EU citizens who have received penalty points for road traffic offences committed on Irish roads, by country, by year from 2022 to date in 2025; the number who were issued with a fixed charge penalty notice (FCPN); the number who paid the fine and received penalty points by year; the number summonsed to court for non-payment of the fixed charge notice; the number convicted and the penalties imposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63988/25]

*330. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of years that a non-Irish EU citizen can remain in Ireland before they are required to exchange their drivers licence or permit for an Irish

one; if the Minister intends to close this loophole; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63989/25]

*331. To ask the Minister for Transport to commission a formal review into the fixed fare policy of a company (details supplied) and its compliance with the Taxi Regulation Act 2013 and the Taxi Regulation (Maximum Fares) Order 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [63990/25]

*332. To ask the Minister for Transport to consider the creation of national taxi booking application that would be State run; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [63991/25]

*333. To ask the Minister for Transport the bus route that will serve Firhouse Village since the new route F1 replaced the 49 route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [63992/25]

*334. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the review of capacity on a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63993/25]

*335. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of any plans to conduct a review of app-based taxi fare models and their compliance with Irish taxi regulations; if he is aware of any plans to ensure transparency and parity in fare structures between licensed taxi operators and app-based platforms; if there are any Departmental plans to develop a publicly managed NTA taxi-hailing app; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63994/25]

*336. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on current and planned investment in transport infrastructure in the Cork Northwest constituency, including improvements to regional and local roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [64009/25]

*337. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures being taken to improve public transport connectivity and accessibility in Cork Northwest, particularly for rural communities with limited bus or rail services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [64010/25]

*338. To ask the Minister for Transport if he acknowledges the lack of adequate public transport options serving rural communities in Cork Northwest, where many residents have little or no access to bus or rail links; and if he will commit to providing increased investment and service expansion to address this ongoing transport inequality. — John Paul O'Shea. [64011/25]

*339. To ask the Minister for Transport if an express bus service between Galway city and Shannon airport is being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [64012/25]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*340. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of Ukrainian-registered vehicles that have entered Ireland since February 2022 under temporary protection or refugee status arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [63823/25]

*341. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Ukrainian-registered vehicles that have been formally registered with Irish authorities since February 2022, by year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [63824/25]

*342. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Ukrainian-registered vehicles that have transitioned from Ukrainian registration plates to Irish registration plates since February 2022; the process and timeline required for such transitions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [63825/25]

*343. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are plans to change the criteria in relation to deposit requirements for house purchases in order to recognise rent payments, over many years in some cases, as proof of ability to make mortgage repayments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [62771/25]

*344. To ask the Minister for Finance the total amount collected in inheritance tax for each year over the period 2015 to 2024. — Malcolm Byrne. [62796/25]

*345. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated excise duty take on a pint of beer priced €7 and a bottle of 75cl wine priced €15. — Sorca Clarke. [62815/25]

*346. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on plans for deemed disposal tax. — Thomas Gould. [62830/25]

*347. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered any changes to the inheritance tax policy for individuals without children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62956/25]

*348. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of making changes to CAT to address concerns regarding inheritance tax policy for individuals without children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62957/25]

*349. To ask the Minister for Finance to consider an alternative system for local property tax for those estates that have not been taken in charge by a council given issues that have arisen (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [62972/25]

*350. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps his Department has taken to review or renegotiate Ireland’s obligations under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, particularly in relation to the requirement for Irish residents to complete U.S. tax forms when opening bank accounts; if he will consider measures to reduce the administrative burden on non-U.S. persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [62996/25]

*351. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the level of principal private residence relief available in cases involving primary carers and family-related absences; if he intends to examine how the relief applies to particular cases (details supplied), where current rules do not reflect the circumstances of many families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [62997/25]

*352. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of vacancies which arose at principal officer level for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in his Department and agencies under the aegis of his Department; the number of these vacancies filled between internal and external methods; the number of vacancies each year at principal officer level filled by mobility; the

number of internal competitions for principal officer grade run by his Department since 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [63024/25]

*353. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of enforcement and trade facilitation allowed staff working in each of the Revenue Commissioners frontier management branches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63037/25]

*354. To ask the Minister for Finance the mortgage finance options open to a specific community (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63115/25]

*355. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide details of efforts by ISIF to ensure work recommences on the Greystones Media Campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63158/25]

*356. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide a breakdown of the maintenance costs of the MV Matthew, which was seized in September 2023 for drug trafficking, and has been docked in Cork for the past two years; and the reason for the delay in the sale of this cargo ship. — Michael Collins. [63167/25]

*357. To ask the Minister for Finance the rationale for the recent Revenue Commissioners measure preventing farmers from paying their farm tax liabilities via business debit or credit card over the phone; to outline the reasons this change was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [63221/25]

*358. To ask the Minister for Finance if insurance companies are allowed to charge more for a product if the customer opts to pay monthly versus one upfront payment; if there are regulations to restrict the additional amount that can be charged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [63231/25]

*359. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to assign additional resources, including personnel and funding, to the Office to Promote Competition in the Insurance Market to enable it to deliver on the Government's commitments in the Action Plan for Insurance Reform to increase competition in the insurance market, with particular reference to the liability insurance sector where there have been no new entrants for over a decade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [63310/25]

*360. To ask the Minister for Finance to clarify if Irish banks were entitled to take credit ratings from farmers and other businesses who experienced financial challenges during the Covid-19 pandemic, particularly as the financial challenges experienced during this specific period were entirely out of their control; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [63421/25]

*361. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of beneficiaries of TaxSaver tickets in each of the past 10 years up to 2024; and the estimated cost of the scheme in each year. — Emer Currie. [63455/25]

*362. To ask the Minister for Finance whether his Department has carried out, or plans to carry out, an assessment of the potential implications for the tobacco market arising from the proposed tax equalisation measures under the revised EU Tobacco Taxation Directive, particularly where higher excise rates may increase the price of roll-your-own (RYO) tobacco and fuel increases

in the already high-level of smuggling and illicit trade in RYO tobacco; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63459/25]

*363. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners will seek trusted flagger status through Coimisiún na Meán to allow them to address the sale of illicit tobacco products on social media platforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63460/25]

*364. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners will amend the current contract with its suppliers of unique identifier codes for tobacco products in order to introduce provisions for emergency ordering of unique identifier codes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63461/25]

*365. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has conducted an evaluation report or efficacy report of the living city initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [63477/25]

*366. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has conducted stress-testing or scenario analysis to assess Ireland's exposure to a potential economic downturn in 2026 and 2027; whether fiscal contingency plans are in place to mitigate same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [63588/25]

*367. To ask the Minister for Finance the total legal costs in defending judicial reviews of planning decisions involving his Department and/or agencies within the aegis of his Department for each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63620/25]

*368. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 470 of 4 November 2025, to provide the same information, excluding AHBs and local authorities, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [63704/25]

*369. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 471 of 4 November 2025, the total value of all residential property based on the local property tax data, using the average figure report for all properties below €2.1million; the total value of residential property owned by multi-property owners using the same approach; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [63707/25]

*370. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that Ireland's aviation sector enjoys multiple tax exemptions despite rising carbon emissions; if he is aware that research suggests that the introduction of an air travel levy modelled on the UK's air passenger duty could generate €6.3 billion in revenue over five years; if he will consider introducing such a levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [63731/25]

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

*371. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the status of the proposed 2024-2026 Spending Review cycle that was noted in the Public Service Performance Report 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [62769/25]

*372. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if a review was undertaken by his Department into the 2017 to 2022 and the 2023 spending review cycles; if so, if he will publish this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [62770/25]

*373. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department has any formal or informal role in reviewing or advising on the Health Service Executive’s annual National Service Plan prior to its approval by the Minister for Health; if his Department considers the financial realism or deliverability of performance targets such as the 100% completion target for children’s assessments of need when agreeing annual expenditure ceilings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [62790/25]

*374. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will consider requiring all public bodies to publish, both in their annual reports and on their websites, a statement of compliance with prompt payment timelines, including data on payments to community, voluntary, and non-profit organisations, to improve transparency and accountability in the payment process. — Albert Dolan. [62833/25]

*375. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide an update on each ongoing and proposed flood relief scheme in Galway city and county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [62902/25]

*376. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will provide funds to facilitate the dredging and cleaning of the Bunnoe and Finn rivers arising from ongoing flooding concerns impacting landowners and road users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [62936/25]

*377. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to correspondence received from Monaghan County Council, the funding available for the dredging and cleaning of the rivers Bunnoe and Finn due to ongoing flooding concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [62938/25]

*378. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the timing of the update to the catchment flood risk assessment and management maps, to reflect the 2022 census. — Shane Moynihan. [63007/25]

*379. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of vacancies which arose at principal officer level for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in his Department and agencies under the aegis of his Department; the number of these vacancies filled between internal and external methods; the number of vacancies each year at principal officer level filled by mobility; the number of internal competitions for principal officer grade run by his Department since 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [63030/25]

*380. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department has assessed whether the absence of centralised reporting on contract variations represents a governance or accountability gap in public procurement; and if he will consider introducing requirements for contracting authorities to record, publish, and centrally report details of all post-award variations, including financial impact and rationale. — Albert Dolan. [63050/25]

*381. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department will consider mandating the use of contract management systems across all public bodies to ensure contract variations are systematically recorded and monitored; and when such a policy will be implemented. — Albert Dolan. [63051/25]

*382. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 95 of 5 November 2025, if he will clarify the specific information concerning charities that are subject to an FOI request; and if he will clarify if a charity or institution is in receipt of tax payers money, including a theatre (details supplied), should the organisation be subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2014. — Ann Graves. [63275/25]

*383. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the status of a review being carried out on the River Dargle in Bray, County Wicklow, as part of the National Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63287/25]

*384. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if the review being carried out on the River Dargle in Bray, County Wicklow as part of the National Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Programme will be published when complete; when the flood mapping on www.floodinfo.ie relating to the River Dargle will be updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63288/25]

*385. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the funding provided to Wicklow County Council between 2017 and 2025 for maintenance work on the River Dargle Flood Protection Scheme in County Wicklow, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63289/25]

*386. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the measures being taken to support Government departments and agencies to identify opportunities for the use of AI; and the arrangements in place to ensure that Government departments and agencies can access expert AI consultancy, development, and project management services. — Emer Currie. [63451/25]

*387. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department has undertaken a full audit of the number of statutory agencies, quangos or advisory boards operating under his Department; if he will publish same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [63586/25]

*388. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he has considered the introduction of a sunset clause mechanism for certain statutory bodies to ensure periodic review of relevance and performance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [63587/25]

*389. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total legal costs in defending judicial reviews of planning decisions involving his Department and/or agencies within the aegis of his Department for each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63626/25]

*390. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on the Office of Public Works plans to submit a planning application for segregated cycle lanes and pedestrian crossing points along Chesterfield Avenue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63691/25]

*391. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will provide an update on the installation of eco-toilet facilities in the Phoenix Park for public use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63692/25]

*392. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to publish the cost-benefit analysis carried out for the Cork housing and transport elements of the National Development Plan, and to confirm the date of the most recent review. — Ken O'Flynn. [63985/25]

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

*393. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the reasons all permit applications, both new and renewal, are currently on hold, as indicated by Departmental correspondence; to outline what those circumstances are, when normal processing of applications are expected to resume; the interim measures in place to support affected applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [63136/25]

*394. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the residential construction productivity levels recorded in 2023 and 2024; how these compare to EU averages; and the measures planned to increase productivity to meet the housing targets. — Ken O'Flynn. [63924/25]

*395. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the assessment that has been carried out on the potential impact of the Short-Term Letting and Tourism Bill 2025 on small-scale rural tourism enterprises, particularly those operating as part of farm diversification strategies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [62726/25]

*396. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which the Tourism Policy Framework 2025–2030 supports the development of agritourism as a tool for rural regeneration; if specific funding or policy measures are being considered to promote this sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [62729/25]

*397. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if the Tourism Policy Framework 2025–2030 includes provisions to support the adaptive reuse of protected structures, such as thatched cottages, for tourism purposes; if exemptions or incentives are being considered to ensure their viability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [62730/25]

*398. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the role agritourism is expected to play in achieving the goals of balanced regional development and sustainability outlined in the Tourism Policy Framework 2025–2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [62731/25]

*399. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the total annual funding received by local enterprise offices in each local authority area in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62748/25]

*400. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures his Department is taking to create jobs in County Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62749/25]

*401. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of registered overnight serviced accommodation, by type and by county in each of the years 2021 to 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62750/25]

*402. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to outline all capital investment made by the IDA in County Laois since 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62752/25]

*403. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has examined the impact of payment delays on community, voluntary, and non-profit organisations funded through State grants or reimbursements; and his views on whether such delays undermine service delivery, local employment, or the financial sustainability of these organisations. — Albert Dolan. [62831/25]

*404. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if consideration has been given to extending the 15-day prompt payment framework to include all categories of payments and reimbursements made by Departments and public bodies to community and voluntary organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [62832/25]

*405. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which employment and income-support policies will be aligned with Pillar Two (Employment), including measurable targets for workforce participation, employer engagement, and reduction in disability-related poverty under the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People. — Erin McGreehan. [62874/25]

*406. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of foreign direct investment (FDI) jobs in County Laois in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; the number of FDI jobs created and lost respectively in County Laois in the same years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [62934/25]

*407. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of vacancies which arose at principal officer level for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in his Department and agencies under the aegis of his Department; the number of these vacancies filled between internal and external methods; the number of vacancies each year at principal officer level filled by mobility; the number of internal competitions for principal officer grade run by his Department since 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [63023/25]

*408. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update regarding the recommencement of work on the Greystones Media Campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63154/25]

*409. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide details of any penalties imposed by the IDA on the company that is developing the Greystones Media Campus for failure to adhere to the terms and conditions of the lease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63155/25]

*410. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide details of IDA site visits to Wicklow, including location, for each year between 2020 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63156/25]

*411. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide details of all job creation strategies for Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63157/25]

*412. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he has considered the request from an organisation (details supplied) to join the retail forum. — Emer Currie. [63462/25]

*413. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has carried out any comparative analysis of productivity between Ireland's public sector and private sector over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [63579/25]

*414. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the total legal costs in defending Judicial Reviews of planning decisions involving his Department and/or agencies within the aegis of his Department for each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63619/25]

*415. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the schemes his Department is currently running to support businesses that face increasing operational costs; his plans to introduce new schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63843/25]

*416. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the current number of SME construction firms operating in Cork city and Cork county; and the supports his Department is providing to help them scale delivery of starter homes under the new national housing plan. — Ken O'Flynn. [63862/25]

*417. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the barriers identified by construction SMEs in Cork regarding material costs, labour and regulatory burdens; and the actions his Department will take in 2026 to address each item. — Ken O'Flynn. [63863/25]

*418. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment with regard to a product (details supplied); the reason this product is not currently recognised or recommended by Home Bond despite its certification and domestic use. — Ken O'Flynn. [63866/25]

*419. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the criteria and evaluation process HomeBond, in consultation with the Department, employs to determine which construction products are accepted or promoted within the Irish market; and the reason certain products that are either non-tested or rated lower than A1 appear to receive promotion while genuinely certified Irish products (details supplied) do not. — Ken O'Flynn. [63867/25]

*420. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment in light of recent concerns regarding fire safety and defective materials in housing construction, the assurance he can give that A1-rated materials (details supplied) are being objectively assessed and fairly considered for specification in both public and private housing schemes. — Ken O’Flynn. [63868/25]

*421. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way the Department ensures that Ireland’s construction-product approval and recommendation processes align with accepted international and European best practice, in particular when products certified under UK BBA, European ETA or EN standards may be approved elsewhere; and if European technical approvals are accepted as valid for use in Irish housing. — Ken O’Flynn. [63869/25]

*422. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment given the Government’s stated objectives of promoting safe, sustainable and innovative building materials, the specific measures his Department plans to introduce to support Irish-developed and Irish-tested products that demonstrably enhance fire safety, energy efficiency and carbon reduction, such as (details supplied). — Ken O’Flynn. [63873/25]

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

*423. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school (details supplied) will be included on the pilot school bus schemes envisioned under School Transport 2030. — Liam Quaide. [62718/25]

*424. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has changed the policy in relation to the provision of modular units to schools which require additional space; if so, the rationale for this decision; if not, the reason a school (details supplied) has been informed that a modular unit will not be provided to accommodate students enrolled for 2026, including additional place for a second class for autistic children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [62719/25]

*425. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will ensure that a school bus is funded to transport school children from the Fanad peninsula and Gaeltacht to a school (details supplied) in Letterkenny to ensure that those children can continue their education through the medium of Irish. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [62753/25]

*426. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on an application by a school for an ASD unit (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [62763/25]

*427. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update for the provision of a special education/autism class at a school (details supplied); the timeline for the delivery of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [62772/25]

*428. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the projected timeframe of stage 2 construction of new classrooms in a school (details supplied); and the date for completion of this project. — Jen Cummins. [62826/25]

*429. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she is aware of changes to Cork city youth clubs to amalgamate services into a hub; and whether she will outline the impacts of this. — Thomas Gould. [62827/25]

*430. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of optional language subjects currently on the Leaving Certificate curriculum; the number of these which are taken as non-curricular; the number which are examinable under the Leaving Certificate; and her plans to include other languages such as Romanian to the curriculum. — Darren O'Rourke. [62847/25]

*431. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if additional resourcing, financial and staffing, will be allocated to ensure that inclusive education measures are implemented within defined timelines under the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People. — Erin McGreehan. [62884/25]

