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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]

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

41. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the programme plan for his Department's new disability unit for 2025-2027. — 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 2025-2027. — 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. — 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; and whether there are plans to incorporate them into the measure to ensure the target covers all children in vulnerable housing situations. — 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 of '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'. — Louise O'Reilly. [62184/25]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*71. To ask the Taoiseach the unemployment rate in Kildare north in November 2025. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [64193/25]

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

*72. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if an application can be expedited for a person (details supplied) regarding a passport application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [64054/25]

*73. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to respond to the findings of a report from a UN special rapporteur (details supplied) that the Irish state continues to permit the transfer of weapons to Israel through Irish ports and airports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [64056/25]

*74. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on foreign birthright applications (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [64077/25]

*75. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade how Ireland engaged with the European Commission during the development of the Democracy Shield; and if she will outline any concerns Ireland raised about the protection of free expression. — Ken O’Flynn. [64234/25]

*76. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the obligations expected of Ireland under the Democracy Shield, including any monitoring, reporting or participation requirements. — Ken O’Flynn. [64235/25]

*77. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Ireland will be required to take part in shared EU systems for identifying or reviewing online information; and how national control over decisions that affect domestic political debate will be maintained. — Ken O’Flynn. [64236/25]

*78. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade how the Government assessed the Democracy Shield against the principles of proportionality and subsidiarity; and if she will provide the criteria used in this assessment. — Ken O’Flynn. [64237/25]

*79. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade how the Democracy Shield will interact with existing EU legislation such as the Digital Services Act 2024 and the Electoral Integrity Package; and the implications of this for Ireland. — Ken O’Flynn. [64238/25]

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

*80. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his response to the ESB chief’s warning that emergency measures were needed to increase electricity capacity for new housing (details supplied); if this will impact on the housing plan he released last week; if he has discussed this with the Minister for Climate the Minister for Housing; if so, to outline the detail of these discussions. — Pa Daly. [64267/25]

*81. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the status of Ireland’s derogation from ETS2; and the way in which the scheme will be coordinated with the national carbon tax to avoid duplication of costs for consumers. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [64055/25]

*82. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures being taken to accelerate retrofitting supports for households in Kildare north; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [64187/25]

*83. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the facilities that are in place for persons to ensure that they are getting the best value or are on the best plan for their energy usage; if he understands that people are paying more for their energy bills when discounts may be available, but they are not informed of them; if he has plans to improve this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [64259/25]

*84. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the likely priorities on renewable energy during Ireland’s Presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [64261/25]

*85. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the likely priorities on energy affordability during Ireland’s Presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [64262/25]

*86. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the ‘State run’ LNG facility; to provide a breakdown on progress to date; to update on any projected timeline; and if he anticipates this will be delivered in advance of 2030. — Pa Daly. [64263/25]

*87. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his response to the ESB chief’s warning that emergency measures were needed to increase electricity capacity for new housing (details supplied); the emergency measures he is taking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [64264/25]

*88. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he expects any of the 5GW offshore wind targeted for delivery by 2030 will be energised by 2030, as opposed to being under construction; to provide a detailed timeline of when he anticipates each project will be energised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [64273/25]

*89. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the proportion of the 5GW of offshore wind targeted for 2030 that will be energised by 2030; the proportion that will be under construction by 2030; the proportion, if any, that will have yet to begin construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [64274/25]

*90. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason solar PV is mostly excluded from the warmer home scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [64275/25]

*91. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if any part of the €3.5 billion investment outlined under the revised national development plan in EirGrid and the ESB will be used for data centre connections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [64276/25]

*92. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the progress being made on the commitment in the Programme for Government around the intention to ‘explore if legislation could be enacted to divert surplus renewable energy, which would otherwise be wasted, to homes in fuel poverty’. — Shane Moynihan. [64281/25]

*93. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will outline progress towards the 2030 national retrofit target of 500,000 homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [64290/25]

*94. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will outline the total renewable electricity generation capacity connected to the national grid for each of the past ten years, as of Q3 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [64292/25]

*95. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will outline the number of new offshore renewable energy projects currently in the maritime area consent process, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [64293/25]

Chun Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*96. To ask the Minister for Defence if the Defence Forces are under contract with a company (details supplied); the length of the contract; when it commenced; and the amount paid to date for the contract. — Thomas Gould. [64366/25]

*97. To ask the Minister for Defence if the Defence Forces have ever held a contract with a company (details supplied); when the contract terminated; and the amount spent on the contract. — Thomas Gould. [64367/25]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*98. To ask the Minister for Transport if first time applicants for a driving test are placed on the same waiting list as those applying to take the test for a second or subsequent time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [64027/25]

*99. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the driving test waiting times are the same for first time applicants as those applying to take the test for a second or subsequent time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [64028/25]

*100. To ask the Minister for Transport the data available regarding driving tests for those applying to take the test for a second or subsequent time (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [64029/25]

*101. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown of the number of driving test centres above the ten-week service level agreement (SLA); the number of driving test centres on or below the ten-week SLA, broken down per month from March to October 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [64030/25]

*102. To ask the Minister for Transport whether multi-permit holders can access cancelled driving test slots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [64031/25]

*103. To ask the Minister for Transport the system in place to advertise cancelled driving test slots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [64032/25]

*104. To ask the Minister for Transport to address the criticism of some taxi drivers of his recent response regarding the introduction of fixed fares by a taxi company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [64070/25]

*105. To ask the Minister for Transport further Parliamentary Question No. 333 of 4 November 2025, to urgently request Iarnród Éireann in the interest of passenger safety to clarify the precise planning reference number for the planning permission for the new railway overbridge at Park/Carcur Wexford obtained by a third-party developer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [64146/25]

*106. To ask the Minister for Transport when he expects the proposed transport security taskforce to be established; to commit to the inclusion of trade unions representing transport workers on the taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [64172/25]

*107. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of public EV charging points installed in Kildare north in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [64188/25]

*108. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of scheduled services that failed to operate, such as ghost buses, by route, for buses in Kildare north in each month of 2024 and 2025 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [64189/25]

*109. To ask the Minister for Transport if he or his Department have engaged with Bus Éireann on its review of Expressway routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [64227/25]

*110. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he has met with Bus Éireann management regarding the future operation of Expressway bus services, which were the recent subject of media coverage (details supplied); whether he will intervene to ensure that these Expressway routes will remain in operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [64242/25]

*111. To ask the Minister for Transport the likely priorities on transport during Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [64265/25]

*112. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the current status of the Sutton to Sandycove greenway project, including the section connecting Clontarf to Sutton; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [64294/25]

*113. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has any plans to extend the current legislation to cover the enforcement of disabled parking spaces located in private car parks in order to ensure consistent protection and accessibility for persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [64315/25]

*114. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the review being carried out on the capacity of the 424 bus; if an additional bus route from Bearna to Galway city will be considered as a solution to the issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [64341/25]

*115. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the current process of exchanging a non-Irish driving licence for a Irish licence in the case of returning citizens who initially sat and passed their driving test in Ireland. — Paul Lawless. [64550/25]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 496 of 4 November 2025, the time period in which the circa 135,000 customers were potentially provided motor finance by car dealers using discretionary commission arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [64034/25]

*117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 496 of 4 November 2025, to provide the names of the eight firms engaged in providing discretionary commission arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [64035/25]

*118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total Irish receipts or projected receipts from the EU Multiannual Financial Framework in the years 2019 to 2027, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [64049/25]

*119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total Irish contribution or projected contribution to the EU Multiannual Financial Framework in the years 2019 to 2027, by year; in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [64050/25]

*120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 392 of 12 November 2025, if research has been carried out into the creation of an upper limit cap on the cost of local property tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [64118/25]

*121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 392 of 12 November 2025, if his Department has carried out estimates on the cost to the Exchequer of implementing an upper limit cap on the cost of local property tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [64119/25]

*122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 392 of 12 November 2025, his views on the merits of putting in place an upper limit cap on the cost of local property tax to avoid putting undue financial burden on families and individuals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [64120/25]

*123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if there are plans to review the National Payments Strategy with a view to ensuring that all Government agencies including the NDLS accept cash payments for their services on the premises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [64212/25]

*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated cost to the Exchequer of extending the VAT cut on apartment sales to forward-funding deals; the estimated number of apartments this will affect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [64391/25]

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

*125. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to confirm that the OPW will prioritise the Seapoint Bridge and surrounding flooding zone in Termonfeckin, County Louth for attention in their list of projects for minor flood mitigation works; the timescale for those works to complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [64059/25]

*126. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the progress to date of the Nenagh flood relief scheme; when this project will proceed to the next stage; the estimate budget for this scheme, if yet determined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [64208/25]

*127. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of WTE staff, by grade, employed by the OPW that are working at

each heritage site under the remit of OPW, as of 12 November 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [64298/25]

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

*128. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will give detailed and urgent consideration to the issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) in respect of recent additional costs on a sector that provides very significant employment throughout the country and is a critical component of the overall national economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [64174/25]

*129. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide details of the number of companies who received an Enterprise Ireland digital marketing capability grant in 2024; the total amount of grant funding provided; and the number of companies who received other non-financial digital marketing capability support in 2024. — Emer Currie. [64052/25]

*130. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for a full update on the IDA business building, Dublin Road, Carlow; the number of site visits that have taken place in the past 12 months; and the efforts made by the IDA to secure a permanent tenant at the site. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [64125/25]

*131. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of Enterprise Ireland and Local Enterprise Office grants awarded to businesses in Kildare north in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [64191/25]

*132. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of positions created and retained in Kildare north through IDA-supported companies in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [64192/25]

*133. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the supports that will be made available to the one hundred employees who are due to lose their jobs in 2028 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [64243/25]

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

*134. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether prefabs are being added to a school (details supplied) to facilitate the lack of school places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [64057/25]

*135. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has plans in place for a new community special school for County Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [64058/25]

*136. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of additional special education places that will be allocated to schools in Kildare north further to Budget 2026, which provided for 3,000 additional special education places nationwide for the 2026/27 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [64075/25]

*137. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the timeline for the sanctioning of special classes in mainstream schools in Kildare north under the 3,000 additional places announced in Budget 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [64076/25]

*138. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the duration of a criminal conviction, and the time since such a conviction, which is taken into account when assessing the suitability of a driver to drive a Bus Éireann school bus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [64128/25]

*139. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on how survivors of historical abuse can go about accessing supports which are included in the Supports for Survivors of Residential Institutional Abuse Act 2025; the method by which this information will be publicised, so that survivors can access supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [64134/25]

*140. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the family of a recently deceased survivor of an industrial school who had received compensation through the Residential Institutions Redress Act, 2002, would be eligible for funding to help cover the costs of the funeral; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [64135/25]

*141. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [64169/25]

*142. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the details of the agreement made with the industrial school hunger strikers in recognition of the State's responsibility for their treatment in residential institutions; and to provide the full extent of supports that will be made available to those who seek redress from same. — Mattie McGrath. [64173/25]

*143. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); if the materials should have been covered under the free schoolbooks scheme. — Paul Murphy. [64185/25]

*144. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the application from a school to replace their 50-year-old prefabs (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [64214/25]

*145. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on progress in convening the taskforce on Irish-medium education. — Shane Moynihan. [64282/25]

*146. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline the availability of Irish language assistive technologies for students who require them and are in Irish-medium education. — Shane Moynihan. [64283/25]

*147. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for a breakdown of all primary school provision, per county, for the years 2020–2025, including patronage, co-education and Irish-medium provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [64328/25]

*148. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a special needs assistant national school redeployment application will be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [64329/25]

*149. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if children applying to reading schools will continue to receive support from the National Council for Special Education after the 1 October parent notify process deadline; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [64330/25]

*150. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on the proposed works for a primary school (details supplied) in Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [64343/25]

*151. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether schools are licensed to ‘shop around’ for school insurance cover to ensure the cheapest option available to them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [64544/25]

*152. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if subsidies could be provided by her Department for schools with school uniforms to lower the cost for parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [64545/25]

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

*153. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of sports capital grants awarded to clubs in Kildare north in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [64194/25]

*154. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he supports the decision of a sporting organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [64228/25]

*155. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will bring a forward a motion to ratify the UN International Convention against Apartheid in Sports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [64247/25]

*156. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps he will take to ensure that the Football Association of Ireland as a national sporting body hosting part of one of the biggest international tournaments, the Euro 2028 soccer tournament, is sufficiently staffed and funded for this huge task; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [64630/25]

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

*157. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when people in Skerries will be able to access a scheme for remediation and compensation for homes built with defective blocks; if he is aware that they have been waiting a considerable number of years for this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [64255/25]

*158. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta an bhfuil sé fós i gceist ag an Rialtas treoirínite don phleanáil sa Ghaeltacht a fhoilsiú, agus má tá, cathain. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [64122/25]

*159. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current allowable chlorine residual threshold in treated drinking water in Ireland; and if there a statutory upper limit under S.I. No. 99/2023. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [64209/25]

*160. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports available to people awaiting a division of assets, for example sale of a jointly owned home, through the courts for a legal separation/divorce who require social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [64244/25]

*161. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will introduce legislation or support the progression of the Housing (Homeless Families) Bill 2017 which proposes to place a statutory obligation on local authorities to consider the best interests of the child when responding to families presenting as homeless; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [64250/25]

*162. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will act on issues raised in correspondence regarding private rented properties (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [64252/25]

*163. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to report on his request made in July 2023 to An Coimisiún Toghcháin to examine the issue of reducing the voting age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [64253/25]

*164. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage why solar PV is mostly excluded from the local authority retrofit scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [64277/25]

*165. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the updated wind energy guidelines will be published; the reasons for the prolonged and ongoing delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [64278/25]

*166. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the assessments his Department has carried out on the impact of students studying English language courses on housing pressures in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [64303/25]

*167. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline his Department's strategy in relation to the housing needs of students studying on English language courses in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [64304/25]

*168. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the percentage of students studying on English language courses who were housed in the private rented sector; who were housed in designated student accommodation; who were staying with host families; and who were in other types of accommodation, in the last five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [64305/25]

*169. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the updated Code of Practice for local authority Approved Housing Bodies nominations will commence. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [64364/25]

*170. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports being provided to local authorities to ensure value for money in delivering social and affordable housing; the budget oversight mechanisms applied; and whether each authority is meeting its cost-control requirements. — Ken O'Flynn. [64408/25]

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

*171. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an emergency winter payment to offset the withdrawal of once off payments such as the Disability Cost-of-Living Payment will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [64546/25]

*172. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to conduct a review of the impact Budget 2026 will have on disabled households over the winter months given the removal of once-off payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [64547/25]

*173. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a request (details supplied) can receive consideration in view of the person's medical circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [64038/25]

*174. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to recognising Covid-19 as an occupational illness for social workers, given the support for such a designation from an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [64072/25]

*175. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will provide data by metrics (details supplied) on the wage subsidy scheme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [64132/25]

*176. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of companies in receipt of wage subsidy scheme strand three grant for employment assistance officers; the number of employment assistance officers employed under strand three; the amount expended on strand three in the past five years (2019-2024); the grant available for strand three; the last year that grant was increased; and if he has any plans to increase the grant, given that employer costs have increased significantly since the last increase in the grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [64133/25]

*177. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the family of an Irish citizen who had been residing in England up until their death would be eligible to apply for an additional needs payment to help cover funeral costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [64136/25]

*178. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to clarify his Department's understanding on the position of charities who previously gave funding to support individuals struggling to pay electricity bills (details supplied). — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [64142/25]

*179. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 194 of 11 June 2025, whether the review of means testing in the social protection system has been completed; if he now intends to amend the current weekly means limit for the increase for qualified adult allowance for recipients of the State pension and to increasing the current means limit of €100 which has been in place for several years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [64144/25]

*180. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of primary schools in the State that do not currently have access to the free school meal scheme, despite being eligible, by county, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [64170/25]

*181. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the date in Q4 2025 that we can expect publication of the review carried out on nutritional standards of the free school meal scheme. — Darren O'Rourke. [64171/25]

*182. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he can provide details of his Department's involvement in the Letterkenny gift card scheme; if he can also provide details of similar schemes including, any cross-Border initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [64256/25]