*432. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when an additional special class will be sanctioned at a school (details supplied); and if this sanction will be expedited given the school has identified the need for an additional special class. — Tom Brabazon. [62885/25]

*433. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a school (details supplied) has been unsuccessful in securing additional SNA allocation; if she will ensure that this decision is reviewed with a view to increasing the SNA allocation as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [62899/25]

*434. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the application from a school (details supplied) for emergency special classroom sanction considering the urgent need for a dedicated special classroom; if she will ensure approval for this request so that the additional classroom will be operational for the 2026-2027 academic year, or sooner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [62900/25]

*435. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of Church of Ireland schools in the diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh; the number therein that currently have a special classroom; the number therein that have applied for a special classroom; if there are proposals to grant any remaining Church of Ireland schools in the same diocese a special classroom for 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [62901/25]

*436. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm whether additional resourcing, financial and staffing will be allocated to ensure that inclusive education measures are implemented within defined timelines under the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People. — Erin McGreehan. [62912/25]

*437. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 626 of 14 November 2025, the correspondence her Department has had with DDLETB on the best way to support the young people in the Citywest and Saggart area; if the youth affairs unit has met with DDLETB on same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [62954/25]

*438. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 626 of 14 November 2025, if she will reconsider the UBU application that has been resubmitted to her officials in respect of the proposal for a new service in the Citywest, Saggart and Rathcoole area in light of the recent events; if Budget 2026 will ensure this service is delivered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [62955/25]

*439. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if an additional SNA will be provided to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [62963/25]

*440. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to examine the case of a person (details supplied) who is due to start senior cycle in a special school but is due to turn 18 this year and will be unable to finish senior cycle in that school; if an allowance can be made for this student to remain in the school. — Seán Crowe. [62964/25]

*441. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on a proposed school building project (details supplied), which was initially granted approval in February 2020 under the additional school accommodation scheme, and for which a revised Stage 2(a) submission was completed and submitted in June 2025; the current status of the project, the expected next steps, and an indicative timeline for progression to tender and construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [62990/25]

*442. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will support the opening of an additional ASD class at a school (details supplied). — Seán Crowe. [62999/25]

*443. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to assist a school (details supplied) in County Kerry in the purchase of additional autism equipment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [63003/25]

*444. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of vacancies which arose at principal officer level for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in her Department and agencies under the aegis of her Department; the number of these vacancies filled between internal and external methods; the number of vacancies each year at principal officer level filled by mobility; the number of internal competitions for principal officer grade run by her Department since 2010; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [63022/25]

*445. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the delivery of a new school building for a school (details supplied) in County Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [63038/25]

*446. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason for the delay in the building works for a new ASD classroom (details supplied); if she will engage as a matter of urgency with the school and her Department to ensure the building works are completed as quickly as possible; the provision being made to ensure the children who were due to be in the ASD class in September 2025 are receiving an appropriate education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [63079/25]

*447. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if consideration will be given to extending a bus service to include an area (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63080/25]

*448. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the timeframe for the implementation of the new DEIS Plus Programme; and if she will ensure that DEIS Plus funding and resources will be made available to participating schools before the end of the 2025-2026 school year to allow for advance planning, staffing, and resource allocation. — Tom Brabazon. [63084/25]

*449. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if all DEIS Plus funding will be directed primarily to schools, rather than intermediary agencies, to ensure that resources go directly to children and classroom supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Brabazon. [63085/25]

*450. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will commit to giving schools autonomy in the way in which DEIS Plus resources are used locally, given the ability of school leaders and boards of management to best assess their own pupils' needs. — Tom Brabazon. [63086/25]

*451. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if multidisciplinary teams including counsellors, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists and educational psychologists will form part of the DEIS Plus supports available within schools. — Tom Brabazon. [63087/25]

*452. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if DEIS Plus will include specific supports for trauma-informed education, including funding for nurture rooms, wellbeing spaces, and additional staffing to support children impacted by disadvantage and trauma. — Tom Brabazon. [63088/25]

*453. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which her Department will coordinate the work of DEIS Plus schools with agencies such as Tusla, TESS, NEPS, the NCSE and the School Completion Programme, while ensuring that DEIS Plus funding remains school and pupil centred. — Tom Brabazon. [63089/25]

*454. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which her Department will measure the impact of the DEIS Plus programme on educational outcomes, attendance, and wellbeing in participating schools. — Tom Brabazon. [63090/25]

*455. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to clarify whether a school (details supplied) will be assessed under the forthcoming DEIS Plus process; the emergency interim measures, financial or otherwise, that will be made available by her Department to support the school in the meantime; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [63091/25]

*456. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a comprehensive update on the implementation of action 9 of opportunities for youth; the progress being made on the development of a comprehensive mapping tool; the timeline for the completion of same; the way in which GIS is being utilised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [63102/25]

*457. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a comprehensive update on the implementation of action 9 of opportunities for youth in respect of the creation of an internal dashboard to support decision-making; the way in which this will work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [63103/25]

*458. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 78 of 4 November 2025, the timeline for the completion of a stage 2a addendum report (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63107/25]

*459. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of the planned ASD classrooms at a school (details supplied); the reason construction works have not yet commenced despite assurances that they would begin in September 2025; the expected timeline for completion and opening of the new ASD class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [63166/25]

*460. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the application by a school (details supplied) to open a second autism class; if she will ensure that this application is promptly approved so that the class can open in the next school year without delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [63169/25]

*461. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a school (details supplied) will get a special needs assistant care review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [63194/25]

*462. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the progress of the extension and refurbishment plans for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [63195/25]

*463. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the Education Plan 2025; to outline progress made on the commitment to provide best practice guidance to schools regarding arrangements facilitating parental requests for children to attend school without attending religious instruction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63198/25]

*464. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures her Department is taking to ensure that every child with a disability can access a genuinely inclusive education in their local school with the necessary supports, staffing, and resources in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [63213/25]

*465. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which her Department plans to address the decline in the number of early-intervention and special classes for children with additional needs in Cork; her Department's plans and timelines for expanding provision in the county to address the identified shortfall and ensure equitable access for all children with additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [63214/25]

*466. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to urgently grant an NCSE application to open a fifth special class at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [63232/25]

*467. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a review of special education hours for a school will be considered (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [63234/25]

*468. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update in relation to the pilot school transport scheme; if she will provide details of the schools identified as pilot projects for the 2025-2026 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [63241/25]

*469. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an application by a school (details supplied) to open a fifth special education class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63262/25]

*470. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the means by which schools qualify for the DEIS+ programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [63299/25]

*471. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when schools will be notified for the DEIS+ programme application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [63300/25]

*472. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will address concerns regarding the preparedness of schools to treat medical emergencies, raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [63365/25]

*473. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to increase the availability of school options in the Dublin 7 area; whether there are changes planned for the school planning area in that area so as to allow for greater options for parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [63408/25]

*474. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for details and progress of upgrades on schools in the Dublin 7 area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [63409/25]

*475. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the process for schools to change patronage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [63410/25]

*476. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide the most recent total number of teachers in Irish primary schools, by number, per category (details supplied). — Darren O’Rourke. [63435/25]

*477. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the research undertaken on the role of Irish language youth workers and volunteers outside Gaeltacht communities, considering the new pilot on the role of Irish language youth workers in Gaeltacht communities; the research that will be taken; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [63468/25]

*478. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth given the research pilot on the role of Irish language youth workers in Gaeltacht communities underway, if she will provide a timeline for this; when interim findings will be expected; when future Irish language policy and practice will be shaped by this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [63469/25]

*479. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on actions taken, or to be taken, to meet Action 2.6.2.3 of the Action Plan for Irish in English Medium Schools; the supports that will be provided to ensure that greater awareness of and encouragement of participation in existing Irish language youth clubs that is planned will be met; if there will be additional supports from Budget 2026 aside from any increases to the youth services grant scheme (YSGS) to meet this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [63470/25]

*480. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she can provide an update on actions taken, or to be taken, to meet Action 2.6.2.4 of the Action Plan for Irish in English Medium Schools; what supports will be made available to support the establishment of Irish language youth clubs and afterschool activities in areas where these are not currently available; if there will be additional supports from Budget 2026 aside from any increases to youth services grant scheme to meet this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [63471/25]

*481. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if funding for Irish language youth clubs and afterschool activities will be supported outside of the Youth Affairs budget, or if funding for the implementation of the relevant actions of the Action Plan for Irish in English Medium Schools comes from Youth Affairs alone; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [63472/25]

*482. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the percentage of the current youth services grant scheme that is being spent on Irish language youth work; her plans to increase this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [63473/25]

*483. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the engagement she has had with Irish language youth organisations as part of her engagement with relevant stakeholders as part of her broader work to promote inclusion and cultural participation among young people; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [63474/25]

*484. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update in relation to a school construction project (details supplied); when this school will proceed to tender and construction; which project this school is part of; the other schools which are in this bundle; the stages the other schools are currently at; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [63548/25]

*485. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider a request to establish a special class within a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [63554/25]

*486. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools that have been awarded the active school flag post primary; the successful schools, by county; the schools that applied that were not successful; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [63571/25]

*487. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the means by which the use of recording devices and voice activated computers under the scheme of reasonable accommodations at certificate examinations is validated and verified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63573/25]

*488. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the means by which the use of recording devices and voice activated computers under the scheme of reasonable accommodations at certificate examinations is quality assured; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63574/25]

*489. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 194 of 7 October 2025, when the review of the assistive technology scheme will be completed; and the timeframe recommended changes from this review will come into effect. — Darren O'Rourke. [63577/25]

*490. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an urgent update on special educational needs provisions for a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [63591/25]

*491. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the redevelopment of a school (details supplied) in Sligo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [63597/25]

*492. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of difficulties parents in Dublin south-west are having in securing places for their children in local secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [63598/25]

*493. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to examine a case for a person (details supplied) regarding a school place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [63599/25]

*494. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total legal costs in defending judicial reviews of planning decisions involving her Department and/or agencies within the aegis of her Department for each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63618/25]

*495. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a school (details supplied) will progress to build; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [63662/25]

*496. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of post-primary school places in the Dublin south west area in the 2025-2026 academic year; the number of children who did not receive a place in this academic year; and the number of places her Department estimates will be required by 2030. — Seán Crowe. [63673/25]

*497. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide details of the 39 schools that are being built or expanded in the south Dublin area; and the number of additional school places that each will provide, in tabular form. — Seán Crowe. [63674/25]

*498. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the emergency works application for a school (details supplied); when a decision will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [63679/25]

*499. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the special education teaching allocation for a school (details supplied); if she will ensure that the school receives an allocation that accurately reflects the current needs of its pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [63696/25]

*500. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for the trainings that are in place for bus drivers in State-funded bus services for disabled children, including privately contracted bus services, in particular school transport for special schools and special classes contracted through Bus Éireann, with respect to behaviours of concern and the needs of disabled passengers. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63700/25]

*501. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she plans to honour all commitments made to a group of hunger strikers who have recently concluded their strike following agreement with her Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63738/25]

*502. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions she will take to address an anomaly related to circular 54/2019; if a teacher has moved schools in the past 12-months, regardless of previous employment status or length of tenure, they cannot qualify for carer's leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [63754/25]

*503. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to improve pay and conditions for special needs assistants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [63795/25]

*504. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to ensure that all new school builds include an autism class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [63796/25]

*505. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of curricular Mandarin Chinese Leaving Certificate examination sittings in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [63804/25]

*506. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of non-curricular Mandarin Chinese Leaving Certificate examination sittings in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [63805/25]

*507. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of curricular Lithuanian Leaving Certificate examination sittings in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [63806/25]

*508. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of non-curricular Lithuanian Leaving Certificate examination sittings in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [63807/25]

*509. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of curricular Polish Leaving Certificate examination sittings in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [63808/25]

*510. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of non-curricular Polish Leaving Certificate examination sittings in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [63809/25]

*511. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of curricular Portuguese Leaving Certificate examination sittings in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [63810/25]

*512. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of non-curricular Portuguese Leaving Certificate examination sittings in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [63811/25]

*513. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of non-curricular foreign language Leaving Certificate examination sittings, by year from 2015 to 2025, and by language, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [63812/25]

*514. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department is aware of capacity issues in terms of primary school places in Kildare town; the steps she will take to address this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [64017/25]

*515. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she intends to publish an implementation plan for the opportunities for youth strategy; when the plan will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [64018/25]

*516. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the amount of the youth affairs 2025 budget that is allocated for capital projects; the channels that exist for communities to access that funding to secure a youth space; if specific funds are reserved for repurposing old buildings as youth spaces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [64019/25]

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

*517. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures in place to sports clubs in transitioning to using renewable sources of energy. — Malcolm Byrne. [62850/25]

*518. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding recommendation 7 of the Budgetary Oversight Committee in its report on the 481 tax credit from 2023 (details supplied); the actions he will take to ensure that this recommendation is implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62856/25]

*519. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he would consider expanding access to the basic income for the arts scheme to include luthiers and instrument makers in recognition of their vital role in the arts sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [62935/25]

*520. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of vacancies which arose at principal officer level for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in his Department and agencies under the aegis of his Department; the number of these vacancies filled between internal and external methods; the number of vacancies each year at principal officer level filled by mobility; the number of internal competitions for principal officer grade run by his Department since 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [63020/25]

*521. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the funding his Department has given to MMA Sports in the past five years; if his department plans to increase this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [63254/25]

*522. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the concerns of an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the condition of their temporary headquarters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [63294/25]

*523. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding the development of new Headquarters for an organisation (details supplied) to be based in Dún Laoghaire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [63295/25]

*524. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will agree to meet with the officer board of an organisation (details supplied) to discuss the construction of a new, permanent facility for their headquarters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [63296/25]

*525. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his views on the need to develop a new, high-performance headquarters for an organisation (details supplied); his views on whether this will be of benefit for sailors of all ages and abilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [63297/25]

*526. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will engage with Sport Ireland in relation to the development of a new headquarters for an organisation (details supplied) to be based in Dún Laoghaire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [63298/25]

*527. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the details of the capital funding programmes and grants from his Department, and any other body for which he has responsibility for, which sporting organisations in County Laois are eligible to apply; the details of funding programmes and/or grants currently open or the date when a subsequent funding programme and/or grant is scheduled to be opened for which a sporting organisation is eligible to apply, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [63436/25]

*528. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the percentage of Exchequer funding which was provided to each State agency under the remit of his Department in 2024/2025, for its capital and current funding, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [63437/25]

*529. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the specific steps his Department is taking to reform and modernise the public-service broadcasting funding model, in view of the recent decline in licence-fee revenue and related controversies surrounding RTÉ; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [63438/25]

*530. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an updated timeframe for the full implementation of the Coimisiún na Meán's regulatory regime for online media and broadcast content; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [63439/25]

*531. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures his Department is putting in place to ensure that grant schemes for the arts and culture sector, including performance, visual arts, and international promotion, remain sufficient and accessible in the face of rising operational costs and inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [63440/25]

*532. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the way in which his Department will ensure that capital investment, including funding through the Large-Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund, is distributed equitably across rural and urban counties; the timeframe for the next tranche of funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [63441/25]

*533. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the Government's consideration of either EU or national policy measures to introduce stricter age-verification requirements for access to digital platforms. — Emer Currie. [63453/25]

*534. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if National Broadband Ireland is ahead of the roll out schedule in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63578/25]

*535. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total legal costs in defending judicial reviews of planning decisions involving his Department and/or agencies within the aegis of his Department for each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63616/25]

*536. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline the planned cultural programme for Ireland's holding of the EU Council presidency in 2026. — Malcolm Byrne. [63733/25]

*537. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide details of his plans and timeframe to bring RTE under the remit of the Comptroller and Auditor General; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63784/25]

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

*538. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide the current allocation for housing-linked infrastructure in Cork City and Cork County for 2026, including roads, drainage, water and schools, and to state whether these allocations meet the projected population growth in the region. — Ken O’Flynn. [63984/25]

*539. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the audit and reporting obligations that will apply to all delivery bodies under Delivering Homes, Building Communities; the schedule for publishing expenditure reports; and whether regional-level cost data will be included in these reports. — Ken O’Flynn. [64410/25]

*540. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost per unit for social housing, affordable purchase, and cost-rental homes delivered in 2023 and 2024; the projected average unit cost under Delivering Homes, Building Communities for each year to 2030; and the measures in place to control unit-level cost inflation. — Ken O’Flynn. [64401/25]

*541. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which the additional €6 billion referenced in Delivering Homes, Building Communities will be allocated across construction, land acquisition, infrastructure, subsidies, and administrative costs; and the timeframe for expenditure in each category. — Ken O’Flynn. [64402/25]

*542. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the controls in place to ensure value for money in approved housing bodies-delivered housing projects funded under Delivering Homes, Building Communities; the audit mechanisms applied; and the criteria used to approve per-unit funding for approved housing bodies schemes. — Ken O’Flynn. [64403/25]

*543. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the expected impact of construction cost inflation on the delivery targets set out in Delivering Homes, Building Communities; the inflation assumptions used in the plan; and the contingency measures in place to prevent cost overruns. — Ken O’Flynn. [64404/25]

*544. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average acquisition cost of land used for housing delivery in the past two years; the expected land costs for new sites under Delivering Homes, Building Communities; and the steps being taken to reduce land acquisition pressures, including land-value capture and State-owned site activation. — Ken O’Flynn. [64405/25]

*545. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a formal value-for-money review has been completed for the Housing for All programme; if so, the findings of the review; and the way in which these findings informed the design of Delivering Homes, Building Communities. — Ken O’Flynn. [64406/25]