*183. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people in County Kerry who will be affected by the changes in Budget 2026 to the living alone allowance; the estimated number of people that would have benefitted if further funding was provided for the allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [64266/25]

*184. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a review will be carried out on the working family payment refusal for a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [64637/25]

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

*185. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to allow spouses of non-EU PhD students the right to work in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [64053/25]

*186. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on a naturalisation application for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [64115/25]

*187. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons currently accommodated in a facility (details supplied); if the occupants are Ukrainian refugees or applicants for international protection; the plans to develop the property into an IPAS centre; to provide details of the property owner and if the property has changed hands since it first started accommodating refugees in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [64149/25]

*188. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has been made aware that 40,000 rounds of ammunition have gone missing from a Police Service of Northern Ireland facility, enough to fully equip 2,352 handguns; given the potential threat to life in the North of Ireland, and indeed in this State, if he will be engaging with the Executive to determine the circumstances of the incident and seek assurances that all the ammunition will be recovered. — Peadar Tóibín. [64177/25]

*189. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when works will commence for the new prison planned for Thornton Hall, given the record funding of €2.180 billion for An Garda Síochána, prisons, courts, cyber security and technology; the reason there has been such a significant delay for this development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [64246/25]

*190. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department plans to use a location (details supplied) as accommodation for refugees or applicants for international protection; if so, the date upon which individuals will move to the facility; the number of persons it will accommodate; the public engagement that has taken place on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [64248/25]

*191. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of bike thefts reported to An Garda Síochána, per county, in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Tom Brabazon. [64268/25]

*192. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prosecutions for bike theft, per county, in 2024 and so far in 2025, in tabular form. — Tom Brabazon. [64269/25]

*193. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when a decision will be made on a “visit a family/friend” visa appeal (details supplied); if new circumstances could be considered to expedite this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [64271/25]

*194. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the actions he is taking in response to a series of serious assaults and violent incidents reported in the Fairview park area; how his Department is supporting An Garda Síochána, who do excellent work locally, in providing the increased visibility, resources and operational capacity needed to respond to these incidents; if he accepts that, while local community safety partnerships have an important role, issues of violent crime require a direct policing-led response. — Barry Heneghan. [64280/25]

*195. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of new Garda recruits assigned to the DMR North Division in the years 2021 to 2024, and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [64285/25]

*196. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of promotions from the rank of inspector to superintendent within An Garda Síochána that has occurred in the years 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [64301/25]

*197. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of incidences of students holding an immigration stamp 2 permission that have been found to be in breach of the restrictions on working hours (20 hours per week during term time) for each of the past five years, and in 2025 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [64306/25]

*198. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Irish immigration residence permissions issued to students pursuing educational courses in the State in 2025 to date, and in each of the past five years, by type of educational course, university or English language school, and by country of origin, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [64307/25]

*199. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Irish immigration residence permissions issued to students pursuing educational courses which have been terminated in 2025 to date, and in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [64308/25]

*200. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of inspections carried out of English language schools by immigration officials in 2025 to date, and in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [64309/25]

*201. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the details of all reviews and assessments that have been carried out by his Department into the quality and standard of courses provided by English language schools in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [64310/25]

*202. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of inspections carried out by immigration inspectors of compliance with minimum standards of English for students applying for Irish immigration residence permissions in 2025 to date, and in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [64311/25]

*203. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to set out the Government's position, prior to the enactment of the Private Security Services Act 2004, regarding the legal powers available to private security personnel in relation to the detention, restraint, or physical control of individuals; to clarify whether the Private Security Services Act 2004 provides any statutory power for private security personnel to detain, restrain, or otherwise deprive a person of their liberty; if he will confirm that private security staff possess no greater powers than those available to any member of the public under common-law citizen's arrest; if he will outline the legal limits around the use of force by private security personnel, including the requirement for immediate handover to An Garda Síochána; the oversight that exists within the Private Security Authority (PSA) to identify, investigate, and sanction cases where private security staff act outside their lawful authority; and if he will detail whether his Department has conducted, commissioned, or reviewed any examinations of incidents where private security personnel have used force or physical restraint resulting in serious harm or death. — Ken O'Flynn. [64415/25]

*204. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to clarify whether private security personnel possess any statutory authority to detain, restrain, or physically control individuals under the Private Security Services Act 2004, or whether their powers are limited solely to those available to any member of the public under common-law citizen's arrest. — Ken O'Flynn. [64416/25]

*205. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the Government's stated legal position prior to the enactment of the Private Security Services Act 2004 regarding the powers, if any, of private security personnel to detain or restrain members of the public. — Ken O'Flynn. [64417/25]

*206. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will state whether his Department recognises the practice of private security personnel "retaining and detaining" individuals as being outside the scope of lawful authority; and if so, what actions the Department is taking to address such practices. — Ken O'Flynn. [64418/25]

*207. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to set out the legal parameters governing the use of force by private security personnel, including proportionality, necessity, and the requirement for immediate handover to An Garda Síochána following any alleged citizen's arrest. — Ken O'Flynn. [64419/25]

*208. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to detail the oversight mechanisms within the Private Security Authority (PSA) to identify, investigate, and sanction

private security personnel or companies that exceed their lawful authority or engage in unlawful detention or excessive force. — Ken O’Flynn. [64420/25]

*209. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to list the number of cases in each of the past ten years where the Private Security Authority suspended, revoked, or refused licences due to allegations involving unlawful detention, assault, excessive force, or related misconduct. — Ken O’Flynn. [64421/25]

*210. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the PSA has ever carried out or contributed to reviews into incidents involving private security personnel where serious injury or death occurred; and if not, whether the Minister will consider directing such a review. — Ken O’Flynn. [64422/25]

*211. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide the annual number of complaints received by the PSA relating to physical force, restraint, or alleged unlawful detention by private security personnel for each of the past ten years. — Ken O’Flynn. [64423/25]

*212. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the number of on-site inspections the PSA has conducted annually for the past ten years, and the number of enforcement actions arising from those inspections. — Ken O’Flynn. [64424/25]

*213. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the minimum training standards required for licensing private security staff, including modules on lawful authority, use of force, restraint, and de-escalation. — Ken O’Flynn. [64425/25]

*214. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether private security training currently includes any accredited instruction on physical restraint; and if not, the assessment which has been made regarding the risks associated with untrained personnel attempting to physically restrain individuals. — Ken O’Flynn. [64426/25]

*215. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if private security licensing requires training on positional asphyxia, medical safety, or the dangers associated with multiple-person restraints; and if not, whether his Department will consider introducing such requirements. — Ken O’Flynn. [64427/25]

*216. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current vetting requirements for private security personnel; and whether his Department has assessed whether the existing regime adequately identifies individuals unsuitable for roles involving physical interaction with the public. — Ken O’Flynn. [64428/25]

*217. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether additional regulatory standards apply to private security personnel operating in nightclubs, bars, or late-night venues where interactions involving physical force are more likely. — Ken O’Flynn. [64429/25]

*218. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether private security personnel working in nightclubs are required to report incidents involving force or restraint to the PSA or An Garda Síochána; and if such mandatory reporting is monitored or enforced. — Ken O’Flynn. [64430/25]

*219. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has conducted any review of risks associated with private security practices in nightclubs, including multi-person restraint, chokeholds, or prone positioning. — Ken O’Flynn. [64431/25]

*220. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether a review has been carried out by his Department, the PSA, or An Garda Síochána into deaths linked to interactions with nightclub security staff in the past 25 years; and whether he will consider establishing such a review. — Ken O’Flynn. [64432/25]

*221. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the legal obligations on private security personnel to contact An Garda Síochána immediately after detaining an individual under citizen’s arrest; and whether failure to do so constitutes an offence. — Ken O’Flynn. [64433/25]

*222. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether any formal protocols exist between An Garda Síochána and the PSA for handling incidents involving private security personnel, and if not, whether such protocols will be established. — Ken O’Flynn. [64435/25]

*223. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has carried out any assessment of legislative gaps concerning the powers, supervision, and accountability of private security staff since the introduction of the Private Security Services Act 2004. — Ken O’Flynn. [64436/25]

*224. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he intends to bring forward amendments to the Private Security Services Act 2004 to strengthen public protections, increase accountability, or place statutory limits on physical restraint practices. — Ken O’Flynn. [64437/25]