*546. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total projected expenditure on developer subsidies for affordable homes and cost-rental units under Delivering

Homes, Building Communities; the expected per-unit subsidy in each scheme; and the evidence used to justify these subsidy levels. — Ken O’Flynn. [64409/25]

*547. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider an exemption from the registration and planning requirements under the Short-Term Letting and Tourism Bill 2025 for agritourism operators and owners of protected structures such as thatched cottages, in recognition of their role in rural economic development and heritage preservation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [62725/25]

*548. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which the proposed national register of short-term lets, to be implemented by Fáilte Ireland, will accommodate the unique circumstances of agritourism providers and heritage property owners in rural Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [62727/25]

*549. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the rollout of a social housing passport to allow persons on social housing waiting lists to change local authority without losing time on the list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [62732/25]

*550. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of first home scheme drawdowns, where the home buyer was also availing of help-to-buy, for each year since the first home scheme has been operational. — Eoin Ó Broin. [62755/25]

*551. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of help-to-buy drawdowns where the home buyer was also availing of first home scheme for each year since the first home scheme has been operational. — Eoin Ó Broin. [62756/25]

*552. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to review an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [62765/25]

*553. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will publish the Bill to introduce new housing reforms in the private rental market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [62784/25]

*554. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when his Department will publish its Statement of Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [62785/25]

*555. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the percentage of the capital budget allocation for the National Parks and Wildlife Service that has been spent in the first ten months of 2025; if he will provide same figures for the corresponding period in 2023 and 2024, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [62810/25]

*556. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to housing support schemes; the actions he will take to address the concerns outlined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62837/25]

*557. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding housing supports for persons who fall outside existing schemes, but do not make enough money

to compete in the housing market in the context of unprecedented housing prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62838/25]

*558. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether any funding that is made available for retrofitting local authority housing is intended for tenanted social homes; if not, if it is exclusively for vacant social homes (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [62918/25]

*559. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to introduce legislation regarding planning permission for crematoria. — Seán Crowe. [62940/25]

*560. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will consider making funding assistance available to defective concrete block grant scheme applicants for storage and rehousing if the maximum grant cap of €462,000 for the remediation works is reached; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [62949/25]

*561. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a case for a wastewater treatment plant (details supplied) can be reviewed; if he will provide an update on the working group; the stage the works are at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [62952/25]

*562. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social housing units completed and occupied in each local authority area to date in 2025; and the targets for completion by year-end. — Sorca Clarke. [62967/25]

*563. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the process to resolve the asbestos issue within Tailte Éireann's central filing repository; if he can provide an estimate of when this issue may be resolved; if he can provide an estimate of when Tailte Éireann may resume the admission of access requests for all pre-2006 instruments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [62985/25]

*564. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the definition of a derelict property that guide councils in adding sites to the Derelict Sites Register; if the criteria will change ahead of the introduction of the new derelict property tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [62987/25]

*565. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the affordability thresholds and criteria for single applicants to cost-rental housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [62995/25]

*566. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacancies which arose at principal officer level for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in his Department and agencies under the aegis of his Department; the number of these vacancies filled between internal and external methods; the number of vacancies each year at principal officer level filled by mobility; the number of internal competitions for principal officer grade run by his Department since 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [63028/25]

*567. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if persons with Fáilte Ireland registered, self-catering cottages, that already have planning permission as holiday accommodation will be required to apply for further planning permission under the proposed the

Short-Term Letting and Tourism Bill 2025 or is current planning permission sufficient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [63035/25]

*568. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Tinnahinch/Graiguenamanagh will not be affected by the proposed rent pressure zone planning regulations given it has a population of less than 10,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [63036/25]

*569. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); if he will examine their situation regarding the local authority home loan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [63046/25]

*570. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the rationale and the assessment criteria applied for the decision not to provide funding for the proposed social and affordable housing development at Rehills Land, Bray, County Wicklow; if she plans to engage with Wicklow County Council to progress much needed housing on this site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63159/25]

*571. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the National Parks and Wildlife Service conducted risk assessments or implemented mitigations to prevent the spread of the invasive demon shrimp (*dikerogammarus haemobaphes*) from the Shannon system to Lough Corrib SAC in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63188/25]

*572. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the National Parks and Wildlife Service will confirm the presence of invasive Canadian pondweed (*elodea* sp.) in Lough Corrib SAC, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63189/25]

*573. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he currently has plans to review the eligibility for a grant for septic tanks of households outside of the high status objective catchment area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [63222/25]

*574. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties in County Mayo that have had their DWWTs inspected under the National Inspection Plan, by year, for the past five years; and the number of advisory notices that have been issued as a result of these inspections to households. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [63223/25]

*575. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of households that septic tank grants that have been issued to in County Mayo, by year, for the past five years, and broken down into those located in a prioritised area for action, a high status objective catchment area, and those issued after an advisory notice has been issued to a household after failing an inspection under the National Inspection Plan. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [63224/25]

*576. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total value of grants issued to households in County Mayo under the septic tank grants scheme over the past five years, by year, in tabular form. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [63225/25]

*577. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if EU Cohesion Policy Funding has been allocated to any social and affordable housing programmes in his Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [63230/25]

*578. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update regarding the need for specialised training of fire fighters for electric vehicle fires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63233/25]

*579. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will provide an update on the supports a family (details supplied) will be provided with after their house was found to have traces of pyrite thereby decreasing their houses value; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [63255/25]

*580. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the inclusion of grade 1 homes in the pyrite scheme, as committed to in the Programme for Government. — Aisling Dempsey. [63263/25]

*581. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his position on if payments under the mother and baby institutions payment scheme come under the category of income that is not assessable and should be disregarded for the purposes of assessing income under the Housing Means Policy in local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [63303/25]

*582. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in view of the success of the vacant/derelict grants scheme in Donegal if he will consider a similar type of grant for above the shop units for housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [63309/25]

*583. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if SUSI grants and Erasmus grants are counted as household income for persons on local authority housing lists. — Tom Brabazon. [63353/25]

*584. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current number of households on the social housing waiting list in Dublin City Council and in Fingal County Council, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [63357/25]

*585. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant homes identified for Dublin through the vacant homes officer network, by postal code, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [63358/25]

*586. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current average processing time for housing adaptation grant applications for 2025; how those compare with 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [63359/25]

*587. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of approved housing body units completed in Dublin for the past five years, by postal code, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [63360/25]

*588. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of a cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [63524/25]

*589. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications on the social housing waiting list for County Mayo, by town, in tabular form, as of November 2025. — Paul Lawless. [63530/25]

*590. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing applicants in County Mayo requesting one bedroom, two bedroom, three bedroom and four bedroom accommodation, in tabular form, as of November 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [63531/25]

*591. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of the Planning and Development Act 2024 which has been enacted; the amount which remains to be enacted; and the timeline for the complete enactment of this legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [63552/25]

*592. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the median and average time taken between the submission of a strategic housing development application and a final determination by An Bord Pleanála, for each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [63581/25]

*593. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has assessed the cumulative impact of judicial reviews on the delivery of major housing or infrastructure projects; and if reforms are being considered to reduce systemic delay while preserving the right to appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [63582/25]

*594. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of judicial reviews lodged against planning decisions, in each of the past ten years, including success rates and average duration to conclusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [63583/25]

*595. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the specific measures being taken to streamline the planning and appeals process, in light of the ongoing housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [63584/25]

*596. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding made available generally to local authorities to address the impact of extreme weather events; the specific funding provided, post-event, for each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025, by local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63611/25]

*597. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total legal costs in defending judicial reviews of planning decisions involving his Department and/or agencies within the aegis of his Department for each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63624/25]

*598. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of direct-build local authority homes delivered, and that are currently under construction, by local

authority, between the years 2020 to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [63652/25]

*599. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of direct build LDA homes delivered and that are currently under construction, by local authority, between the years 2020 to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [63653/25]

*600. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of turn-key acquisitions of homes for social housing, by local authority area between the years 2020 to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [63654/25]

*601. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans to make cost rental accommodation available in Arklow, County Wicklow; the measures Wicklow County Council will take to deliver such homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63684/25]

*602. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans to make cost rental accommodation available in Gorey, County Wexford; the measures Wexford County Council will take to deliver such homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63685/25]

*603. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the apartments and duplex defects remediation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63694/25]

*604. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications for the vacant homes refurbishment grant, by county in 2024 and to date in 2025; the number of new builds constructed, by county in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [63711/25]

*605. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the housing proposal from Wicklow County Council at Rehills Land, Bray, County Wicklow which was recently refused funding by the Housing Agency will now be reviewed by the Housing Activation Office; if funding will be made available to enable this project to progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63779/25]

*606. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details for the significant delays in commencing construction on 18 social housing units at Kilbride Lodge, Bray, County Wicklow; when construction is due to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63781/25]

*607. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details of the original estimated cost of constructing 18 social housing units at Kilbride Lodge, Bray, County Wicklow when planning was approved by Wicklow County Council, in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63782/25]

*608. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details of the current cost of constructing 18 social housing units at Kilbride Lodge, Bray, County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63783/25]

*609. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures, in place to make Uisce Éireann more accountable to the Houses of the Oireachtas as well as to elected representatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63842/25]

*610. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projected annual housing delivery for Cork city and Cork county under the new national plan Delivering Homes, Building Communities; and the expected output for each year to 2030. — Ken O'Flynn. [63857/25]

*611. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has identified any infrastructure gaps in Blarney, Glanmire, Ballyvolane or Blackpool that may delay local delivery under the new housing plan; and if so, to list them. — Ken O'Flynn. [63859/25]

*612. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current cost per social home and cost per affordable home delivered in Cork city and Cork county for 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date; and if these costs are expected to fall under the new plan. — Ken O'Flynn. [63860/25]

*613. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has completed any land-assembly analysis for Cork to support the delivery of starter homes; and the findings for the Blarney and Glanmire catchments. — Ken O'Flynn. [63861/25]

*614. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the expected annual and cumulative delivery for each region, including Cork city and Cork county, under the new strategy Delivering Homes, Building Communities; the number of homes allocated to social housing, affordable purchase, and private market supply in each area; and the basis on which these allocations were determined. — Ken O'Flynn. [63874/25]

*615. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social homes to be delivered in Cork city, Blarney, Mallow, Glanmire and surrounding areas in each year to 2030 under Delivering Homes, Building Communities; and the supporting data used to assess local need in these areas. — Ken O'Flynn. [63875/25]

*616. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of the 90,000 starter homes referenced in Delivering Homes, Building Communities that will be delivered in Cork city and Cork county; the expected annual output for each year to 2030; and the criteria used to decide regional distribution. — Ken O'Flynn. [63876/25]

*617. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homes delivered in each year from 2021 to 2024 under Housing for All; the gap between those results and the original annual targets; and how this delivery record informed the new 2030 targets in Delivering Homes, Building Communities. — Ken O'Flynn. [63877/25]

*618. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing units currently delayed due to planning appeals, water-connection issues, environmental assessments, or inter-agency approvals; the average duration of delays; and the actions being taken within the next 12 months to clear these blockages. — Ken O'Flynn. [63878/25]

*619. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the current water, wastewater, road, and public-transport infrastructure in Cork city and Cork county is

sufficient to support the housing targets set for the region under Delivering Homes, Building Communities. — Ken O’Flynn. [63879/25]

*620. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the arrangements being put in place for quarterly reporting of progress under Delivering Homes, Building Communities; the metrics that will be published; and whether these reports will include regional outputs, completions, commencements, planning timelines, and stalled schemes. — Ken O’Flynn. [63880/25]

*621. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projected cost per unit across social, affordable, and market delivery streams under Delivering Homes, Building Communities; the measures in place to ensure value-for-money; and the steps being taken to prevent cost inflation seen in previous programmes. — Ken O’Flynn. [63881/25]

*622. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether Cork City Council and Cork County Council have the staff, procurement capacity, and capital resources required to meet their delivery targets under Delivering Homes, Building Communities; and whether additional support will be provided. — Ken O’Flynn. [63882/25]

*623. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing units currently delayed at the planning stage across local authorities; the average processing time for applications and appeals; and the actions planned within the next 12 months to reduce these timelines. — Ken O’Flynn. [63886/25]

*624. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing projects delayed due to environmental assessments, Natura requirements, or related approvals; and the steps being taken to ensure timely completion of these assessments while meeting statutory obligations. — Ken O’Flynn. [63890/25]

*625. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the issues that have arisen between planning authorities, Uisce Éireann, the National Transport Authority, and other statutory bodies that have delayed housing delivery in the past three years; and the mechanisms being introduced under Delivering Homes, Building Communities to prevent such delays. — Ken O’Flynn. [63891/25]

*626. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing schemes marked as stalled or inactive nationally; the number of homes affected; and the expected timeline for reactivation of these schemes under Delivering Homes, Building Communities. — Ken O’Flynn. [63892/25]

*627. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average time taken for a housing appeal to be decided by An Bord Pleanála in 2023 and 2024; and whether statutory timelines will be introduced or strengthened to support housing delivery. — Ken O’Flynn. [63893/25]

*628. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether local authorities have sufficient planning, engineering, and procurement staff to meet the delivery targets under Delivering Homes, Building Communities; and whether additional staff or resources will be provided to Cork City Council and Cork County Council. — Ken O’Flynn. [63894/25]

*629. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the Infrastructure First projects approved for Cork city and Cork county in 2023, 2024, and 2025; the funding allocated; and the expected impact on unlocking housing delivery in each location. — Ken O’Flynn. [63895/25]

*630. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the affordability assumptions used in Delivering Homes, Building Communities for first-time buyers and cost-rental tenants; the income levels these assumptions are based on; and the measures planned to ensure affordability targets are met in each region. — Ken O’Flynn. [63896/25]

*631. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current average house price and average monthly rent in Cork city and Cork county; the change in these figures in the past 12 months; and how he expects the new strategy to impact these trends. — Ken O’Flynn. [63897/25]

*632. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the expected price range for the 90,000 starter homes referenced in Delivering Homes, Building Communities; whether regional price caps will apply; and the income bands targeted for these homes. — Ken O’Flynn. [63898/25]

*633. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projected homelessness figures for each year to 2030; the measures planned to stabilise and reduce homelessness; and how these projections informed the design of Delivering Homes, Building Communities. — Ken O’Flynn. [63899/25]

*634. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the expected impact of Delivering Homes, Building Communities on rental supply and average rents; the number of cost-rental units planned annually; and the regional breakdown for Cork city and Cork county. — Ken O’Flynn. [63900/25]

*635. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated mortgage burden for first-time buyers under current interest rate conditions; the measures being taken to ease this burden; and whether the new strategy includes any support for households facing rising mortgage costs. — Ken O’Flynn. [63901/25]

*636. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of young adults aged 18 to 34 still living in their family home; the increase in this figure since 2020; and how Delivering Homes, Building Communities aims to reduce this number, particularly in urban centres such as Cork. — Ken O’Flynn. [63902/25]

*637. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current number of households on social housing waiting lists in Cork city and Cork county; the average waiting time; and the expected reduction in waiting lists as a result of the increased social housing targets. — Ken O’Flynn. [63903/25]

*638. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the method used to calculate cost-rental rents under Delivering Homes, Building Communities; the projected rent levels for Cork city and Cork county; and whether cost-rental rents will remain below market levels throughout the tenancy. — Ken O’Flynn. [63904/25]

*639. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the impact of Delivering Homes, Building Communities on middle-income households who do not qualify for social housing and who cannot afford current market prices; and the specific supports planned for this cohort. — Ken O’Flynn. [63905/25]

*640. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number activated for reuse in 2023 and 2024; and the expected annual activation figures to 2030 under Delivering Homes, Building Communities. — Ken O’Flynn. [63907/25]

*641. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of derelict residential properties on the Derelict Sites Register in each local authority area; the number of enforcement actions taken in 2023 and 2024; and the number of properties brought back into use in each period. — Ken O’Flynn. [63908/25]

*642. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant and derelict homes recorded in Cork city and Cork county; the number activated for reuse in the past two years; and the expected contribution of vacancy and dereliction measures to Cork’s housing delivery to 2030. — Ken O’Flynn. [63909/25]

*643. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications, approvals, and completed refurbishments under the croí cónaithe towns scheme since its introduction; the average cost per unit; and whether reforms are planned to increase uptake in Cork. — Ken O’Flynn. [63910/25]

*644. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of brownfield sites identified for housing nationally; the expected annual delivery from these sites to 2030; and the measures planned to accelerate activation of brownfield land. — Ken O’Flynn. [63911/25]

*645. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the brownfield sites identified in Cork city and Cork county that are suitable for housing; the number of units expected from each site; and the planned timeline for commencement. — Ken O’Flynn. [63912/25]

*646. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the housing outputs achieved to date under the Town-Centre First policy; the number of new homes delivered in town centres in 2023 and 2024; and the expected annual delivery to 2030. — Ken O’Flynn. [63913/25]

*647. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of residential units acquired through compulsory purchase orders in 2023 and 2024; the number resold, refurbished, or brought into use; and the planned use of CPOs under Delivering Homes, Building Communities. — Ken O’Flynn. [63914/25]

*648. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projected number of homes expected to return to use as a result of the vacant homes tax; the number of properties currently subject to the tax; and how these projections informed Government housing targets to 2030. — Ken O’Flynn. [63916/25]

*649. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the impact labour shortages are having on the cost of delivering social, affordable, and cost-rental housing; the cost

assumptions used in Delivering Homes, Building Communities; and the measures planned to stabilise costs. — Ken O’Flynn. [63922/25]

*650. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of construction workers recruited from abroad in the past two years; the number expected to be required to meet the 2030 housing targets; and the supports planned to increase international recruitment where necessary. — Ken O’Flynn. [63923/25]

*651. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of small and medium-sized construction firms currently active in residential building; their expected contribution to housing output to 2030; and the supports being provided to expand their capacity. — Ken O’Flynn. [63925/25]

*652. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated labour hours lost due to planning delays, procurement delays, and infrastructure bottlenecks in the past two years; and the reforms planned to minimise workforce downtime. — Ken O’Flynn. [63926/25]

*653. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the labour cost inflation assumptions used in Delivering Homes, Building Communities; the expected annual labour cost increases to 2030; and how these assumptions affect projected housing costs. — Ken O’Flynn. [63927/25]

*654. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homes expected to be built using modern methods of construction and modular delivery from 2025 to 2030; and how these methods will reduce reliance on traditional labour capacity. — Ken O’Flynn. [63928/25]

*655. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total projected cost of delivering the 303,000 homes targeted in Delivering Homes, Building Communities; the projected annual expenditure to 2030; and the sources of Exchequer and non-Exchequer funding that will be used. — Ken O’Flynn. [63930/25]

*656. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the borrowing capacity of each local authority in 2024 and 2025 for housing construction; the level of borrowing approved for Cork City Council and Cork County Council; and the number of housing units this borrowing is expected to support. — Ken O’Flynn. [63932/25]

*657. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the loan-to-cost ratios applied in affordable purchase schemes; the financial criteria participating households must meet; and whether these criteria will change under Delivering Homes, Building Communities. — Ken O’Flynn. [63933/25]

*658. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total funding allocated to the Land Development Agency in 2023, 2024, and 2025; the number of homes delivered in each of those years; and the expected annual delivery from the LDA to 2030. — Ken O’Flynn. [63934/25]

*659. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the financing structure for cost-rental homes under Delivering Homes, Building Communities; the average subsidy per

unit; and how these subsidies ensure rent levels remain below market rates. — Ken O’Flynn. [63935/25]

*660. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the assessment undertaken on the financial viability of private-sector delivery under Delivering Homes, Building Communities; the risk of reduced private output due to construction inflation or interest rates; and the contingency measures in place. — Ken O’Flynn. [63936/25]

*661. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total Exchequer cost of the first home scheme to date; the number of households supported; the average State equity share; and the projected annual cost of the scheme to 2030. — Ken O’Flynn. [63937/25]

*662. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding allocated for vacancy and dereliction activation in 2023, 2024, and 2025; the number of homes activated with this funding; and the expected annual activation figures to 2030 under Delivering Homes, Building Communities. — Ken O’Flynn. [63939/25]

*663. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the annual targets to 2030 for the delivery of housing designed for older people, including age-friendly, supported, and right-sizing units; and the expected delivery for Cork city and Cork county. — Ken O’Flynn. [63940/25]

*664. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of wheelchair accessible and fully adapted social housing units delivered in 2023 and 2024; the annual targets to 2030 under Delivering Homes, Building Communities; and the regional distribution of these units. — Ken O’Flynn. [63941/25]

*665. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of households on disability-related social housing waiting lists in Cork city and Cork county; the average waiting time; and how the new strategy will reduce these waiting times. — Ken O’Flynn. [63942/25]

*666. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of households assessed as high medical priority for housing; the number accommodated in 2023 and 2024; and the targets for addressing this group under Delivering Homes, Building Communities. — Ken O’Flynn. [63943/25]

*667. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding allocated in 2023, 2024, and 2025 for housing adaptation grants for older people and people with disabilities; the number of grants awarded; the average turnaround time; and whether funding will be increased to meet rising demand. — Ken O’Flynn. [63944/25]

*668. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of supported housing units planned for delivery nationally to 2030; the expected annual output; and the specific projects planned for Cork city and Cork county. — Ken O’Flynn. [63945/25]

*669. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures in place to support older people who wish to right-size; the number of households who availed of these supports in 2023 and 2024; and whether additional incentives are planned under the new strategy. — Ken O’Flynn. [63946/25]

*670. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the share of new social housing units completed in 2023 and 2024 that meet universal design standards; the expected rate of compliance to 2030; and whether the Department plans to increase universal design requirements. — Ken O’Flynn. [63947/25]

*671. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of households with disability needs currently accommodated through the housing assistance payment; and whether the Department plans reforms to ensure disability-appropriate housing is prioritised over temporary supports. — Ken O’Flynn. [63948/25]

*672. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the BER standard required for all new homes delivered under Delivering Homes, Building Communities; the number of A-rated homes delivered in 2023 and 2024; and the expected annual share of A-rated completions to 2030. — Ken O’Flynn. [63950/25]

*673. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the additional construction cost per unit arising from current climate and energy-efficiency standards; the cost assumptions used in Delivering Homes, Building Communities; and whether these costs pose delivery risks for social and affordable housing. — Ken O’Flynn. [63951/25]

*674. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the annual retrofit targets for social housing to 2030; the number of retrofits completed in 2023 and 2024; and the expected cost of meeting all retrofit commitments. — Ken O’Flynn. [63952/25]

*675. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social housing units currently below BER C; the number upgraded in 2023 and 2024; and the plan to bring the remainder to compliance by 2030. — Ken O’Flynn. [63953/25]

*676. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether embodied carbon calculations are required for housing projects funded by the State; the method used; and how embodied carbon considerations informed the design of Delivering Homes, Building Communities. — Ken O’Flynn. [63954/25]

*677. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social and affordable homes fitted with heat pumps in 2023 and 2024; the expected annual installation rates to 2030; and whether these rates align with national climate targets. — Ken O’Flynn. [63955/25]

*678. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether energy network capacity, including electricity grid upgrades, is sufficient to support the new housing targets; and the planned upgrades required for Cork city and Cork county. — Ken O’Flynn. [63956/25]

*679. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing projects delayed due to climate-related regulatory requirements, including flood-risk assessments and environmental impact processes; and the actions planned to reduce these delays. — Ken O’Flynn. [63957/25]

*680. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the additional cost imposed on housing delivery by NZEB standards; the inflation impact of these standards; and

whether the Department has assessed the cumulative cost for all units to 2030. — Ken O’Flynn. [63958/25]

*681. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projected cost of climate-adaptation measures required to protect new housing developments in urban areas, including Cork city and surrounding flood-prone zones; and how these costs were factored into the strategy’s delivery projections. — Ken O’Flynn. [63959/25]

*682. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amount of land zoned for residential use in each local authority area; the number of homes this land could support; and whether this supply is sufficient to meet the delivery targets set in Delivering Homes, Building Communities. — Ken O’Flynn. [63960/25]

*683. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether Cork City Council and Cork County Council have zoned sufficient residential land to meet the housing targets allocated to the region; and if not, what actions will be taken to ensure compliance. — Ken O’Flynn. [63961/25]

*684. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the housing delivery targets in Delivering Homes, Building Communities align with the capacity set out in each local authority Development Plan; and where discrepancies exist, the changes that are required. — Ken O’Flynn. [63962/25]

*685. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reasons for delays in implementing zoning objectives in Development Plans; the number of housing sites delayed due to unresolved zoning issues; and the steps being taken to expedite zoning compliance. — Ken O’Flynn. [63963/25]

*686. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the State-owned and local-authority-owned sites zoned for residential development but not yet activated; the number of homes each site is expected to deliver; and the timeline for activation. — Ken O’Flynn. [63964/25]

*687. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether local authorities are meeting their obligations under Housing Need and Demand Assessments; the number of authorities in full compliance; and how these assessments informed the new housing targets. — Ken O’Flynn. [63965/25]

*688. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of hectares of fully serviced residential land available for immediate development in each local authority area; and the actions planned to increase serviced land availability where shortages exist. — Ken O’Flynn. [63966/25]

*689. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Housing Land Availability zonings currently prevented from activation due to wastewater, water, road, or transport capacity; and the measures planned to address these infrastructure gaps. — Ken O’Flynn. [63967/25]

*690. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the density and height assumptions used in setting regional delivery targets; whether these assumptions vary for Cork City and Cork County; and the basis for these planning assumptions. — Ken O’Flynn. [63968/25]

*691. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the quantity of zoned, serviced, and infrastructure-ready land nationally is sufficient to support the delivery of 303,000 homes to 2030; and if not, the estimated shortfall and the actions planned to close it. — Ken O'Flynn. [63986/25]

*692. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing units that have been realised in the past five years from projects that availed of the vacant homes refurbishment grant in County Wicklow and County Wexford, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [64003/25]

*693. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there has been an increase in homeless figures since his Department changed the criteria for tenant in situ scheme specifically confirming the number of persons currently homeless in County Wicklow and County Wexford, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [64007/25]

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

*694. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his attention has been drawn to the post budget campaign of an organisation (details supplied); the actions he will take to address these concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62836/25]

*695. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his position on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [63695/25]

*696. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to reconsider an application a rent supplement application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [63799/25]

*697. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the free travel scheme can be extended to persons with cancer who, due to their condition and treatment, may be able to drive some days and not others, or for an undetermined time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [62720/25]

*698. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the levels of support available to those impacted by long-Covid following the final extension of the temporary special scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62775/25]

*699. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the decision to reject a disability allowance application for a person (details supplied), who had previously been in receipt of the allowance but had it withdrawn on the basis of means testing; the reason, upon reapplying, the individual was refused on medical grounds despite having lifelong and well-documented disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [62828/25]

*700. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his attention has been drawn to the post budget campaign of an organisation (details supplied); the actions he will take to address these concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62835/25]

*701. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to consider extending children's allowance payments to a full year following the death of a child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [62860/25]

*702. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which employment and income-support policies will be aligned with Pillar Two (Employment), including measurable targets for workforce participation, employer engagement, and reduction in disability-related poverty under the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People. — Erin McGreehan. [62873/25]

*703. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of pending appeals in respect of jobseeker's allowance; and the average waiting time for a decision. — Sorca Clarke. [62968/25]

*704. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider increasing the means test threshold for the disability allowance in line with the changes made to carer's allowance in Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [62992/25]

*705. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the age cut-off of seven for the one-parent family payment, in light of the continued care and financial needs of one-parent households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [62993/25]

*706. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if jobseekers benefit payments for the month of August will be awarded to a substitute teacher (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [63015/25]

*707. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of vacancies which arose at principal officer level for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in his Department and agencies under the aegis of his Department; the number of these vacancies filled between internal and external methods; the number of vacancies each year at principal officer level filled by mobility; the number of internal competitions for principal officer grade run by his Department since 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [63032/25]

*708. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the schools across County Louth that operated a breakfast club for the academic school year 2024-2025; and the number of children in each school who received meals through each breakfast club, in tabular form. — Joanna Byrne. [63041/25]

*709. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the schools who operated school meals scheme across County Louth for the academic school year 2024-2025; and the number of children in each school who received meals through the scheme, in tabular form. — Joanna Byrne. [63042/25]

*710. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of schools in County Louth that have applied for the school meals scheme to date in the current academic school year 2025-2026. — Joanna Byrne. [63043/25]

*711. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department intends to contact schools that do not apply for the extended school meals scheme in the current academic school year to determine the reasons they have not applied. — Joanna Byrne. [63044/25]

*712. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is aware that while the Government has spoken about sustainable increases and restraint, the reality is that disabled persons are facing a real and substantial loss of income compared with 2025 (details supplied); if he will commit to introducing an emergency winter payment to offset the extra cost of disability, and bring forward a cost of disability payment without further delay; if he will ensure the Department of Social Protection and the Department of Finance deliver fair, adequate supports that reflect the real costs people with disabilities face; and if his Department will conduct a review of how Budget 2026

will impact disabled households over the winter months, when fuel and living costs peak; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63133/25]

*713. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it is consistent with national policy to cut off disability allowance payments to persons on the basis of their partners' income, given this has the result of creating a state of poverty for the household (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63197/25]

*714. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether State and employer contributions towards the My Future Fund pension savings scheme will be reckonable as income for the purposes of determining eligibility for any other public services or schemes. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63244/25]

*715. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views that it is appropriate that officials in his Department infer lack of qualifying disability from blank sections of disability allowance paperwork; and if he has satisfied himself that the systems in place to determine eligibility for the allowance are sufficiently accommodating of transient and conditional manifestations of disability, which are medically well-recognised. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63267/25]

*716. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has prepared guidance for charities and non-profit organisations that are concerned their required contributions to autoenrollment pensions for their staff will place a financial burden that will lead to a reduction of services and staff layoffs; if specific guidance has been prepared; the advice he will offer to those organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [63281/25]

*717. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will provide analysis from his Department on the progress towards achieving Minimum Essential Standard of Living over the past five budgets across all income groups, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [63302/25]

*718. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current average waiting time for disability allowance and for carer's allowance applications, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [63361/25]

*719. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average processing time for appeals to the Social Welfare Appeals Office for disability allowance cases, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [63362/25]

*720. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will address concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the impact of the withdrawal of support payments on persons with a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [63368/25]

*721. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on whether a revision of categories of PRSI contributions in respect of those who pay class K contributions is necessary, given the propensity for no material benefit to arise when a class K employee ceases employment before the statutory retirement age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [63412/25]

*722. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total legal costs in defending judicial reviews of planning decisions involving his Department and/or agencies within the aegis of

his Department for each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63628/25]

*723. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 652 of 12 November 2025, the number of cases where payments have been stopped and details retained by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [63655/25]

*724. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider an addition fuel payment for polio survivors (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [63706/25]

*725. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for clarity in relation to employees who currently have private pension arrangements or AVC's in place which are not directly coming out of their wages; if these employees have a choice whether or not to enrol in the auto-Enrolment My Future Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [63709/25]

*726. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the financial supports available to parents caring for adult children suffering from severe drug addiction and related mental health issues, who are not living with them, but who are caring for them to the extent that they are unable to work full time, and are providing them with significant financial support; the level of funding his Department provided for this purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [63725/25]

*727. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of recipients who are in receipt of Jobseeker's allowance unbroken continuously in excess of 12 months, 24 months and 36 months, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [63791/25]

*728. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons on disability allowance and invalidity benefit; and the percentage of the population. — Robert Troy. [63792/25]

*729. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rights to social welfare a returning emigrant who worked in Ireland for 12 to 13 years before emigrating to the USA has; and the length of time they must be resident in Ireland again before they qualify for social welfare payments. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [63813/25]

*730. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will urgently intervene in a case involving difficulties that a primary school (details supplied) is having with his Department's School Meals Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63834/25]

*731. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will implement an emergency winter payment for those people with a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [63844/25]

*732. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to accelerate the delivery of the permanent cost of disability payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [63845/25]

*733. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to conduct a full review of the effects Budget 2026 will have on those with a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [63846/25]

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

*734. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps he intends to take in relation the continued use by some District Courts of charity donations to allow motorists to avoid convictions for penalty point offences, including in cases of those driving at speeds significantly in excess of speed limits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [64249/25]

*735. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason an addiction support service (details supplied) has been refused funding under the Community Safety Fund despite having previously been awarded two years of funding to support families experiencing Drive Related Intimidation (DRI); if he will direct his Department to reconsider this refusal given that without this funding there is no alternative way for the service to support these families, deliver DRI training for frontline staff or participate in the Drug Related Intimidation and Violence Engagement Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [62760/25]

*736. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of anti-social behaviour orders that have been sought by Gardai; and the number granted in the years of 2023 to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [62816/25]

*737. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the progress of the construction of the new family court building at Hammond Lane, Dublin 7. — Roderic O’Gorman. [62843/25]

*738. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of the rise in racially motivated attacks in recent months; if he is concerned by reports that racism and racially motivated incidents are becoming increasingly aggressive; the specific measures being taken to address this growing problem, particularly in the Fingal west area where this Deputies office has received an increasing number of reports and emails on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [62844/25]

*739. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the name of each charity which benefited from court poor box donations in penalty point offence cases each year since 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [62887/25]

*740. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of the criminal legal aid fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62958/25]

*741. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is satisfied that the current regulatory framework governing online and app-based alcohol delivery services is adequate to prevent sales to minors; or if improvements are being considered in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [63000/25]

*742. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the enforcement that is in place to ensure age verification during home delivery of alcohol; if any data on non-compliance rates can be provided; if he is satisfied that the current regulatory framework governing online, and app-based alcohol delivery services is adequate to prevent sales to minors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [63001/25]

*743. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the criteria and risk assessment processes used by the Irish Prison Service when granting temporary release to prisoners convicted of violent offences, including offences involving assault, weapons, and robbery; and if she is satisfied that current procedures adequately protect public safety. — Ken O’Flynn. [63009/25]

*744. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prisoners currently on temporary release who are subject to electronic monitoring or supervision orders; and if she will review the monitoring protocols to ensure compliance and public protection. — Ken O’Flynn. [63010/25]

*745. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the recidivism rate among prisoners granted temporary release in each of the past five years; and the number who have reoffended while on such release, in tabular form. — Ken O’Flynn. [63011/25]

*746. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the ongoing practice of temporary release is linked to prison overcrowding or capacity constraints; the current occupancy rate across the prison estate; and the measures being taken to address this without compromising community safety. — Ken O’Flynn. [63012/25]

*747. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if victims of crime are notified or consulted prior to the temporary release of offenders convicted of serious or violent crimes; and if he plans to introduce reforms to strengthen victims’ rights in the release decision process.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [63013/25]

*748. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will outline changes that have been made or are intended to be made regarding the means by which individual citizens take judicial reviews against planning decisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63016/25]