*225. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of licensed private security personnel who have been the subject of complaints, allegations, or investigations relating to sexual assault or inappropriate conduct in the past five years; and if the Private Security Authority has recorded trends in such cases. — Ken O’Flynn. [64438/25]

*226. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the current vetting and licensing framework for private security personnel includes specific safeguarding or sexual misconduct screening, and whether any reforms are planned. — Ken O’Flynn. [64439/25]

*227. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration how allegations of sexual assault by private security staff are handled, which bodies have responsibility for investigating such allegations, and whether there is a centralised reporting system. — Ken O’Flynn. [64440/25]

*228. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the Private Security Authority tracks sexual misconduct complaints against licence holders; and, if not, if he will consider establishing such a reporting mechanism. — Ken O’Flynn. [64441/25]

*229. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for the number of reported sexual assaults occurring in or near licensed venues (bars, nightclubs, events) in the past five years; and whether the Department assesses any correlation between such incidents and the conduct of venue security personnel. — Ken O’Flynn. [64442/25]

*230. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if anonymised national data exists on sexual assault complaints involving door staff or bouncers; and if not, whether the Minister will request that An Garda Síochána or the PSA begin tracking such incidents. — Ken O’Flynn. [64443/25]

*231. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether sexual assault prevention, bystander intervention, or safeguarding training is mandatory for private security staff working in nightlife settings; and if not, whether he plans to introduce such mandatory training. — Ken O’Flynn. [64444/25]

*232. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he intends to review the Private Security Services Act 2004 to strengthen protections for the public in nightlife environments, including clearer guidelines on the conduct of security staff and the handling of sexual assault allegations. — Ken O’Flynn. [64451/25]

*233. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of cases where civil claims involving private security staff have been settled, notwithstanding related criminal complaints that did not proceed due to a lack of admissible evidence; and whether his Department will examine whether this pattern indicates gaps in regulation, evidence gathering, or oversight. — Ken O’Flynn. [64452/25]

*234. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has ever reviewed the divergence between criminal and civil outcomes in cases involving alleged assaults by private security staff; and whether any analysis has been carried out to determine why civil liability may be accepted where criminal prosecution was not possible. — Ken O’Flynn. [64453/25]

*235. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether An Garda Síochána has conducted any review of investigative standards, evidence-gathering practices, CCTV retention, or venue cooperation in cases involving alleged assaults by private security staff where criminal prosecution could not be advanced. — Ken O’Flynn. [64454/25]

*236. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he will request that An Garda Síochána introduce a specific evidence protocol for incidents involving private security personnel, given the frequency of late-night, low-light, and CCTV-dependent investigations. — Ken O’Flynn. [64455/25]

*237. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of complaints which have been received by the Private Security Authority in each of the past five years relating to excessive force, assault, or misconduct by licensed door staff or venue security personnel; and the number of these complaints which resulted in licence suspension, revocation, or enforcement action. — Ken O’Flynn. [64456/25]

*238. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the PSA collects or retains any information on civil claims, legal actions, or settlements involving licensed private security personnel; and if not, whether he will consider expanding the PSA’s statutory remit to include tracking of such matters. — Ken O’Flynn. [64457/25]

*239. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider introducing a mandatory reporting requirement obliging licensed venues to notify the PSA of any

civil claim, settlement, or insurance payout arising from alleged misconduct by private security staff. — Ken O’Flynn. [64458/25]

*240. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to review the Private Security Services Act 2004 to strengthen safeguards for the public, including clearer obligations on venues to cooperate with Gardaí, retain CCTV, and report patterns of misconduct involving security staff. — Ken O’Flynn. [64459/25]

*241. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has received any submissions or representations regarding patterns of aggressive conduct, excessive force, or alleged assaults by private security personnel in nightlife settings. — Ken O’Flynn. [64460/25]

*242. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he will undertake a review of the adequacy of current regulation, Garda investigative procedures, and venue responsibilities in relation to private security personnel, in light of increasing reports of serious incidents, assaults, and civil actions linked to nightlife settings. — Ken O’Flynn. [64461/25]

*243. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he intends to bring forward amendments to the Private Security Services Act 2004 or related regulations to enhance public safety, improve oversight, and address emerging risks identified within the nightlife sector. — Ken O’Flynn. [64462/25]

*244. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether it is lawful for private security personnel to detain a person in an enclosed room within a licensed premises pending Garda arrival; and whether guidance has been issued to Gardaí regarding the handling of incidents where a person has been detained in such a manner. — Ken O’Flynn. [64467/25]

*245. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether Gardaí receive training or guidance on the risks associated with holding areas used by private security staff, including the potential for excessive force, lack of CCTV coverage, or the absence of independent witnesses. — Ken O’Flynn. [64468/25]

*246. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the Private Security Authority regulates or inspects the use of holding rooms in licensed venues, and whether any policies exist to prevent private security personnel from detaining individuals without lawful authority. — Ken O’Flynn. [64470/25]

*247. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether private security personnel licensed by the Private Security Authority have any statutory authority to carry or use mechanical restraints, including handcuffs or plastic restraints; and if not, whether he intends to issue clarification or regulation in this area. — Ken O’Flynn. [64473/25]

*248. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the Private Security Authority regulates or prohibits the use of handcuffs or other restraints by private security staff, and if any standards, codes of conduct, or training requirements apply to the use of restraints in nightlife or event settings. — Ken O’Flynn. [64474/25]

*249. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether licensed security personnel receive any accredited training in the application, monitoring, and safe removal of

restraints, and whether the Department has assessed the potential risks of untrained personnel using such equipment. — Ken O’Flynn. [64477/25]

*250. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of complaints received by the Private Security Authority in each of the past five years relating to the use of handcuffs, plastic restraints, or other forms of physical restraint by licensed security personnel. — Ken O’Flynn. [64478/25]

*251. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether it is lawful for private security personnel to detain a person using handcuffs or similar restraints pending Garda arrival; and whether he intends to review the legal framework governing private detention and use-of-force in licensed venues. — Ken O’Flynn. [64479/25]

*252. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has identified any regulatory gaps regarding the authorisation, training, monitoring, and accountability of private security personnel who use mechanical restraints, and whether reforms are planned. — Ken O’Flynn. [64481/25]

*253. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has considered the regulatory frameworks in other jurisdictions where private security personnel are permitted to use mechanical restraints only under defined, limited, and supervised conditions, and whether similar measures will be examined in Ireland. — Ken O’Flynn. [64482/25]

*254. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether private security personnel licensed by the Private Security Authority have any statutory authority to search individuals, including body searches or searches of personal property, within licensed premises or events; and if not, whether he will clarify the lawful limits of such searches. — Ken O’Flynn. [64483/25]

*255. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether private security personnel may conduct searches as part of a common-law citizen’s arrest; and if so, whether guidance exists on the scope, proportionality, and lawful use of restraint during such searches. — Ken O’Flynn. [64484/25]

*256. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the PSA provides guidance on searches conducted with patron consent; including whether patrons may refuse a search, and what recourse or protections are available if a patron is searched without consent. — Ken O’Flynn. [64485/25]

*257. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether private security personnel or licensed venues can be held civilly or criminally liable for conducting searches of patrons that exceed lawful authority, and whether any cases have arisen in the past five years relating to such searches. — Ken O’Flynn. [64486/25]

*258. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the Private Security Authority provides specific training, codes of conduct, or written guidance to licensees regarding searching individuals; and whether he will consider strengthening such guidance to prevent unlawful or excessive searches. — Ken O’Flynn. [64487/25]

*259. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he will consider introducing a requirement for licensed venues to inform patrons of their rights regarding searches,

including through visible signage and written policies, to ensure that searches are conducted lawfully and transparently. — Ken O’Flynn. [64488/25]

*260. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether private security personnel licensed by the Private Security Authority owe a duty of care to patrons being removed from licensed premises; and if so, what guidance or statutory standards exist to ensure that patrons are not exposed to foreseeable harm during removal. — Ken O’Flynn. [64490/25]

*261. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the PSA provides specific guidance or training on the removal of intoxicated patrons; and whether security staff are required to ensure such individuals are escorted safely to a public area, taxi, or trusted companion, rather than being simply ejected. — Ken O’Flynn. [64491/25]