*749. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of vacancies which arose at principal officer level for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in his Department and agencies under the aegis of his Department; the number of these vacancies filled between internal and external methods; the number of vacancies each year at principal officer level filled by mobility; the number of internal competitions for principal officer grade run by his Department since 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [63029/25]

*750. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of times a person seeking international protection initially claimed to be a child but who was subsequently found to be an adult for each year since 2021 to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [63039/25]

*751. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a deportation order will be urgently reconsidered (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [63060/25]

*752. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of non-national individuals who have entered the State who have a previous criminal conviction. — Paul Lawless. [63093/25]

*753. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps he takes to identify individuals entering the State to ensure a thorough background check is being carried out. — Paul Lawless. [63094/25]

*754. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the process which is carried out to confirm the identity of an individual who enters the State without identification. — Paul Lawless. [63095/25]

*755. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of international protection applicants who have not been offered accommodation on arrival in each month to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [63126/25]

*756. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of people who have been refused temporary protection in each month to date in 2025. — Gary Gannon. [63127/25]

*757. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of people from Ukraine who have applied for international protection to date in 2025. — Gary Gannon. [63128/25]

*758. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the support that is offered to a person who has applied for temporary protection but is refused due to having received temporary protection in another member state. — Gary Gannon. [63129/25]

*759. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total occupancy of IPAS accommodation compared to the total capacity. — Gary Gannon. [63130/25]

*760. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when a decision will be made on an application for citizenship (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [63135/25]

*761. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the national records that are available on the number of miscarriages, and/or stillbirths, which occurred due to acts of violent crime or accidents, from 2016 to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63243/25]

*762. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the protections against statelessness that his Department will put in place for naturalised Irish citizens, in the context of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956 (Revocation of Certificate of Naturalisation) (Prescribed Forms) Regulations 2025 (S.I. No. 122/2025); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [63245/25]

*763. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons with a Clare address who were given a penal sentence in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, per year, in tabular form; and the category of crimes for which they were imprisoned. — Cathal Crowe. [63304/25]

*764. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons handed a penal sentence nationwide in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, by year, in tabular form; the of category of crimes for which they were imprisoned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63305/25]

*765. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures in place for prisoners post-release to reduce the risk of reoffending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63306/25]

*766. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prisoners who were imprisoned as reoffenders in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, by year, in tabular form. — Cathal Crowe. [63307/25]

*767. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average cost of imprisoning a prisoner per week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63308/25]

*768. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for the update position on a new build for a school (details supplied), funded by the Immigrant Investor Programme, handled by the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [63311/25]

*769. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of e-scooters which were seized by An Garda Síochána across the country in 2024. — Shane Moynihan. [63333/25]

*770. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of e-scooters which were seized by An Garda Síochána in Dublin in 2024. — Shane Moynihan. [63334/25]

*771. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of e-scooters which were seized by An Garda Síochána across the country to date in 2025. — Shane Moynihan. [63335/25]

*772. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of e-scooters which were seized by An Garda Síochána in Dublin to date in 2025. — Shane Moynihan. [63336/25]

*773. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of e-scooters which were seized from persons under 16 years of age in 2024. — Shane Moynihan. [63337/25]

*774. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of e-scooters which were seized from persons under 16 years of age to date in 2025. — Shane Moynihan. [63338/25]

*775. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of e-scooters that were seized by An Garda Síochána in 2024 linked to criminal activity. — Shane Moynihan. [63339/25]

*776. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of e-scooters that were seized by An Garda Síochána to date in 2025 linked to criminal activity. — Shane Moynihan. [63340/25]

*777. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of e-scooters which were seized by the Criminal Assets Bureau in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [63341/25]

*778. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of e-scooters which were seized by the Criminal Assets Bureau to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [63342/25]

*779. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of emergency calls taken by An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2020 to 2024, and to date in 2025. — Tom Brabazon. [63354/25]

*780. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason a person (details supplied), who created an alias to avoid deportation and used it falsely to claim social welfare, has been allowed to remain in Ireland; the number of persons who have broken the law while in the IPAS application system that have been allowed to stay in the State, for each of the past five years; and the number of persons who have broken the law after receiving a deportation order that have been allowed to stay in the State for each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [63418/25]

*781. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there are any plans to enter into a contract for an IPAS centre, or any other accommodation centre, at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [63431/25]

*782. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the work his Department is planning to take to introduce new regulations and act upon the recommendations of the Report of the Interdepartmental Working Group into the period payment orders indexation rate; when such regulations will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [63478/25]

*783. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will review correspondence (details supplied); the options available to regularise the person's immigration status to allow them to continue their education and take up employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [63481/25]

*784. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons who applied for international protection in the State from 2015 to date in 2025, by year, by country of origin, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [63532/25]

*785. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons who have been granted temporary protection in the State from 2015 to date in 2025, by year, by country of origin, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [63533/25]

*786. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of applicants for international protection who claimed to be under 18 years-of-age, the number in each of the years 2015 to date in 2025, b for whom minor status was accepted, rejected or remained under determination at year end, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [63534/25]

*787. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of international protection applicants in each of the years 2015 to date in 2025 whose claimed minor status was referred to, or appealed to, medical or other expert reviewers for the purposes of age assessment;

the outcome of those referrals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [63535/25]

*788. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current arrangements in place for assessing the age of persons who claim to be minors when seeking international protection or temporary protection, including the role of his Department, the International Protection Office and Tusla; whether these arrangements are under review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [63536/25]

*789. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has examined the age-assessment model in operation in Denmark, including the use of medical imaging and other scientific methods, with a view to speeding up age assessments in Ireland; if any analysis, advice or reports have been prepared on this option; if any novel testing methods such as qPCR or droplet digital PCR based techniques for age estimation have been considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [63537/25]

*790. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a matter (details supplied) has been brought to his attention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [63546/25]

*791. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide an update regarding a delayed stamp 4 renewal application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [63547/25]

*792. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide an update on the progress of the Life Sentences Bill 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [63553/25]

*793. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of e-scooter related road traffic offences recorded by An Garda Síochána in Dublin since the introduction of e-scooter legislation in May 2024, by policing district, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63564/25]

*794. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of e-scooter related road traffic offences recorded by An Garda Síochána nationwide since the introduction of e-scooter legislation in May 2024, by policing district, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63565/25]

*795. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of e-scooters confiscated by An Garda Síochána nationwide since the introduction of e-scooter legislation in May 2024, by policing district, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63566/25]

*796. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has undertaken any study or analysis of the child mortality rate in direct provision centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [61895/25]

*797. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when the next citizenship ceremony will take place; and when invitations will issue to recipients. — Robert Troy. [63572/25]

*798. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the process for naturalisation for a person (detail supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [63602/25]

*799. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total legal costs in defending judicial reviews of planning decisions involving his Department and/or agencies within the aegis of his Department for each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63625/25]

*800. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardai assigned to Garda stations (details supplied). — Claire Kerrane. [63661/25]

*801. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the data his Department has on persons who have completed recidivism-reducing programs but have gone on to re-offend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63667/25]

*802. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of visas issued to nationals of South Africa since the introduction of visa requirements in July 2024, by visa category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [63688/25]

*803. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of visa applications from nationals of South Africa that have been received, granted and refused since July 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [63689/25]

*804. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of the case of a person (details supplied) deported from Ireland and subsequently killed; and the steps he will take to reverse the deportation of another individual deported to the same location under similar conditions. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63712/25]

*805. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps being taken to ensure an adequate complement of healthcare staff at Cork Prison following the recent Annual Report of the office of the Inspector of Prisons which stated there is a need to increase the GP hours on site; if there are plans to recruit additional nursing staff; if there are plans to strengthen psychology and addiction services for prisoners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [63734/25]

*806. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way in which he plans to progress the recommendations of the annual report of the Office of the Inspector of Prisons particularly in relation to Cork prison; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [63735/25]

*807. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of drivers convicted in court for penalty point offences, by year and by District Court, since 2022; the number of drivers convicted, by year and by District Court, that could not be matched to the penalty point offence to apply the points to their licence/permit record on the NVDF database; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63743/25]

*808. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the oversight mechanisms in place to ensure interpreters engaged by the Courts Service meet minimum professional standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63745/25]

*809. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if disciplinary, audit or quality assurance procedures exist for interpreters who provide services in criminal trials and, if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63748/25]

*810. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there are plans to introduce State-accredited training and certification for legal interpreters in Ireland, similar to other EU countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63749/25]

*811. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department intends to establish a central register of qualified legal interpreters and translators, as envisaged under Directive 2010/64/EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63750/25]

*812. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there is any requirement at present for interpreters working in court rooms to pass language competency or legal terminology examinations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63751/25]

*813. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the quality assurance processes that currently exist to assess interpreters' performance in courtrooms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63752/25]

*814. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the analysis carried out by the Residential Tenancies Board on behalf of the Minister for Housing; Local Government and Heritage found that the accommodation recognition payment is having a significant impact on the private rental market; if data supporting this finding will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [63761/25]

*815. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when the findings of the analysis carried out by the Residential Tenancies Board for the Minister for Housing; Local Government and Heritage, on the impact of the accommodation recognition payment on the private rental market will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [63762/25]

*816. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current rates of pay for court interpreters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63763/25]

*817. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has received submissions from an organisation (details supplied) regarding pay and training for court interpreters; the action he has taken in response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63764/25]

*818. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way in which Directive 2010/64/EU is currently implemented in practice to ensure the right to interpretation and translation in criminal proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63766/25]

*819. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is satisfied that Ireland is compliant with its obligations under EU Directive 2010/64/EU, given the absence of a State

register and formal testing for interpreters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63767/25]

*820. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps his Department is taking to ensure every defendant in Ireland can effectively exercise their right to a fair trial under Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights when interpretation is required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63768/25]

*821. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the actions which will be taken to restore public confidence in the integrity of criminal proceedings following revelations about interpreter standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63769/25]

*822. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department will publish data on the number of cases in which interpretation was used in the courts since 2020, by language, jurisdiction, and interpreter accreditation, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63772/25]

*823. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if her Department has conducted a review of identity verification procedures used in deportation and asylum cases, following recent reports of individuals successfully avoiding deportation through the use of aliases. — Ken O'Flynn. [63773/25]

*824. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of deportation orders issued in each of the past five years; the number actually enforced; and the measures in place to monitor persons who abscond or provide false identities. — Ken O'Flynn. [63774/25]

*825. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if biometric identification (fingerprint or facial recognition) is currently used to verify identity before deportation; and if not, whether his Department plans to implement such technology to prevent fraudulent alias use. — Ken O'Flynn. [63775/25]

*826. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department shares deportation and identity information in real time with An Garda Síochána, the Department of Social Protection and the section of his Department responsible for integration; and if not, the reason such data-sharing has not been automated. — Ken O'Flynn. [63776/25]

*827. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prosecutions brought in the past three years for providing false or misleading information during asylum, visa, or deportation processes; and whether legislative amendments are being considered to increase penalties for such offences. — Ken O'Flynn. [63777/25]

*828. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to support a club (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [63793/25]

*829. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there is a medical and special unit for mentally disordered challenging prisoners at Limerick Prison; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [63819/25]

*830. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of sanctioned psychologist posts, by prison including the number of vacant posts, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [63820/25]

*831. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prisoners with serious mental illnesses held in the general population, who require psychiatric hospital care waiting for a bed, by prison, from 2020 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [63821/25]

*832. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department carried out any cost-benefit analysis before awarding €3.6 million under the 2025 Integration Fund; and if so to publish the findings, including the projected benefits, estimated costs and the methodology used to determine that the funded projects represented value-for-money for the taxpayer. — Ken O’Flynn. [63847/25]

*833. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his officials applied any metrics such as unit cost per participant, cost-per-outcome, or similar indicators when assessing applications under the 2025 Integration Fund; and to explain how these metrics influenced the final grant allocations. — Ken O’Flynn. [63848/25]

*834. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department examined the extent of duplication or overlap between the 117 funded organisations and existing State-funded integration supports; and whether any organisations were funded despite providing services similar to programmes already financed by the Exchequer. — Ken O’Flynn. [63849/25]

*835. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department assessed the proportion of each organisation’s budget that will be spent on administration, staffing or consultancy rather than direct service delivery; and whether maximum thresholds for overhead costs were applied during the evaluation process. — Ken O’Flynn. [63850/25]

*836. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department reviewed the past performance of any previous Integration Fund recipients, including whether organisations had met their stated outcomes, complied with reporting obligations or required financial correction or follow-up by the Department. — Ken O’Flynn. [63851/25]

*837. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the monitoring and audit framework being applied to the 2025 Integration Fund, including how his Department will measure effectiveness, confirm delivery of outcomes and ensure that public funds are not used for activities outside the approved scope. — Ken O’Flynn. [63852/25]

*838. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications deemed unsuccessful for the 2025 Integration Fund; the reasons for rejection; and whether any applications offering higher projected value-for-money were not selected. — Ken O’Flynn. [63853/25]

*839. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether any of the organisations receiving funding under the 2025 Integration Fund have previously been identified by his Department or other State agencies for governance, compliance or financial management concerns; and if enhanced oversight has been applied in such cases. — Ken O’Flynn. [63854/25]

*840. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has evaluated the impact of repeated annual grant allocations on creating organisational dependency on Exchequer funding rather than promoting sustainable, cost-efficient outcomes. — Ken O’Flynn. [63855/25]

*841. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a breakdown of the €3.6 million allocation, by county, including Cork; to set out the expected measurable outcomes associated with these allocations; and how they will be evaluated for value-for-money. — Ken O’Flynn. [63856/25]

*842. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when a contract (details supplied) will terminate; if his department plans to renew the contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [63999/25]

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

*843. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports which are currently available to farmers seeking to diversify into agritourism; his plans to introduce new measures in view of the potential economic impact of the loss of the nitrates derogation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [62734/25]

*844. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which his Department is working with the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to ensure that the regulatory framework for short-term letting does not inadvertently undermine farm-based tourism enterprises particularly in view of the Policy Framework 2025–2030 and the Short Term Letting and Tourism Bill 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [62735/25]

*845. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider establishing a cross-departmental working group to address the regulatory and developmental needs of the agritourism sector, particularly in the context of generational renewal and rural viability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [62736/25]

*846. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown, by local authority, of the number of dogs euthanised in dog kennels and pounds in the past five years. — Sorca Clarke. [62754/25]

*847. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to confirm that registered foresters are no longer allowed individual webcam access at his Department’s webinars (details supplied); if he will ensure webcams can be used in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [62758/25]

*848. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he last met the CEO of Greyhound Racing Ireland; and to provide details of the issues discussed. — Sorca Clarke. [62817/25]

*849. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to put in place a scheme to assist farmers whose lands are severely impacted upon by coastal erosion and flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [63005/25]

*850. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of vacancies which arose at principal officer level for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in his Department and agencies under the aegis of his Department; the number of these vacancies filled between internal and external methods; the number of vacancies each year at principal officer level filled by mobility; the number of internal competitions for principal officer grade run by his Department since 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [63017/25]

*851. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if further funding will be made available in 2026 and 2027 for module 2 of the innovative forest technology scheme - investment aid for the development of the forest tree nursery sector. — Holly Cairns. [63148/25]

*852. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will commit to including the investment aid for the development of the forest tree nursery sector scheme within the next Forestry Programme. — Holly Cairns. [63149/25]

*853. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when payments under the forgotten farmers scheme will issue to eligible applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [63216/25]

*854. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to specify the exact date by which eligible applicants under the forgotten farmers scheme can expect to receive payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [63217/25]

*855. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount each eligible applicant under the forgotten farmers scheme will receive; whether the maximum payment of €5,000 will apply in all cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [63218/25]

*856. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm whether the €5 million allocation for the forgotten farmers scheme will be sufficient to meet all eligible applications; if additional funding will be announced to ensure no applicant is excluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [63219/25]

*857. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the contingency measures in place should the number of eligible applicants exceed the initial €5 million allocation for the forgotten farmers scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [63220/25]

*858. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the crops which will be included in the next round of tillage supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [63229/25]

*859. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review an application for a person (details supplied); if the decision will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [63280/25]

*860. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has examined the findings of the recent research published in the Journal of Dairy Science (August 2025), which shows that prolonged periods without feed cause dehydration, hypoglycaemia, low energy, muscle fatigue, and other stress responses in unweaned calves, and that enhanced pre-

transport feeding cannot fully prevent such harm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63369/25]

*861. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures being taken by his Department to ensure that unweaned calves receive adequate feeding, hydration, and rest during transport, particularly on long journeys within and outside of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63370/25]

*862. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is considering providing additional supports or infrastructure to ensure proper feeding, watering, and rest facilities for unweaned calves during transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63371/25]

*863. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which compliance with existing EU and national feeding and welfare requirements for unweaned animals in transport is monitored and enforced; the number of inspections carried out and enforcement actions taken in the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63372/25]

*864. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether Ireland plans to support or advocate for stronger protections for unweaned animals during transport in upcoming EU negotiations on the revision of animal welfare and transport regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63373/25]

*865. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his position on the live export of Irish animals to countries outside the European Union, given the serious welfare concerns regarding the transport and slaughter of animals in destination countries where no enforceable animal welfare framework exists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63374/25]

*866. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in view of the fact that there have been only four live export shipments to non-EU countries this year, involving approximately 9,000 cattle out of a total of 325,000 exported, and given that cattle prices are currently high, his views that the limited economic benefit of these exports justifies the serious welfare risks animals face during transport and slaughter outside the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63375/25]

*867. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider phasing out live exports of animals to non-EU countries and instead support the development of domestic or EU-based processing and slaughter capacity to reduce animal transport distances and improve welfare outcomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63376/25]