*262. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether security staff are trained to recognise that a patron may be vulnerable due to being spiked, drugged, or otherwise incapacitated, and whether there are protocols to ensure the safety and wellbeing of such individuals during removal. — Ken O’Flynn. [64492/25]

*263. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether licensed venues are required to assess environmental risks when removing patrons at night, including isolated streets, dark alleys, or adverse weather, and whether security staff are expected to mitigate these risks in practice. — Ken O’Flynn. [64493/25]

*264. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether licensed venues and security personnel are required to document incidents where patrons are removed, particularly where they are intoxicated or vulnerable; and whether this documentation is reviewed by the PSA to ensure compliance with duty-of-care standards. — Ken O’Flynn. [64494/25]

*265. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether a failure by security personnel to exercise reasonable care when removing patrons - for example, by leaving intoxicated or vulnerable individuals in unsafe circumstances can result in civil or criminal liability for the security personnel or the venue. — Ken O’Flynn. [64495/25]

*266. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he will consider enhancing PSA training, codes of conduct, and enforcement standards to explicitly cover duty of care obligations for security staff, including safe removal procedures, risk assessment, and safeguarding of vulnerable patrons. — Ken O’Flynn. [64496/25]

*267. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the Private Security Authority prohibits individuals with previous convictions for assault, public order offences, or violent crime from obtaining a licence; and whether he considers the current vetting process adequate to protect the public. — Ken O’Flynn. [64498/25]

*268. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration how the PSA determines whether a person with a criminal record is suitable to work as a licensed security professional; whether there are guidelines or criteria for assessing risk; and whether any improvements are being considered. — Ken O’Flynn. [64499/25]

*269. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether criminal convictions from other countries are considered when licensing private security personnel;

and whether gaps in international vetting could allow individuals with violent histories to be employed in high-risk environments. — Ken O’Flynn. [64500/25]

*270. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether licensed security personnel are periodically re-vetted for new criminal convictions; and whether the absence of ongoing monitoring is a potential risk to public safety. — Ken O’Flynn. [64501/25]

*271. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the PSA requires venues or employers to report serious misconduct or criminal behaviour by licensed security staff; and whether failure to report such behaviour could be addressed through stronger regulatory requirements. — Ken O’Flynn. [64506/25]

*272. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether private security personnel from outside Ireland are subject to enhanced vetting procedures before being licensed by the Private Security Authority; and whether the PSA has clear standards for checking criminal records, professional history, and suitability in their home countries. — Ken O’Flynn. [64507/25]

*273. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the procedures the PSA and Gardaí use to verify criminal convictions or disciplinary records for security staff who previously worked outside Ireland; whether international vetting relies on Interpol, EU criminal record exchange, or other mechanisms; and whether gaps have been identified in this process. — Ken O’Flynn. [64508/25]

*274. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration how private security staff from other countries who are hired on a temporary or short-term basis are vetted; whether there is any statutory requirement for full Garda or PSA approval; and whether he considers current procedures sufficient to prevent unsuitable individuals from being employed. — Ken O’Flynn. [64509/25]

*275. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether there have been any incidents or complaints involving security personnel from outside Ireland where inadequate background checks contributed to unsafe situations; and whether lessons have been learned to improve vetting standards.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [64510/25]

*276. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he will consider reviewing and strengthening PSA vetting policies for non-Irish security staff to ensure consistent standards of safety, suitability, and accountability across all licensed personnel, regardless of nationality. — Ken O’Flynn. [64511/25]

*277. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the Private Security Authority ensures robust vetting and background checks for security personnel licensed to work in high-risk environments such as nightclubs and bars; whether periodic re-vetting occurs; and whether reforms are planned to prevent unfit individuals from working in roles where serious harm could occur. — Ken O’Flynn. [64512/25]

*278. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he will clarify what constitutes “reasonable force” for private security staff in licensed venues; whether guidance includes practical scenarios in nightlife settings; and whether current enforcement mechanisms are adequate to prevent misuse. — Ken O’Flynn. [64513/25]

*279. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he is satisfied that security staff correctly apply common-law citizen's arrest powers; whether misuse is being monitored; and whether statutory clarification or reform is required to prevent unlawful detentions. — Ken O'Flynn. [64514/25]

*280. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he will review the use of holding rooms or secure areas in licensed premises, including their legality, oversight, and minimum safety or monitoring standards to protect detained patrons. — Ken O'Flynn. [64515/25]

*281. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether current insurance requirements for private security contractors adequately cover harm caused by staff, including assault, unlawful detention, or negligence; and whether reforms are needed to ensure victims can access remedies. — Ken O'Flynn. [64516/25]

*282. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the PSA's training requirements for private security personnel are sufficient to equip staff with the skills necessary to safely manage intoxicated or vulnerable patrons, apply reasonable force appropriately, recognise potential spiking or medical emergencies, and comply with duty-of-care obligations; and whether he will consider strengthening training requirements. — Ken O'Flynn. [64523/25]

*283. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether licensed venues have a statutory obligation to ensure their contracted security personnel are trained, supervised, and monitored; and whether failure to meet this obligation could result in regulatory or civil liability. — Ken O'Flynn. [64524/25]

*284. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he will consider introducing mandatory public reporting by the PSA and licensed venues on security-related incidents, including assaults, detentions, and complaints, to improve transparency and public confidence in oversight. — Ken O'Flynn. [64525/25]

*285. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he will commission a comprehensive review of the Private Security Services Act 2004, including licensing, citizen's arrest, holding areas, training, complaints handling, and duty-of-care provisions, with a view to addressing systemic gaps and improving protection for members of the public. — Ken O'Flynn. [64526/25]

*286. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether licensed venues have a statutory obligation to verify the PSA licence status of all contracted security personnel, including those supplied by external agencies; and whether failure to verify constitutes a breach of duty or exposes the venue to liability. — Ken O'Flynn. [64527/25]

*287. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the PSA has any mechanisms to monitor or audit security agencies supplying staff to licensed venues, to ensure that all personnel are properly licensed and vetted; and whether he considers current oversight adequate. — Ken O'Flynn. [64528/25]

*288. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether there have been any reported incidents where unlicensed or improperly vetted security staff supplied via agencies caused harm to patrons or breached regulations; and the measures which have been taken to prevent recurrence. — Ken O'Flynn. [64529/25]

*289. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he will issue clear guidance to venues on their responsibilities when hiring security staff through agencies, including checking licence validity, verifying training, and confirming suitability. — Ken O’Flynn. [64530/25]

*290. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether a person must be an Irish citizen to obtain a Private Security Authority (PSA) licence; and if not, what residency or visa status is required for licensing. — Ken O’Flynn. [64531/25]

*291. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration what procedures the PSA uses to verify that applicants from outside Ireland have lawful permission to work; and whether there are gaps in verification that could allow unqualified or unauthorized personnel to be employed as security staff. — Ken O’Flynn. [64532/25]

*292. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration how the PSA ensures that temporary, seasonal, or agency-supplied security staff from abroad are properly vetted, licensed, and legally entitled to work in Ireland; and whether current procedures are sufficient to protect public safety. — Ken O’Flynn. [64533/25]

*293. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether there is any ongoing monitoring to ensure that foreign or temporary security personnel continue to hold valid visas, or work permits throughout their employment; and whether failure to monitor could create risks for patrons and venues. — Ken O’Flynn. [64534/25]

*294. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he will review PSA licensing procedures to ensure that all non-Irish applicants are properly vetted, legally entitled to work, and do not pose a risk to public safety. — Ken O’Flynn. [64535/25]

*295. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration how the 2021 Amendment bringing enforcement guards under the PSA licence has been implemented; whether all such personnel are now properly licensed, vetted, and trained; and whether any gaps in compliance have been identified. — Ken O’Flynn. [64536/25]

*296. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration how the PSA ensures that temporary security guard licence holders (under the 2022 Regulations) are adequately vetted, trained, and legally entitled to work, and whether temporary staffing arrangements create risks to public safety. — Ken O’Flynn. [64537/25]