*868. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of the 2,415 non-coursing greyhounds born in 2021, and with an active status on the Rásaíocht Con Éireann Traceability System as of 24 September 2025, that were recorded on the race management system as having trialled or raced in the 42 days preceding 24 September 2025 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [63407/25]

*869. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the rationale for reducing the payment rate under the national sheep welfare scheme to €11.50 per ewe, despite the prior

indication to farmers of a higher expected level of support; and the way in which his Department plans to address the financial shortfall now faced by sheep farmers as a result of this change. — Erin McGreehan. [63486/25]

*870. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an assessment was carried out on the impact of the reduced per-ewe payment on the viability of sheep farms, particularly hill and low-income farms, before the decision was taken to adjust the rate downward. — Erin McGreehan. [63487/25]

*871. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm whether there will be a review of the 2025 and 2026 scheme allocations to restore the payment level originally understood by farmers; and to ensure that farmers are not penalised for participating in good faith in a scheme whose terms were subsequently diminished. — Erin McGreehan. [63488/25]

*872. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures being considered to rebuild trust with farmers following the reduction in scheme payments, given the ongoing pressures of poor market returns, high input costs, and tight margins in the sheep sector. — Erin McGreehan. [63489/25]

*873. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department will reopen discussions with stakeholders regarding future scheme design to ensure payment stability, transparency, and fairness for sheep farmers who relied on the original scheme commitments when planning their farm income. — Erin McGreehan. [63490/25]

*874. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total legal costs in defending judicial reviews of planning decisions involving his Department and/or agencies within the aegis of his Department for each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63613/25]

*875. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to ensure that Ireland's mackerel quota is not reduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [63705/25]

*876. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the 2024 Dog Control Statistics will be published; the reasons for the delayed publication to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [63726/25]

*877. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for a publication date of the National Land Use Review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [63835/25]

*878. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the independent review of Government funding for the Irish horse and greyhound racing industry that was due to commence following the publication of the report to the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board by Mazars in November 2024. — Martin Kenny. [63998/25]

*879. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on his engagements on the Mercosur Trade Agreement. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [64000/25]

*880. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he plans to safeguard Irish farm competitiveness in the face of ongoing EU trade negotiations, including Mercosur; if he will request mandatory safeguards to prevent Irish beef, dairy, and tillage producers being undermined by imports produced to lower standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [64001/25]

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

*881. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if his Department is currently on schedule to meet its obligations under the first Programme Plan of Action of the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People; and to outline any risks to delivery that have already been identified. — Erin McGreehan. [62897/25]

*882. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who, having been referred in 2023 by their GP, for an assessment of needs, has yet to receive an appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [62717/25]

*883. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the proposals to protect and grow the home based child care sector, as many in the sector believe that the one-size-fits-all approach is driving childminders out, creating anxiety across the sector and reducing childcare capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [62724/25]

*884. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide the HSE’s published annual targets and actual performance rates for the completion of assessments of need for children, for each of the past five years; and the percentage achievement rate in each year, in tabular form. — Albert Dolan. [62786/25]

*885. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the methodology used by the HSE when setting annual performance targets in its National Service Plan, in particular for disability and children’s services; if those targets are based on available staffing and capacity data; and if not, to explain the rationale for maintaining aspirational 100% targets despite sustained underperformance. — Albert Dolan. [62787/25]

*886. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE senior work practitioner posts that were filled at Springfield children’s disability network team in each of the years 2023 to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [62811/25]

*887. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE clinical specialist physiotherapist posts that were filled at Longford Children’s Disability Network Team in each of the years 2023 to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [62812/25]

*888. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE administrative staff, by grade posts that were filled at Clonbrusk children’s disability network team in each of the years of 2023 to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [62813/25]

*889. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children currently availing of the national childcare scheme in County Louth; if she will provide a breakdown by full-time, part-time and sessional hours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [62862/25]

*890. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of early learning and childcare providers in County Louth that are in receipt of Core Funding; the proportion of total providers this represents in the county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [62863/25]

*891. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of additional childcare places created in County Louth since the introduction of Core Funding in year one; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [62864/25]

*892. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of early learning and childcare providers in County Louth that have applied for, or are currently receiving, Sustainability Funding; the primary reasons cited for such applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [62865/25]

*893. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children currently receiving support under the Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) in County Louth; if she will provide a breakdown of supports by level, including the number receiving level 7 one-to-one assistance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [62866/25]

*894. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average processing time for AIM level 7 applications in County Louth; if measures are being taken to reduce processing times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [62867/25]

*895. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the Forward Planning and Delivery Unit has identified specific capacity gaps in childcare provision in County Louth; to detail the areas of greatest pressure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [62868/25]

*896. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if County Louth will be included in the initial phase of State-led or State-owned childcare facility development; if the county has been prioritised given its population growth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [62869/25]

*897. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of services in County Louth shortlisted under the building blocks extension grant scheme; the estimated number of new childcare places expected to be delivered locally under the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [62870/25]

*898. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the timelines for the finalisation and publication of the First Programme Plan of Action 2025-2026 under the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People; and to confirm whether the three-month publication timeframe remains on course and on schedule. — Erin McGreehan. [62875/25]

*899. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the actions her Department has taken to formally notify and provide guidance to all public bodies and agencies regarding their obligations in implementing the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People on a mainstream-first basis. — Erin McGreehan. [62876/25]

*900. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to outline the robust delivery and monitoring mechanisms of the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People,

including the structure, membership, reporting frequency, and escalation processes for addressing non-delivery. — Erin McGreehan. [62877/25]

*901. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when she will next convene and chair the Delivery and Monitoring Committee for the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People; and to clarify whether these six-monthly meetings are currently scheduled with fixed calendar dates. — Erin McGreehan. [62879/25]

*902. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the timelines for agreeing joint delivery plans with the Department of Health for pillar four (wellbeing and health), including the assignment of measurable targets and KPIs under the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People. — Erin McGreehan. [62881/25]

*903. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department is currently on schedule to meet its obligations under the first Programme Plan of Action of the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People; and to outline any risks to delivery that have already been identified. — Erin McGreehan. [62893/25]

*904. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to confirm the key performance indicators (KPIs) that will underpin each pillar of the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People; and when these KPIs will be published and communicated to stakeholders, including disabled persons' organisations. — Erin McGreehan. [62906/25]

*905. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the way in which her Department is progressing the sectoral plan for Pillar One (Inclusive Learning and Education), including dates for finalisation of targets, KPIs, and consultation with disabled learners and disabled persons organisations under the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People. — Erin McGreehan. [62911/25]

*906. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the expected publication timeline for the sectoral plan under Pillar Five (transport and mobility); and to outline the KPIs that will be used to measure accessibility improvements across public transport services and infrastructure under the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People. — Erin McGreehan. [62919/25]

*907. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department will consult with the HSE to reverse any proposals removing 35 hours of frontline speech and language therapy services at CDNT 3 in south Mayo; if her Department will work with the HSE to deliver additional clinical staff to reduce long waiting lists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [62951/25]

*908. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of vacancies which arose at principal officer level for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in her Department and agencies under the aegis of her Department; the number of these vacancies filled between internal and external methods; the number of vacancies each year at principal officer level filled by mobility; the number of internal competitions for principal officer grade run by her Department since 2010; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [63018/25]

*909. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the amount of funding allocated to support pay increases for staff in 2026 following the Budget, contingent on new

Employment Regulation Orders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63040/25]

*910. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers registered with Tusla; and where this involves multi-site owners, the number of services in that group. — Liam Quaide. [63140/25]

*911. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers that are full day care only and are registered with Tusla; and of these, the number of services that are not in core funding. — Liam Quaide. [63141/25]

*912. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers that are par- time only and are registered with Tusla; and of these, the number of services that are not in core funding. — Liam Quaide. [63142/25]

*913. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers that are sessional only and are registered with Tusla; and of these, the number of services that are not in core funding. — Liam Quaide. [63143/25]

*914. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers that are community run services; and of these, the number of services that are not in core funding. — Liam Quaide. [63144/25]

*915. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers that are in core funding; and of these; and the number of services that are sessional services. — Liam Quaide. [63145/25]

*916. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if funding will be considered for SNA's in an afterschool setting for type 1 diabetic children (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63184/25]

*917. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to concerns raised by members of a representative group (details supplied), specifically in relation to centres that operate out of family homes; the actions she will take to engage with this sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [63193/25]

*918. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the level of transportation support provided for school leavers to access a service (details supplied); if transport services are provided for new service users or if the service has ceased offering transportation for new services users; if transportation supports are not provided, the reason, given that services being after the conventional workday has already begun; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [63282/25]

*919. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on the adequacy of the aspect of the core funding childcare scheme, related to the time thresholds for each band (details supplied); the actions she will take to address these concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [63355/25]

*920. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will address concerns regarding the escalating cost of childcare, raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [63356/25]

*921. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review the system of age verification used by Tusla for separated children seeking international protection to ensure it is sufficiently robust to address child protection concerns and the potential risks associated with placing adults in accommodation designated for minors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [63491/25]

*922. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the discussions she has had with Tusla regarding age verification processes for separated children seeking international protection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [63492/25]

*923. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of those initially classified as separated children seeking international protection who were subsequently determined to be over the age of 18, who were initially placed in Tusla accommodation, in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [63493/25]

*924. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of those initially classified as juveniles who were subsequently determined to be over the age of 18 who were initially placed in Oberstown Children's Detention Centre, in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [63494/25]

*925. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the age profile of CDNT service users in Cavan and Monaghan, in written, and tabular form. — David Maxwell. [63517/25]

*926. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the strategy regarding recruitment and retention in the CDNT team within the HSE, in line with projected caseload numbers. — David Maxwell. [63519/25]

*927. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of beds or placements provided by Tusla for unaccompanied minors and other children in the care of the State who are seeking international protection or are beneficiaries of temporary protection in each of the years from 2015 to date in 2025, and by placement type, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [63538/25]

*928. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total gross expenditure by Tusla on accommodation and related services for unaccompanied minors and other children in State care who are seeking international protection or are beneficiaries of temporary protection in the years 2020 to 2025, by programme or subhead, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [63539/25]

*929. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of whole-time equivalent Tusla staff assigned to work with separated children seeking international protection, including any staff engaged in age-assessment work, in each of the years from 2020 to 2025, by grade and function, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [63540/25]

*930. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the existing protocols and memoranda of understanding between his Department, Tusla and the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of age assessment for persons claiming to be minors in the international protection or temporary protection systems; whether these arrangements are

currently under review; whether the adoption of models such as the Danish system or any novel testing methods, including qPCR or droplet digital PCR based age-estimation techniques is being considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [63541/25]

*931. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children who are currently on the waiting list for respite in County Donegal, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [63562/25]

*932. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the National Plan for Provision of Irish in Early Years Childcare; the likely publication date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63576/25]

*933. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current waitlist time for overnight respite at a facility (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [63601/25]

*934. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total legal costs in defending judicial reviews of planning decisions involving her Department and/or agencies within the aegis of her Department for each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63614/25]

*935. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when a response will issue to important correspondence issued to Tusla (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [63633/25]

*936. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the progress that has been made over the past 12 months on each Programme for Government commitment relating to childcare, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63656/25]

*937. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the Action Plan on Childcare, which is a key priority in the Programme for Government, will be published; if she will outline in detail the work that has been undertaken by her Department since the Government was formed in developing this plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63657/25]

*938. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children on the waiting list for an assessment of need; the number of these children waiting over 12 months; the number waiting over 24 months and the number waiting over 36 months. — Claire Kerrane. [63664/25]

*939. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider excluding domiciliary care allowance from reckonable income for the national childcare scheme subsidy; and the immediate steps his Department will take to support affected families in the meantime; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [63736/25]

*940. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the rationale behind the cutoff age being two years and eight months on 1 September of a given year to qualify for 15 early childhood education hours; whether there are any cases for flexibility for children slightly younger than the cut off; to provide details of any proposed changes to eligibility for these hours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [63760/25]

*941. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers receiving core funding for each year between 2022-2025, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63785/25]

*942. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers that have withdrawn from core funding for each year between 2022-2025, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63786/25]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*943. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a specific psychiatric service at Limerick prison; if a dedicated service will be introduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [63818/25]

*944. To ask the Minister for Health the number of older people and disabled persons assessed as medically fit for discharge from hospitals or nursing homes but awaiting suitable housing; and the measures included in Delivering Homes, Building Communities to address delayed discharges linked to housing shortages. — Ken O’Flynn. [63949/25]

*945. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to facilitate the completion of professional placement hours required by CORU for Irish students who have undertaken their physiotherapy training abroad; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [62721/25]

*946. To ask the Minister for Health if she will assist in the scheduling of a chemotherapy appointment for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [62722/25]

*947. To ask the Minister for Health further to the HSE audit into the homebirth service, when she will implement a national structure for the homebirth service to deal with weaknesses and regional service variations such as the continued suspension of the service in the midwest; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [62733/25]

*948. To ask the Minister for Health if any provision has been made to assist local and regional drugs and alcohol task forces with the extra costs of auto-enrolment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [62738/25]

*949. To ask the Minister for Health if any funding will be provided for the DRIVE (Drug Related Intimidation and Violence Engagement) project, given that it does not appear in the Budget 2026 Factsheet for National Drugs Strategy and Inclusion Health. — Paul Murphy. [62739/25]

*950. To ask the Minister for Health if the decision to not include local drugs and alcohol task forces in the new “reference group” to support the implementation of the new National Drugs Strategy will be revisited and they will be included to ensure that those responsible for implementing the strategy at a local level are included in discussions. — Paul Murphy. [62740/25]

*951. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that have been seen by the dedicated cataract clinic for ophthalmology outpatients at Nenagh Hospital, by county since it opened; the number of patients from south Tipperary which can be referred to this clinic for cataract treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [62742/25]

*952. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently address issues raised regarding keeping hospital patient safety indicator reports up-to-date (details supplied), in all hospitals and especially at University Hospital Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62744/25]

*953. To ask the Minister for Health to investigate the very high incident rate as outlined in correspondence (details supplied) in the maternity ward in University Hospital Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62745/25]

*954. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an urgent update on the proposed resolution, for the maternity ward in University Hospital Kerry and its proximity to the operating theatre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62746/25]

*955. To ask the Minister for Health if she is concerned with issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding keeping hospital patient safety indicator reports up-to-date, at University Hospital Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62747/25]

*956. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the decision not to set aside any dedicated resources under the drugs budget for the Drugs Related Intimidation and Violence Engagement project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [62762/25]

*957. To ask the Minister for Health if she has concerns in relation to the fact that the auto-enrolment initiative is not being funded for local drugs and alcohol taskforces and the costs must therefore come out of their current budgets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [62764/25]

*958. To ask the Minister for Health to issue a thorough, transparent investigation into the treatment and legal protection of the 79 babies (details supplied) who were born alive but subsequently died in Ireland after abortion procedures between 2019 and 2022; the medical safeguards in place to ensure that the rights of babies born in Ireland after abortion procedures are respected and upheld; if every baby born alive in Ireland is equally entitled to proper medical care and protection regardless of the circumstances of their birth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [62773/25]

*959. To ask the Minister for Health the levels of support available to those impacted by long-Covid following the final extension of the temporary special scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62774/25]

*960. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department plans to formally recognise Covid-19 as an occupational illness for health and social care workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62776/25]

*961. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the north Kerry CAMHS review; the date it will be published; the reasons for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [62778/25]

*962. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to establish a register and baby loss certificates for parents who experience loss before 24-weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62783/25]

*963. To ask the Minister for Health the internal oversight or review process that exists to assess the realism of performance targets before publication in the HSE National Service Plan; and whether her Department provides direction, approval, or challenge to the HSE in relation to the achievability of such targets. — Albert Dolan. [62788/25]

*964. To ask the Minister for Health the accountability measures applied when the HSE fails to meet service plan targets by such significant margins; whether these missed targets are escalated to the Department or reported to the HSE Board; and the corrective actions required or taken. — Albert Dolan. [62789/25]

*965. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ultrasound scans carried out for public patients at the Louth County Hospital and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital at private scan centres for each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [62791/25]

*966. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CT scans carried out for public patients at the Louth County Hospital and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital at private scan centres for each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [62792/25]

*967. To ask the Minister for Health the total cost of ultrasound scans carried out for public patients at the Louth County Hospital and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital at private scan centres for each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [62793/25]

*968. To ask the Minister for Health the total cost of CT scans carried out for public patients at the Louth County Hospital and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital at private scan centres for each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [62794/25]

*969. To ask the Minister for Health the number of private scan centres and their location, used to complete CT and ultrasound scans for public patients at the Louth County Hospital and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital for each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [62795/25]

*970. To ask the Minister for Health if the policy for funding of automatic wearable blood glucose monitors (BGM), which is currently not available to any type 2/3C rated diabetes patients, can now be urgently reviewed by way of rapid health technology assessment (HTA); if the policy can be amended to allow funding in cases (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62800/25]

*971. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant haematologists based at St. Vincent's University Hospital in each of the years of 2023 to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [62818/25]

*972. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of vacancies, by job title in CAMHS in County Donegal. — Sorca Clarke. [62819/25]

*973. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies, by job title currently within CHO6 Mental Health Services. — Sorca Clarke. [62820/25]

*974. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE staff, by job title working within the department of psychiatry at Beaumont Hospital in each of the years of 2023 to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [62821/25]

*975. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE staff, by job title working within Limerick Mental Health Services. — Sorca Clarke. [62822/25]