*297. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether PSA and Garda oversight mechanisms are sufficient to monitor compliance with the 2021 Amendment and 2022 Regulations; and whether additional measures are being considered to prevent unlicensed or inadequately trained personnel from being deployed. — Ken O’Flynn. [64538/25]

*298. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether security agencies employing temporary licence holders are required to verify licence validity and training compliance, and whether failure to do so could result in regulatory or civil liability. — Ken O’Flynn. [64539/25]

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

*299. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers who applied for compensation in relation to TB in the years 2023 to date in 2025; the number of whom received compensation; the number who received payments within three weeks of having submitted all required documentation, by year and by county; in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [64033/25]

*300. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total allocation to TAMS in the years 2019 to 2026, by year; the indicative allocation for 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [64036/25]

*301. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether the incidence of TB has increased since the introduction of the TB eradication programme in 1962; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [64178/25]

*302. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the incidences of TB that have been identified in Ireland between 2010 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [64179/25]

*303. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of herds that have been affected by TB in Ireland annually, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [64180/25]

*304. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cattle diagnosed with signs of TB for each year from 2010 to November 2025, in tabular form; the percentage of Irish cattle diagnosed with TB for each year from 2010 to November 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [64181/25]

*305. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total expenditure for eradicating TB on an annual basis from 2010 to November 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [64182/25]

*306. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of compensation paid to Irish farmers annually for cattle diagnosed with TB from 2010 to November 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [64183/25]

*307. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount paid to vets annually by his Department through the TB eradication programmes from 2010 to November 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [64184/25]

*308. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to have a food-related trade mission to the United Arab Emirates early in 2026. — Conor D. McGuinness. [64297/25]

*309. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when each of the capital works projects funded under the 2025 Fisheries Harbour Centre and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme will commence at Dunmore East fisheries centre. — Conor D. McGuinness. [64302/25]

*310. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in the interest of public health and safety, if urgent improvement works to the new pier on Tarbert Island, County Kerry, will be carried out, and if the sinkhole can be addressed as a matter of priority. — Michael Cahill. [64316/25]

*311. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he will make a decision on the re-opening of the mussel seed fishery in the Long Bank for 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [64332/25]

*312. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number aquaculture licence applications awaiting appropriate assessments at the Marine Institute; if there is a prioritisation system to deal with these applications in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [64333/25]

*313. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of aquaculture licence applications awaiting determination with his Department; the efforts being made to address delays in the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [64334/25]

*314. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if grant aid eligibility for the sustainable aquaculture scheme will be revised given the unreasonable delays in the aquaculture licensing system which is impacting aquaculture producers awaiting licensing renewals and wish to make improvements in their business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [64335/25]

*315. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will establish a funding mechanism to assist aquaculture producers when difficulties arise that is, storm damage, stock losses, biological challenges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [64336/25]

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

*316. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the efforts her Department is making to address the fact that childcare is a barrier for women taking up apprenticeships; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [64042/25]

*317. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide the latest assessment of needs waiting list figures, by region and nationally. — Seamus Healy. [64025/25]

*318. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children in CDNT 11 (south Kildare and west Wicklow) waiting over one year for engagement with CDNT; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [64026/25]

*319. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current staff vacancy rate for the west Wicklow and Kildare south children's disability network teams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [64078/25]

*320. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the funding or supports available to enable a resource centre (details supplied) to secure a permanent building; if she will consider prioritising funding for centres that currently operate in temporary or rented premises to

improve stability and service delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [64111/25]

*321. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current locations under consideration for a pilot public childcare scheme to begin in 2026; the number of childcare places that may become available at these locations; an exact timeframe when these pilots will be up and running; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [64129/25]

*322. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the criteria for selecting locations for the forthcoming public childcare pilot scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [64130/25]

*323. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the amount of money allocated to the building blocks childcare scheme; the locations and amount allocated to each location over the past two years; the number of childcare places provided by this funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [64131/25]

*324. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if daycare and pre-school service providers who give notices of closure to Tusla and Pobal could still be registered and still receive their AIMS support payments (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [64140/25]

*325. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the scope of the new round of the Building Blocks Grant 2026 fund; if the funding will include new builds; if the funding will allow for the purchase and renovation of an existing property for conversion into a preschool/childcare facility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [64168/25]

*326. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of respite hours available to adults in County Mayo; the type of respite provided; the number who have availed of this service in 2023 and to-date in 2025; and the number on the waiting list to access such services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [64204/25]

*327. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE social workers, by grade, based at South Mayo Children's Disability Network Team in 2023 to-date in 2025, by year, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [64205/25]

*328. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to ensure that the two SLT posts which will become vacant in Clonmel CDNT due to maternity leaves which will be filled as a matter of urgency as the vacancy rate for posts in this CDNT Team will fall to over 70% vacancy; if she is aware that there are already 11 vacancies within this CDNT team out of 18 WTE; the specific action she will take to address this huge level of vacancies; the recruitment campaigns carried out for each of the vacant posts and the effort put in to filling these posts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [64207/25]

*329. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of an ongoing industrial relations dispute in a State agency (details supplied); if she is aware that while this dispute remains unresolved, the State agency in question has put out tender for a contract to commission a report into said industrial dispute; if she has any plans to intervene; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [64260/25]

*330. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the draft strategy for early years Irish-medium education is to be published. — Shane Moynihan. [64284/25]

*331. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE administrative staff, by grade, which have been filled in each children's disability network team within CHO5 in the years 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [64299/25]

*332. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality how the €3 million announced in Budget 2026 compares to the level of investment needed for the national neurorehabilitation strategy for full implementation of community-based neurorehabilitation teams nationwide. — Conor D. McGuinness. [64300/25]