*976. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant obstetricians posts that were filled at Mullingar Regional Hospital in each of the years of 2023 to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [62823/25]

*977. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 336 and 337 of 15 October 2025, the reason her Department has produced documents stating transgender individuals are excluded from the free HRT for menopause scheme, despite the diagnosis of any medical condition and the prescribing of treatment for said condition being a matter for a patient and healthcare provider; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [62824/25]

*978. To ask the Minister for Health to ensure children with complex medical needs and their families receive timely, coordinated, and compassionate care (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62825/25]

*979. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the recruitment of a psychologist for Ennis Day Hospital; whether the NRS commenced the recruitment process in July 2025 as previously promised; whether the previously flagged supplementary panel went live in September; whether principal psychology managers in the midwest held the intended recruitment webinar; if so, the results; when a psychologist will be appointed for Ennis Day Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [62845/25]

*980. To ask the Minister for Health the measures in place to support section 39 organisations in transitioning to using renewable sources of energy. — Malcolm Byrne. [62848/25]

*981. To ask the Minister for Health to assist the Nursing Homes Ireland residents forum that was established in 2025 (details supplied) in addressing common issues and concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [62855/25]

*982. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a psychiatric patient in UHL from County Clare has been informed they cannot be seen by a doctor because they are from Clare and not under the care of a doctor from Clare; if this has occurred with other patients from Clare; the interventions she will take to ensure patients are treated regardless of home address; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [62858/25]

*983. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for an operation will be expedited for a child (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [62861/25]

*984. To ask the Minister for Health the instructions issued to the HSE and Section 38/39 organisations regarding the operationalisation of the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People; and the reporting system that will monitor progress at service-delivery level under the strategy. — Erin McGreehan. [62882/25]

*985. To ask the Minister for Health when an application under the Northern Ireland planned healthcare scheme, will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [62888/25]

*986. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department is currently on schedule to meet its obligations under the first Programme Plan of Action of the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People; and to outline any risks to delivery that have already been identified. — Erin McGreehan. [62892/25]

*987. To ask the Minister for Health the timelines for agreeing joint delivery plans with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for Pillar Four (Wellbeing and Health), including the assignment of measurable targets and KPIs under the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People. — Erin McGreehan. [62909/25]

*988. To ask the Minister for Health the instructions which have been issued to the HSE and Section 38/39 organisations regarding the operationalisation of strategy; and the reporting system which will monitor progress at service-delivery level under the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People. — Erin McGreehan. [62910/25]

*989. To ask the Minister for Health whether any research has been carried out to comparing the findings of Ireland's HTA for the shingles vaccine to the HTAs carried out in the 15 countries in Europe that have shingles national immunisation programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62913/25]

*990. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has examined additional factors considered by European countries outside of HTAs in making their decision to launch their shingles national immunisation programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62914/25]

*991. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of including the shingles vaccine as part of the national immunisation programme for over 70s; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62915/25]

*992. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of including the shingles vaccine as part of the national immunisation programme for over 60s; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62916/25]

*993. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of including the shingles vaccine as part of the national immunisation programme for over 50s; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [62917/25]

*994. To ask the Minister for Health for a detailed update on a CAMHS assessment for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [62941/25]

*995. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 894 of 14 October 2025, if she will direct the HSE to provide an answer to the question; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [62944/25]

*996. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists currently offering services to medical card holders in County Offaly; the number of dentists that have exited from the scheme

offering dental care to medical card holders in Offaly in 2024 and to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [62945/25]

*997. To ask the Minister for Health if she will address concerns that the incidence rate of tuberculosis is increasing among the general population; if she will provide data on the number of reported cases in each of the years 2021 to date in 2025; her views on the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control Tuberculosis Surveillance and Monitoring that the incidence level of TB is likely to be highest among migrant populations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [62946/25]

*998. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of functioning hemodialysis machines at Mayo University Hospital; the number of hemodialysis machines which have reached the end of their lifespan and have not been replaced; if there are delays in supplying MUH with new hemodialysis machines; the reason for any potential delays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [62950/25]

*999. To ask the Minister for Health if the orthodontic section of Tullamore Hospital is currently operating at full capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [62959/25]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Health the number of joint replacements carried out in Tullamore Hospital since 1 January 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [62960/25]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that are currently on waiting lists for joint replacements at Tullamore Hospital; the breakdown of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [62961/25]

*1002. To ask the Minister for Health if Tullamore Hospital is currently prevented from outsourcing work to clear the orthodontic waiting lists; if the hospital is prevented from outsourcing this and from utilising the services for example, of the National Treatment Purchase fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [62962/25]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently on waiting lists in each acute hospital; the average waiting time, by speciality; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [62965/25]

*1004. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies currently within CAMHS; and the steps being taken to address staff shortages in the service. — Sorca Clarke. [62966/25]

*1005. To ask the Minister for Health the procedures that are in place at University Hospital Limerick in cases in which a person is at high risk of suicide and self-presents at the accident and emergency department, particularly out-of-hours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [62982/25]

*1006. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons residents of County Galway currently do not have access to the ADHD in Adults National Clinical Programme for public assessment, diagnoses, and treatment; the timeline for establishing a dedicated adult ADHD service in the CHO2 area (Galway, Mayo, Roscommon); and the interim arrangements in place to ensure equitable access to assessment and treatment for adults with ADHD in this region. — Albert Dolan. [62989/25]

*1007. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department is aware that some links (details supplied) on a Government website are currently returning an 'Access denied' error message; and if she will arrange for the issue to be reviewed and the links restored so that the reports can be accessed as intended. — Albert Dolan. [62991/25]

*1008. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to extend existing test-purchase powers under section 14 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2008 to include situations where alcohol has been purchased online and delivered to a home address; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [63002/25]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently examine matters in correspondence (details supplied); to assist health workers who put their lives at risk; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [63004/25]

*1010. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite the provision of medical records for all patients in all hospitals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [63006/25]

*1011. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies which arose at principal officer level for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in his Department and agencies under the aegis of her Department; the number of these vacancies filled between internal and external methods; the number of vacancies each year at principal officer level filled by mobility; the number of internal competitions for principal officer grade run by his Department since 2010; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [63027/25]

*1012. To ask the Minister for Health the reason an operation in Letterkenny University Hospital was cancelled for a patient (details supplied) in County Donegal; when a new date for the operation will be given; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [63048/25]

*1013. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of a waiting list for patients seeking dental treatment under the medical card in County Mayo; the number of persons on each waitlist in County Mayo; the measures her Department is taking to reduce waitlists for patients awaiting dental treatment under the medical card in County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [63052/25]

*1014. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the progress being made on the Government's commitment to provide a "statutory homecare scheme to allow people to stay in their own home for as long as possible."; the work undertaken on regional projections to inform the levels of service and support needed in each integrated healthcare area; and the engagement that has taken place with the integrated healthcare area managers in the Louth/Meath area. — Joanna Byrne. [63053/25]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the allocation of home support service to persons living in County Louth for each of the years 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — Joanna Byrne. [63054/25]

*1016. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the funding allocated to home support service in County Louth for each of the years 2020 to 2025 respectively, in tabular form. — Joanna Byrne. [63055/25]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have applied for home support service in County Louth to date in 2025; the number of applications that were for an increase in a home support service that was already in place; and the number of these applications which were refused. — Joanna Byrne. [63056/25]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently approved for home support service in County Louth that are awaiting provision of same. — Joanna Byrne. [63057/25]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently in hospital in County Louth experiencing a delayed discharge while awaiting provision of home support service; and the length of time these discharges have been delayed by. — Joanna Byrne. [63058/25]

*1020. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for home support service in County Louth from the initial application to provision of same. — Joanna Byrne. [63059/25]

*1021. To ask the Minister for Health if there has been a formal change in HSE policy in recent years regarding the preference for home-based care over residential or nursing home placements for elderly patients; and if this shift is linked to capacity constraints or resource limitations in nursing homes. — Sorca Clarke. [63096/25]

*1022. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has issued any guidance to hospitals or community care teams regarding the management of appointments for elderly or incapacitated patients who cannot physically attend clinics; and her views on whether it is acceptable practice to remove such patients from waiting lists under these circumstances. — Sorca Clarke. [63097/25]

*1023. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a monitoring or appeals mechanism in place to ensure that elderly patients who are unable to travel for medical appointments are not effectively denied access to care or specialist services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [63098/25]

*1024. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to improve coordination between hospital consultants, community health teams, and families to ensure elderly patients receive appropriate, consistent, and compassionate care planning. — Sorca Clarke. [63099/25]

*1025. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait times for routine scans in each public hospital in the Dublin and midlands health region in each of the past three years and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [63101/25]

*1026. To ask the Minister for Health the measures her Department is taking to expand access to IVF for individuals with a condition (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [63104/25]

*1027. To ask the Minister for Health if a group (details supplied) holds any official authorised role to collect, process, or manage patient data on behalf of the Women's Health Framework, the Department of Health, or the HSE; and if so, to outline the legal and administrative basis for such an arrangement. — Sorca Clarke. [63105/25]

*1028. To ask the Minister for Health if she will publish the governance structure, data protection impact assessment and data protection processes associated with any collection or storage of patient information under a project (details supplied) or any related element of the Women's Health Framework. — Sorca Clarke. [63106/25]

*1029. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults waiting to see a psychologist through primary care services, by CHO and by wait times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [63108/25]

*1030. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated expenditure required over a two-year period to provide liaison psychiatry staffing within the emergency department at the Midlands Regional Hospital, Portlaoise in County Laois, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [63116/25]

*1031. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to improve mental health services for young people in County Laois; the details of additional resources to be made available for mental health service delivery in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [63117/25]

*1032. To ask the Minister for Health the number of National Ambulance Service paramedics per 100,000 nationally, by health region; the number of critical care ambulances and rapid response vehicles, per health region, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [63118/25]

*1033. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the number of WTEs in the National Ambulance Service (NAS), per grade codes, in the CH08 region, from 2020 to 2025; the annual level of activity delivered by the NAS for the same period, by HSE region, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [63119/25]

*1034. To ask the Minister for Health the steps her Department is taking to address the shortage of dentists that will accept medical card holders in County Laois; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [63120/25]

*1035. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to develop a national pathway and specialist multidisciplinary functional neurological disorder clinic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [63121/25]

*1036. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical card holders currently waiting for dental appointments in County Laois, by age and waiting time, for end of October 2024 and end of October 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [63122/25]

*1037. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE community orthoptist posts filled within CHO8, in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [63123/25]

*1038. To ask the Minister for Health to report on the changes to the organ donation framework; the number of those opting out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [63124/25]

*1039. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will run an international recruitment campaign to recruit suitably qualified senior dental surgeons, with an interest in special needs, for the CHO8 area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [63125/25]

*1040. To ask the Minister for Health if she will urgently reconsider the decision to cease the phased dispensing reimbursement service for certain medications in community pharmacies (details supplied); if she is aware that this decision has caused huge concern in community pharmacies, and among the families of vulnerable customers who have previously been availing of this scheme. — Robert Troy. [63147/25]

*1041. To ask the Minister for Health the number of conditions currently screened for in the National Newborn Bloodspot Screening Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63150/25]

*1042. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to expand the number of conditions that are currently screened for in the National Newborn Bloodspot Screening Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63151/25]

*1043. To ask the Minister for Health to provide all recommendations from the National Screening Advisory Committee since 2019 regarding the expansion of the National Newborn Bloodspot Screening Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63152/25]

*1044. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the recommendations from the National Screening Advisory Committee since 2019 regarding the expansion of the National Newborn Bloodspot Screening Programme that have not been implemented; to provide details of when the recommendation was made and when it will be implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [63153/25]

*1045. To ask the Minister for Health to expediate a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [63160/25]

*1046. To ask the Minister for Health if she will clarify that roles (details supplied) are now added to the role of community pharmacies. — Robert Troy. [63161/25]

*1047. To ask the Minister for Health if an update will be provided on the South Doc services in West Cork, including the steps taken to reopen the premises in Skibbereen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [63168/25]

*1048. To ask the Minister for Health if necessary tetanus vaccination shots given as post-exposure prophylaxis are covered by the medical card; if not, the reasoning for this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63196/25]

*1049. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE diabetes prevention programmes in each county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [63211/25]

*1050. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dieticians that are currently employed in the Kildare Chronic Disease Hub in Naas, County Kildare, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [63212/25]

- *1051. To ask the Minister for Health to review correspondence from a local councillor regarding a case (details supplied); if she will address the issues raised in this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [63215/25]
- *1052. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to replace equipment in a hospital (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [63226/25]
- *1053. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to upgrade facilities in a hospital (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [63227/25]
- *1054. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in appointing staff in a hospital (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [63228/25]
- *1055. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will engage with the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science regarding the shortage of radiation therapists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [63235/25]
- *1056. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts her Department is making to ensure a greater uptake of women attend the BreastCheck screening considering less than 70% of women accept an appointment for first mammogram; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [63236/25]
- *1057. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people currently eligible for BreastCheck screening who are waiting for their first appointment in the CHO 4 area; the number of individuals currently awaiting follow up appointments in the same area, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [63237/25]
- *1058. To ask the Minister for Health the number of breast screening locations in Cork; if consideration has been given to increasing the number of locations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [63238/25]
- *1059. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to increasing the number of breast screening locations nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [63239/25]
- *1060. To ask the Minister for Health when a person will receive a date for an operation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [63242/25]
- *1061. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to delayed implementation of spinal muscular atrophy in the heelprick test for babies; the timeline for the implementation of spinal muscular atrophy in the heelprick test; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [63246/25]
- *1062. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinical nutritionists employed by the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [63247/25]
- *1063. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new clinical nutritionists that will be employed in 2026, 2027 and 2028; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [63248/25]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Health to address the chronic situation that exists at University Hospital Kerry accident and emergency department by providing a new 96-bed block in addition to the 39-beds already in train there and take into consideration the fact that the hospital has seen an 18% increase in emergency department presentations during 2024 on 2023 numbers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [63250/25]

*1065. To ask the Minister for Health if a permanent oncology and haematology building will be expedited at University Hospital Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [63251/25]

*1066. To ask the Minister for Health if a new maternity unit will be expedited at University Hospital Kerry given the clinical risks to both mother and baby due to the location of the existing unit due to the distance from the theatre; the progress that has been made in respect of this matter in 2025; if a sixth operation theatre will be provided to facilitate obstetrics and gynaecology demands there; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [63252/25]

*1067. To ask the Minister for Health if an ambulatory care block (details supplied) will be provided at University Hospital Kerry as a matter of priority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [63253/25]

*1068. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm if consideration will be given to providing an urgent appointment to a person (details supplied) who urgently requires hip surgery, has received a referral and an updated urgent status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63261/25]

*1069. To ask the Minister for Health the grant allowance for a person with non-cancer related hair loss, who is in possession of a valid medical card and GP referral; and the level of support available, by county, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [63276/25]

*1070. To ask the Minister for Health the specific types of hair loss which are covered by HSE grants, by county, in tabular form; if the grant amount varies by region, and if so, the reason; if this will be standardised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [63277/25]

*1071. To ask the Minister for Health the standard operating procedure and timeframe for the issuance of a purchase order for a wig from receipt of a quotation for an appliance from a provider; the standard operating procedure and timeframe to vendor reimbursement from when a person submits an invoice for a wig grant; the options available to a supplier where a supplier has not received payment from the HSE in a reasonable timeframe and is not receiving a response from an address (details supplied). — David Cullinane. [63278/25]

*1072. To ask the Minister for Health the amount raised through parking charges at car parks in hospitals across the State from 2023 to date in 2025, by year, in tabular form. — Ann Graves. [63279/25]

*1073. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychologists based at each primary care centre in County Galway; if they are permanent or temporary positions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [63326/25]

*1074. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the significant delay in securing an appointment at Beaumont Hospital for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [63343/25]

*1075. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who have been seen by the multi-disciplinary team established following the audit of surgeries on children with developmental dysplasia of the hip at CHI Crumlin, CHI Temple Street and The National Orthopaedic Hospital in Cappagh; the number eligible for these multi-disciplinary meetings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [63344/25]

*1076. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 8 of 26 June 2025, if she has received the clarification she sought as to whether there are issues relevant for the Medical Council following publication of the audit of surgeries on children with developmental dysplasia of the hip (details supplied); if so, the actions taken since that clarification was received; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [63345/25]

*1077. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 8 of 26 June 2025, if she has clarified whether her position as Minister precludes her from making a complaint to the Medical Council of Ireland (details supplied); if so, to identify the relevant legislative provisions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [63346/25]

*1078. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a copy of the job description for the strategic programme director role in Children's Health Ireland; the recruitment process undertaken for appointing the current holder of the position; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [63347/25]

*1079. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department drew up the business case for the role of strategic programme director in Children's Health Ireland; if so, to provide a copy of that business case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [63348/25]

*1080. To ask the Minister for Health to provide further details in relation to an issue with the location of the proposed elective hospital for Cork, identified by an official at a recent meeting of the Oireachtas Health Committee (details supplied); the steps she is taking to resolve this matter; if the issue identified with the site cannot be resolved, to detail her contingency plans; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [63349/25]

*1081. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that the HSE assumes the cost of providing qualified sign language interpreters for treatment abroad under the Cross Border Directive (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [63352/25]

*1082. To ask the Minister for Health if she will reconsider recognising long covid as an occupational illness for health care workers currently availing of the special scheme of paid leave; the number of staff currently availing of this scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [63400/25]

*1083. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a detailed breakdown of the 52 clients currently awaiting home support services in the Clonmel area; the category of need for each client; the average and longest waiting times currently experienced; and the specific measures being taken to reduce waiting times for home support in Clonmel and across South Tipperary. — Michael Murphy. [63413/25]

*1084. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the recent home support recruitment campaigns held in the southeast of the country did not include Clonmel or its environs; if there are plans to conduct a targeted recruitment drive for home support staff in Clonmel; and the expected timeline for such recruitment to commence. — Michael Murphy. [63414/25]

*1085. To ask the Minister for Health the impact of current staffing shortages and the recruitment embargo on the delivery of home support services in Clonmel; the number of approved posts currently unfilled in the Clonmel area; and whether any derogations have been sought to address urgent local needs. — Michael Murphy. [63415/25]

*1086. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a comparative breakdown of home support waiting lists and staffing levels across all areas of South Tipperary, including Clonmel, Cahir, Cashel, Fethard, and Carrick-on-Suir; and the areas which currently face the longest waiting times and most severe staffing shortages. — Michael Murphy. [63416/25]

*1087. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has undertaken any review or assessment of home support demand and capacity in the Clonmel area; and the strategic workforce planning measures in place to ensure adequate staffing levels and service provision in South Tipperary over the next 12 months. — Michael Murphy. [63417/25]

*1088. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm if a community mental health group (details supplied) is eligible for State funding; and if it will be considered for a grant from the HSE. — Pat Buckley. [63456/25]

*1089. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that the minor injuries unit in Monaghan closes for check-ins at 7pm, despite being advertised as open until 8pm; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Maxwell. [63525/25]

*1090. To ask the Minister for Health the funding streams available for a disability day service (details supplied) in Ballina, County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [63549/25]

*1091. To ask the Minister for Health whether GPs may claim reimbursement of €300 under the PCRS scheme for carrying out abortions in cases where medical abortion in the community is unsuccessful, and later completed in hospital; if so, the number of such reimbursements, by year, from 2019 to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [63551/25]

*1092. To ask the Minister for Health the average cost of an ADHD assessment in each RHA; the number of assessments carried out privately and publicly in the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [63575/25]

*1093. To ask the Minister for Health to consider including medical reports for driving licence renewal/applications for over 70's in the general medical services scheme, to alleviate financial pressure associated with driver licence costs. — Aisling Dempsey. [63592/25]

*1094. To ask the Minister for Health the number of teams from the 11 catchment area ADHD teams that are fully operational; the teams which remain in the process of being established; the expected opening dates for the three remaining services funded in 2025; and the measures being taken to ensure these new services are operational without further delay. — Sorca Clarke. [63593/25]

- *1095. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts that remain vacant across the 11 ADHD catchment area teams; the reasons for delays in approving key positions, including the two posts in Dublin south central/west, and the nursing post in Sligo/Leitrim/Donegal; and the expected timeline for filling these posts and ensuring full service capacity. — Sorca Clarke. [63594/25]
- *1096. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the consultation report designed by the NCP clinical lead and ADHD Ireland to amend the current Model of Care; the expected implementation timeline for the primary care hub and the piloting of GP referral acceptance in the midlands service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [63595/25]
- *1097. To ask the Minister for Health the total funding provided for adult ADHD services since 2021, by year; whether additional funding will be provided to meet current demand; and the long-term plans in place to ensure sustainable staffing and service delivery across all catchment areas. — Sorca Clarke. [63596/25]
- *1098. To ask the Minister for Health when a full response will issue to correspondence from a person (details supplied) relating to a Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [63604/25]
- *1099. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a cohort of children are now included in the External Expert Panel review established following the independent audit of hip surgeries at CHI and Cappagh Orthopaedic Hospital (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [63605/25]
- *1100. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children included in the external expert panel review established following the independent audit of hip surgeries at CHI and Cappagh Orthopaedic Hospital; the number with unstable hips; and the number with stable hips, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [63606/25]
- *1101. To ask the Minister for Health the legislation, regulations or policies in place related to privately funded procedures in a public hospital; the oversight arrangements in place (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [63607/25]
- *1102. To ask the Minister for Health if private health insurance claims at a group of hospitals are audited (details supplied); if these audits are conducted internally or externally and by whom; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [63608/25]
- *1103. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify if a statement is correct (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [63609/25]
- *1104. To ask the Minister for Health if she has received a copy of the “snapshot” referred to at a meeting of the Oireachtas Committee on Health earlier this year (details supplied); if so, if she will provide a copy of this data; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [63610/25]
- *1105. To ask the Minister for Health the total legal costs in defending judicial reviews of planning decisions involving her Department and/or agencies within the aegis of her Department for each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63623/25]

*1106. To ask the Minister for Health the work undertaken to implement the operational recommendations of the independent review of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [63631/25]

*1107. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the commitment in the National Sexual Health Strategy 2025-2035 to develop the necessary legislative supports to underpin clinical practice regarding consent and safeguarding, as requested by clinical experts prior to supporting access to free contraception for people under the age of 17 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [63632/25]

*1108. To ask the Minister for Health if she will pause the sale of lands at a HSE owned site (details supplied) until the HSE decide the services which they will provide on the lands to be retained, to ensure any future sale of lands will align with the use of the lands being retained and developed by the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [63663/25]

*1109. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the difficulties people suffering from a rare genetic condition are having in accessing a drug (details supplied); the plans to make this drug more easily available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [63665/25]

*1110. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to extend the long-term illness card to include pulmonary fibrosis given it is available for persons with cystic fibrosis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [63666/25]

*1111. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions being put in place to address the difficulties faced by patients in securing access to local GP services following the retirement of their GP, particularly in areas experiencing population growth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [63668/25]

*1112. To ask the Minister for Health the supports being provided to GP practices to manage increased patient demand arising from population growth and inward migration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [63669/25]

*1113. To ask the Minister for Health the measures planned to ensure that local residents are not left without access to a GP when practices reach capacity and are unable to take on new patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [63670/25]

*1114. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Irish residents who, following the retirement of their GP, have been refused access to a new GP practice on the grounds of capacity in each county over the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [63671/25]

*1115. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to expand GP capacity nationally, and specifically in County Mayo, to ensure equitable access for all patients regardless of background or medical card status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [63672/25]

- *1116. To ask the Minister for Health if, given the success of the GENIO SASTA Pilot Project it will be made permanent; if funding will be provided in health for homeless initiatives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [63675/25]
- *1117. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the case of persons (details supplied); if she will address the ongoing shortfall in their approved home support hours and the absence of weekend and emergency cover; the measures being taken to ensure continuity of care when regular carers are unavailable; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [63677/25]
- *1118. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1948 of 4 November 2025, if she will ensure the issuance of a reminder to practitioners of the terms of the scheme and ensure that women who have been wrongfully charged for services are, insofar as possible, made aware of this and reimbursed (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [63678/25]
- *1119. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental practices in Cork currently accepting new medical card patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [63680/25]
- *1120. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of including all forms of diabetes on the long-term illness scheme, including the cost of issuing the associated medical cards. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63697/25]
- *1121. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing glucose monitoring devices to all individuals with diabetes in the State. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [63698/25]
- *1122. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to reviewing the case of a person (details supplied) who has been informed they have to make a repayment of a speciality allowance in the HSE, which was due to an administrative error; if the request for repayment of the allowance to date will be withdrawn due to the fact that this error was not on the part of the worker in question; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [63703/25]
- *1123. To ask the Minister for Health to request the HSE south west to consider extending a day care service (details supplied) for the benefit of older people in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [63708/25]
- *1124. To ask the Minister for Health when a medical product (details supplied) will be available for reimbursement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [63710/25]
- *1125. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to increase the number of dialysis machines in Mayo University Hospital; if there are any plans to upgrade the dialysis machines already in Mayo University Hospital; if so, the timeline for these upgrades; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [63713/25]
- *1126. To ask the Minister for Health if urgent consideration will be given to the provision of services at a health care facility (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [63714/25]

*1127. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 964 of 12 November 2025, the reason payment for a 2017 bid was not made until 2020. — Thomas Gould. [63717/25]

*1128. To ask the Minister for Health the supports which are available to parents of adult children suffering from severe drug addiction and related mental health issues; the level of funding provided for this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [63724/25]

*1129. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide dual diagnosis supports for people suffering from severe drug addiction and drug-induced psychosis/schizophrenia and their families, for example, family group supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [63727/25]

*1130. To ask the Minister for Health if she will fund family liaison officers for mental health and addiction services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [63728/25]

*1131. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether clearer pathways are needed for involuntary treatment for people experiencing psychosis, including substance induced psychosis; the action she will take in that regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [63729/25]

*1132. To ask the Minister for Health the progress which has been made on reducing surgical and outpatient waiting lists over the past six months; and the specific target for the next quarter. — Paul Lawless. [63756/25]

*1133. To ask the Minister for Health the current plan to address overcrowding in hospital emergency departments; and the resources being allocated to improve patient flow. — Paul Lawless. [63757/25]

*1134. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on capital projects related to hospital infrastructure, including a timeline for completion for new hospital builds and extensions. — Paul Lawless. [63758/25]

*1135. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which her Department is working to ensure equitable access to specialist hospital services across all regions of the country. — Paul Lawless. [63759/25]

*1136. To ask the Minister for Health to give a detailed report on primary care psychological services waiting lists in County Kerry; the measures being taken to significantly reduce these waiting lists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [63798/25]

*1137. To ask the Minister for Health when the north Kerry CAMHS look back review will be published given this prolonged delay is causing significant stress to all affected families in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [63800/25]

*1138. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite the long-awaited primary care centre in Cahersiveen, County Kerry, for the residents of Cahersiveen, Iveragh and south Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [63822/25]

- *1139. To ask the Minister for Health to list the operational recommendations of the independent review of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 that have been fully implemented; if she will outline plans to implement any outstanding recommendations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [63837/25]
- *1140. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the review of the operation of the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Act 2024, which must be commenced not later than 18-months after commencement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [63838/25]
- *1141. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people from the Roscommon ambulance station hubs who will be eligible for the next advanced paramedic course being run by the National Ambulance Service, following recent interviews and subsequent results. — Claire Kerrane. [63839/25]
- *1142. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department plans to close permanently the health centre in Killenaule, Tipperary (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [63840/25]
- *1143. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young persons aged 0-18 years old on waiting lists for (details supplied) in primary care services, by number of years and months waiting, by health region as of 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Liam Quaide. [63971/25]
- *1144. To ask the Minister for Health the maximum waiting time for a young person to receive an intervention, as distinct from a screening session for therapies (details supplied) as of 1 November 2025, by health region, by years and months, in tabular form. — Liam Quaide. [63972/25]
- *1145. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young persons on primary care waiting-lists, by exact month and by CHO, as of 1 July 2023 for therapies (details supplied). — Liam Quaide. [63973/25]
- *1146. To ask the Minister for Health the maximum waiting time for a young person to receive an intervention, as distinct from a screening session for therapies (details supplied) as of 1 July 2023, by years and months, by CHO, in tabular form. — Liam Quaide. [63974/25]
- *1147. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved posts in primary care services for 0-18 year olds for disciplines (details supplied); whether each of those posts were vacant or filled at the time; whether they were permanent or temporary contract posts; and if filled, whether any staff in these positions were on extended leave such as maternity leave, long-term sick leave and so on, as of 1 July 2023, by CHO, in tabular form. — Liam Quaide. [63975/25]
- *1148. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved posts in disciplines (details supplied) in primary care services for 0-18 year olds; whether each of those posts were vacant or filled at the time; whether they were permanent or temporary contract posts; and if filled, whether any staff in these positions were on extended leave such as maternity leave, long term sick leave and so on, as of 1 November 2025, by health region, in tabular form. — Liam Quaide. [63976/25]
- *1149. To ask the Minister for Health when it is proposed to provide a service in Letterkenny University Hospital for patients who require intravitreal injections (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [63995/25]

*1150. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the case of a person (details supplied) given the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [63997/25]

*1151. To ask the Minister for Health to commit to a full national inquiry into paediatric disability services, including orthopaedics, neurology, therapy services, equipment provision, overseas referrals and community services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [64008/25]

*1152. To ask the Minister for Health whether she plans to provide the shingles vaccine to older people free of charge; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [64015/25]

*1153. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has considered the impact of patients attending private hospitals being excluded from national statistics; the steps planned to ensure complete data for service planning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [64020/25]

*1154. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to capture patient information from private hospitals to address gaps in national statistics, particularly for neurological conditions, to provide a complete picture of healthcare needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [64021/25]

*1155. To ask the Minister for Health the means by which the development of electronic patient records will ensure that diagnoses and treatments from private hospitals are included, so patients' medical histories are complete, and continuity of care is not compromised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [64022/25]

*1156. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the implementation of electronic health records in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [64023/25]

*1157. To ask the Minister for Health if there has been any reduction in the funding being provided to drugs taskforces in Budget 2026; if so, the rationale behind the reduction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [64024/25]

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

*1158. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if she will consider amending legislation governing SUSI to allow students who have previously completed Springboard courses to have these courses discounted in terms of progression when applying for SUSI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [63137/25]

*1159. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the rights a returning emigrant with two children who worked in Ireland for 12 to 13 years before emigrating to the USA has in relation to their teenage child's university education and the cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [63814/25]

*1160. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated number of construction workers required annually to meet the housing

delivery targets in Delivering Homes, Building Communities; the current size of the construction workforce; and the projected shortfall. — Ken O’Flynn. [63920/25]

*1161. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the apprenticeship intake and completion figures for construction-related trades in 2023 and 2024; the expected intake for 2025; and how these figures align with the workforce required to meet annual housing targets. — Ken O’Flynn. [63921/25]

*1162. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated construction workforce required in Cork city and Cork county to meet regional housing targets under Delivering Homes, Building Communities; the current workforce level; and the actions planned to bridge any shortfall. — Ken O’Flynn. [63929/25]

*1163. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the process by which apprentices are given a place for their off-the-job training (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [62723/25]

*1164. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason in technological universities (TUs) there are no grades for professors; if there are plans to introduce a new grade; if so, when given it will help with inequalities between TUs and universities in this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [62728/25]

*1165. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when he will publish the Statement of Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [62782/25]

*1166. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason a TU postgraduate gets €10,000 less than other postgraduates; if there is funding for this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [62806/25]

*1167. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when unsuccessful applicants to the 2025 Research Ireland COALESCE grant will receive the reviewer feedback from the international panel; if he is aware of the significant delays facing applicants during this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [62851/25]

*1168. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department is currently on schedule to meet its obligations under the first Programme Plan of Action of the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People; and to outline any risks to delivery that have already been identified. — Erin McGreehan. [62896/25]

*1169. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to establish a research and science forum of industry and research experts similar to the Responsible Business Forum. — Jen Cummins. [62943/25]

*1170. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on funding allocations for student accommodation developments at regional universities and technological universities. — Sorca Clarke. [62969/25]

*1171. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of vacancies which arose at principal officer level for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in his Department and agencies under the aegis of his Department; the number of these vacancies filled between internal and external methods; the number of vacancies each year at principal officer level filled by mobility; the number of internal competitions for principal officer grade run by his Department since 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [63026/25]

*1172. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department will consider extending the SUSI grant to graduate medicine students in appreciation of the vital role these graduates will play in the healthcare system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63138/25]

*1173. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider implementing a maintenance allowance grant to graduate medicine students who are on GP or hospital placements outside of their home area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [63139/25]

*1174. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to urgently intervene and provide a resolution to a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [63264/25]

*1175. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total legal costs in defending judicial reviews of planning decisions involving his Department and/or agencies within the aegis of his Department for each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63622/25]

*1176. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will review the case of a person (details supplied) regarding a SUSI grant application; if he will provide an update on the person's appeal application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [63723/25]

*1177. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 1161 of 12 November 2025, if he will provide his Department's agreed procedures/guidelines provided to the Higher Education Authority relating to the student assistance fund for the academic years 2023-2024 to 2025-2026 inclusive. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [63740/25]

*1178. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 1161 of 12 November 2025, the reason for the fall in the student assistance fund provided by his Department from €8,823,432 for the academic year 2023-2024 to €3,812,601 for 2025-2026 to the five technological universities; if he intends to provide additional student assistance funding to the Higher Education Authority for the remainder of the current academic year; and if so, if he can he provide the additional allocations for each of the five technological universities, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [63741/25]

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

*1179. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if his Department is currently on schedule to meet its obligations under the first Programme Plan of

Action of the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People; and to outline any risks to delivery that have already been identified. — Erin McGreehan. [62898/25]

*1180. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he intends to introduce legislation for increased regulation and oversight of crematoria. — Seán Crowe. [62939/25]

*1181. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of vacancies which arose at principal officer level for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in his Department and agencies under the aegis of his Department; the number of these vacancies filled between internal and external methods; the number of vacancies each year at principal officer level filled by mobility; the number of internal competitions for principal officer grade run by his Department since 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [63031/25]

*1182. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide an update on the local improvement scheme; the steps he is taking to address the fact that some roads will not be fixed for decades based on the rate at which progress is being achieved; if he will commit to increasing resources available to local councils; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [63065/25]

*1183. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the location of the planned 93 generators that are scheduled to be provided to address potential extreme weather events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63612/25]

*1184. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the total legal costs in defending judicial reviews of planning decisions involving his Department and/or agencies within the aegis of his Department for each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [63627/25]

*1185. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if additional or unspent LEADER funding can be allocated to the Kerry LAG given programme budgets are depleted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [63690/25]

*1186. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when he expects the Community Services Programme to next open for funding, or when a decision on this might be announced; if there will be an annual call for funding going forward given the Programme for Government's commitment to open the Community Services Programme for new applications annually in order that more organisations can join the initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [63836/25]