*333. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the assessment process for fee increase requests on behalf of childcare facilities participating in core funding will be announced; her views on whether it may have been premature to put in place a wage increase for practitioners without providing for an avenue where services can apply for fee increases simultaneously; and if she can commit to commencing this process without delay, ensuring that services have the opportunity to remain sustainable. — Robert Troy. [64325/25]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*334. To ask the Minister for Health for an urgent update on the case of a vulnerable young woman with complex mental health needs (details supplied), whose clinical team recently advised that she requires 24-hour care and is not capable of living independently, but who is now being considered for discharge to temporary independent accommodation with limited home-support hours; the clinical basis on which this change in care plan has been made; whether a full multidisciplinary risk assessment has been carried out; to outline the long-term residential or high-support placements that have been explored; the reason an appropriate placement has not yet been secured despite repeated representations and previous assurances from the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [64051/25]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health when the procedure mid-urethral mesh sling will be available in Ireland for patients who currently have to travel abroad for the procedure. — Shay Brennan. [64071/25]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health if there has been any change to the dermatology services in Monaghan Hospital; if the service has ceased; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [64073/25]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any measures planned to combat the long waiting lists for physiotherapy services in the Market Street Wellness Centre, Killorglin, County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [64074/25]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health given the long waiting times for publicly funded speech and language therapy, what supports or funding are available for families to access private therapy when a child has been diagnosed as needing said therapy but may wait up to two years for public services (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [64080/25]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health with consideration for the findings of national and international research, the measures that will be implemented to deal with the impact of loneliness on all age groups, as loneliness is considered a major public health issue internationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [64112/25]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health if it is proposed to develop a strategy to help prevent loneliness as a public health policy priority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [64113/25]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health the outcome of the work to date of the Loneliness Taskforce, which was established in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [64114/25]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1088 of 12 November 2025, the number of such procedures completed from 2023 to date in 2025, by year, in tabular form; the average wait time for patients at point of treatment; the number of patients in each time band to date in 2025 before treatment and removal from waiting lists. — David Cullinane. [64123/25]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of whole time equivalent grades providing hernia surgical services at University Hospital Waterford, in tabular form; if there are vacant or otherwise unfilled or absent posts; whether a request has been made for additional posts, the details of that request; and the number of clinic hours provided to date in 2025. — David Cullinane. [64124/25]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health the number of pre-diabetes clinics in each health area; the location and the number of dietitians at each location; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [64126/25]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health the current position with the roll out of a national diabetes prevention programme; the number of and locations of where this programme is located; the expected delivery time for all locations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [64127/25]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1168 on 13 May 2025, to provide an update on the progress of a comprehensive assessment of the physician associate role internationally which will make recommendations for standardisation, scope of practice and appropriate deployment in Ireland; and her views on if this review will be completed by quarter 4 of 2025 or quarter 1 of 2026; and if she will lift the recruitment ban on physician assistants. — Darren O'Rourke. [64137/25]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health the number of physician associate's currently employed across the State, by county, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [64138/25]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1168 of 13 May 2025, if the review undertaken deems that the role of physician associate is not viable in the State; the measures which will be taken to support students who undertook this master's degree provided by the HSE and RCSI; and the position students will qualify for, having completed this degree, taking into consideration, the considerable time spent on work placement in hospitals in Ireland. — Darren O'Rourke. [64139/25]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the recent reduction in funding for a company (details supplied); if she is aware that discontinuing the twelve-week introductory programme for new members has significantly reduced accessibility; if she will give consideration to restoring funding to ensure affordability for older participants, given that current costs are prohibitive; if private health insurance typically covers the programmes, given members report they are not reimbursed; and her views that the company provides an important social outlet for participants, helping to combat isolation among those living with chronic illness; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [64141/25]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the planned CORU revised standards of proficiency for the psychotherapy profession; if she will meet with an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [64143/25]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health when she will respond to urgent correspondence issued to her by this Deputy (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [64145/25]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health if training is mandated by the HSE for doctors and nurses on existing contracts to recognise signs of domestic, sexual, gender violence and coercive control in patients and family members; the details of the training; the number of times this training is required for an attendee; the number of persons which have attended this training per year since its inception; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Máire Devine. [64147/25]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health if training is mandated by the HSE for student doctors and nurses to recognise signs of domestic, sexual, gender violence and coercive control in patients and family members; the details of the training; the number which have attended the training per year since its inception; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Máire Devine. [64148/25]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients from Kildare north currently on an outpatient waiting list at Naas General Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [64190/25]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent psychologists, by grade posts that were actually filled within CHO2 primary care psychology services from 2023 to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [64201/25]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant dermatologists and dermatology registrars based at Mayo University Hospital in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [64202/25]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants within the State who are specialists in chronic intestinal failure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [64203/25]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health if she will report on the provision of dermatological services in Monaghan Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [64206/25]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health if there are public health risks associated with residual chlorine levels in Irish drinking water, particularly in relation to disinfection by-products such as trihalomethanes and chlorates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [64211/25]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health if HSE estates has received a site survey for telecommunication works at a hospital (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [64270/25]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing a CT scan service in Monaghan Hospital; if a feasibility study has been conducted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [64279/25]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant ENT surgeons based at University Hospital Waterford in the years of 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [64295/25]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE occupational therapists, by grade, based at Dungarvan primary care centre in the years of 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [64296/25]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the amount of HSE funding paid to a company (details supplied) from 2020 to 2025 to date; to provide a breakdown of funding per HSE area, per year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [64313/25]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health the reason income limits for persons aged over 70 applying for a full medical card have not been revised in recent budgets; if she accepts that the current income thresholds are no longer reflective of the significant rises in the cost of living, energy, insurance, inflation and healthcare expenses; and if she will outline any plans to review these limits to ensure a fairer and more realistic assessment for older people, who are disproportionately affected by these increases as they often live on fixed or modest retirement incomes, with limited capacity to supplement their income. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [64324/25]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the special leave with pay scheme for healthcare workers affected by long-Covid is due to end on 31 December without a suitable replacement; if she acknowledges that directing workers who are on phased or part-time return-to-work programmes into the standard sick leave scheme will require them to go fully out sick in order to receive income, despite clinical guidance that phased return is the safest and most appropriate option; the measures that will be put in place to prevent affected workers from being pushed into financial distress and from losing progress made in rehabilitation; and if she will urgently revise the policy to ensure continuity of care for staff and patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [64331/25]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health when the new build at Midleton Community Hospital will be open; if it will be fully staffed from the opening day; if she will provide the opening date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [64342/25]

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

*368. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the efforts his Department is making to address the low uptake of apprenticeship places for the Travelling community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [64039/25]

*369. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the efforts his Department is making to address the low uptake of suitable apprenticeship places for Travelling women; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [64040/25]

*370. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the efforts his Department is making to address the low uptake from employers taking on disabled people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [64041/25]

*371. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the efforts his Department is making to address the shortage of guidance counsellors at ETBs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [64043/25]

*372. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to address the low uptake from employers taking on Traveller apprentices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [64044/25]

*373. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progression pathways in place for disabled people who have completed their apprentices and are ready for employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [64045/25]

*374. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the efforts his Department is making to ensure there is more awareness for employers about disability supports for disabled qualified apprentices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [64046/25]

*375. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the efforts his Department is making to address the low uptake of disabled people doing apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [64047/25]

*376. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider measures to improve the parity of esteem for FET level education; if it is possible to introduce higher levels of qualifications, for example level 7, in apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [64048/25]

*377. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount that was spent in each of the past five years, and in 2025 to date, in promoting Ireland as a destination for foreign students to study at either in third level or in English language schools in the State, broken down by the country in which the promotion took place, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [64312/25]

*378. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [64320/25]

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

*379. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta cathain atá sé i gceist aige an Bille um Údarás na Gaeltachta (Leasú), 2024 a chur ar aghaidh chuig Céim an Choiste; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [64117/25]

*380. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he can provide details of the regulations governing Gael Coláistí, specifically, the procedures for making a complaint in the situation where parents are unhappy about the treatment of their children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [64257/25]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 2025**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when he intends to re-open the basic income for the arts scheme to new applicants. — Cathy Bennett. [64552/25]

2. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the status of the progress made regarding the establishment of a permanent basic income for the arts scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [64387/25]

3. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will ensure that his Department works closely with Coimisiún na Meán, An Garda Síochána, and education partners to strengthen prevention and protect victims, in order that our online spaces reflect the values of safety, respect, and democracy we expect offline (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [64060/25]

4. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the way in which the National Broadband Plan will address gaps in high-speed broadband connectivity in larger towns such as Balbriggan and Skerries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [64566/25]

5. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his plans to expand and prioritise capital grants for accessibility upgrades in arts centres, galleries and theatres in County Louth, with a particular focus on improving facilities for disabled performers and disabled patrons; if additional ring-fenced funding will be made available to support essential works such as accessible backstage areas, adaptive performance spaces, sensory-friendly infrastructure and improved mobility access throughout these venues. — Erin McGreehan. [64318/25]

6. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the immediate financial and governance sanctions that will be applied to the RTÉ board and senior management following the recent discovery of further irregular payments and unauthorised disbursements; and when the proposed legislation to assign the Comptroller and Auditor General as RTÉ's auditor will be fully enacted to restore public confidence. — Paul Lawless. [64503/25]

7. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide details of his efforts to enable sports clubs and local schools to collaborate on the construction of multi-purpose community sports halls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [64622/25]

8. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the funding which has been allocated to a centre (details supplied) in Portlaoise, County Laois, over the past five years; the funding which is planned for the centre in the coming years; and whether there are opportunities to access additional departmental or national funding streams to support its ongoing operation, programming, and development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [63402/25]

9. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the engagement his Department has had with organisations (details supplied) or any other stakeholders following the publication of concerns regarding the welfare of athletes in the high performance programmes at one of the organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [63389/25]

10. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his assessment of the current distribution of film industry infrastructure and funding across the State; if he will consider targeted supports or new initiatives to promote film-industry growth and infrastructure at regional level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [64601/25]

11. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the roll out of the National Broadband Plan as of November 2025, including progress in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [64379/25]

12. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the progress of a nationwide audit of sports facilities to address shortages in areas underserved including towns with populations over 1,500, as set out in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [64605/25]

13. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the planned arts capital programme promised in the Programme for Government. — Malcolm Byrne. [64150/25]

14. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps that Monaghan County Council should take to secure funding for a swimming pool in Carrickmacross. — Matt Carthy. [64392/25]

15. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the work his Department is doing to improve communication infrastructure, and in particular to improve access to communication services during and after strong storms; if he will provide an update on the work his Department has carried out since the publication on the review of Storm

Éowyn in October 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [64220/25]

16. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will take measures to make his Department's sports capital funding schemes more accessible and more suited to the needs of clubs. — Conor D. McGuinness. [64347/25]

17. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the new emergency communications system will be fully operational, given the provision of such technology would be a vital tool for the elderly or vulnerable during the winter months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [64369/25]

18. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will expand the number eligible for the basic income for the arts scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [64162/25]

19. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures that will be implemented to improve on the current anticipated connection timeframe given for the roll out of fibre broadband under National Broadband Ireland for a number of deployment areas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [64351/25]

20. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of sports capital grants and LSSIF projects that have been drawn down to date; the number of projects still waiting to drawdown the funding; if his Department has a tracking system in place to follow drawdowns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [63258/25]

21. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to ensure that female sporting organisations receive appropriate attention, recognition and adequate funding from Sport Ireland (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [64396/25]

22. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the current funding allocations for grassroots sports infrastructure in Dublin Bay North, with specific reference to pitch capacity pressures facing clubs on Dublin's northside; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [64588/25]

23. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his plans to increase long-term investment in arts and cultural infrastructure in County Louth; if he will commit to a dedicated funding stream to support regional venues, creative hubs, and community arts organisations that are struggling to meet rising operational costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [64317/25]

24. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if there are plans to increase funding for high performance coaching; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [64558/25]

25. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps his Department is taking to encourage teenagers to participate in sport. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [64567/25]

26. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the development of the national cricket stadium; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [64632/25]

27. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will outline his proposals regarding the continuation of the basic income for the arts scheme. — Matt Carthy. [64393/25]

28. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport that funding will be made available in 2026 to enhance and develop community sports, arts, and cultural facilities in rural towns and villages across Cork northwest, particularly where existing amenities, such as community halls and playing fields, need upgrading; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [63982/25]

29. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the plans which exist to develop creative-industry employment in Roscommon and Galway, such as film, animation, design, and digital content creation, in line with regional development goals; and whether new supports will be provided to encourage young creatives to remain in the region. — Martin Daly. [64505/25]

30. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the details of payments of sports capital grants to Kildare in the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [64557/25]

31. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the timeline for the next round of the Community Sport Facilities Fund; if the review for the previous round is completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [64585/25]

32. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the timeline for completing fibre broadband roll out in towns with partial coverage under the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [64565/25]

33. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the supports available to upgrade local sports facilities to ensure full accessibility for children and adults with disabilities in community clubs across Dublin Bay North; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [64587/25]

34. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps he is taking to encourage people who speak the Irish language to progress within the field of arts. — Peadar Tóibín. [64063/25]

35. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the timeframe for Sports Capital Grant applications to open in 2026; the preparations required by clubs before the announcement of the next round; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [64368/25]

36. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when his Department plans to invest in a new regional sports complex in County Laois to support community participation, competitive events, and elite athlete development; the timeframes, funding, and stakeholder engagement processes which are planned to deliver such a facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [63401/25]

37. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for inclusion of Macroom, County Cork in further roll-out or expansion of the Night-Time Economy Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [64350/25]

38. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department has received a further update from an organisation (details supplied) regarding a new location for a centre of excellence in Cork; when his Department expects to receive a business case from the organisation outlining the revised location, scope and partnership arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [63257/25]

39. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when details of the next Community Sports Facilities Fund will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [64199/25]

40. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the allocation to arts funding in 2025 and 2026. — Cathy Bennett. [64551/25]

41. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on when the next round of funding will be made available under the LSSIF and sports capital grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [63388/25]

42. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will consider expanding his Department's sports capital funding schemes to enable clubs to purchase land for development of playing facilities. — Conor D. McGuinness. [64346/25]

43. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the outcome of discussions he has had with ComReg and with telecommunications companies in relation to the need to strengthen the telecoms network following storms in recent years and the loss of services for customers, in many instances over a long period of time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [64200/25]

44. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if funding streams are available for large-scale community sports facilities for towns such as Arklow, which has a growing population of over 16,000 people and requires significant investment in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [64358/25]

45. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport in light of other countries introducing restrictions on social media for under 16s or requiring parental consent, if his Department is considering similar measures in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [64061/25]

46. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the timeline of the next round of sports capital grants; the funding expected to be made available in the next round of grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [64621/25]

47. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the engagement he has had with museums in other countries regarding the potential repatriation of Irish artifacts on display in their museums. — Peadar Tóibín. [64064/25]

48. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide an update on funding opportunities to support youth sports clubs and facilities in Cork northwest,

particularly in smaller communities where volunteers are struggling to maintain local pitches, halls, and equipment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [63983/25]

49. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will support the creation of a youth culture pass, similar to the KulturPass in Germany, for 18-year-olds in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [64568/25]

50. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the action he has taken to engage with the Department of Social Protection to ensure artists with disabilities are able to avail of Arts Council funding and the new basic income scheme without fear of losing their medical cards or disability allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [64385/25]

51. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will extend the scope of the basic income for the arts scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [64161/25]

52. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the actions he has undertaken in his role to promote Ireland's republican history. — Thomas Gould. [63076/25]

53. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will consider increasing the rates of remuneration for artists who will be chosen to avail of the basic income for the arts scheme. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [64593/25]

54. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if supports will remain in place for those in receipt of the basic income for the arts payment for the period between the end of the pilot scheme and the commencement of a successor scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [64603/25]

55. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to detail his Department's engagement with Local Sports Partnerships in promoting youth participation in sport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [64380/25]

56. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the national swimming strategy. — Malcolm Byrne. [64151/25]

57. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the actions his Department is taking to increase female participation in all sports from grassroots to elite levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [64631/25]

58. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the An Post pension increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [64604/25]

59. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will outline the funding from Budget 2026 for local and community radio stations across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [64586/25]

60. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will consider expanding the number of artists who will be chosen to avail of the basic income for the arts scheme. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [64592/25]

61. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the integration of organisations (details supplied). — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [64540/25]

62. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will act on the call by an organisation (details supplied) for the removal of the Israeli Basketball Association from the FIBA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [64397/25]

63. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps his Department is taking to encourage the over 60s to participate in sport. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [64541/25]

64. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures his Department is taking to increase youth participation in sport, particularly in disadvantaged areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [64110/25]

65. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will consider permitting community social enterprises to operate post offices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [60299/25]

66. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is aware that darts players cannot access funding through Sports Ireland. — Thomas Gould. [63077/25]

67. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he has engaged with the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment and the Dublin and neighbouring local authorities to ensure that the city, neighbouring towns, communities and soccer clubs can welcome and host fans of the various international teams competing in the Euro 2028 soccer tournament; the social impact and community activity programmes will benefit from a €6.2 million spend as part of Ireland’s €93 million investment in Euro 2028 soccer tournament; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [64626/25]

68. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps his Department is taking to expand accessible municipal and publicly owned swimming pool facilities across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [64388/25]

69. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the application process for the new basic income for artist scheme will be opened; the work that has been carried out on the criteria and conditions of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [64627/25]

70. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to introduce lung cancer screening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [64099/25]

71. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to expand or improve dental facilities in Cork northwest, including the delivery of a new or upgraded facilities to meet growing demand in towns such as Macroom, Kanturk, Mallow and Millstreet; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [64083/25]

72. To ask the Minister for Health the funding being provided for mental health crisis supports and suicide prevention in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [64090/25]

73. To ask the Minister for Health the number of operations completed for complex laparoscopy for severe endometriosis to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [64607/25]

74. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the osteoporosis drug prolia (denosumab) is not routinely available free of charge to men with confirmed debilitating osteoporosis in Ireland in the same manner as it is available to women in equivalent clinical circumstances; and the steps her Department is taking to ensure equitable access for male patients in the Roscommon–Galway constituency who could benefit from this treatment but currently face significant financial or access barriers. — Martin Daly. [64522/25]

75. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on developments with the ambulance service in the southeast; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [64352/25]

76. To ask the Minister for Health for an overview of the recently launched National Endometriosis Framework; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [63981/25]

77. To ask the Minister for Health to request the management of the HSE to utilise the existing hospital building at St. Vincent's, Mountmellick, when the new wing opens, which would increase the bed capacity in the facility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [64160/25]

78. To ask the Minister for Health if she will commission a feasibility study into the provision of CT scans in Monaghan hospital. — Matt Carthy. [64412/25]

79. To ask the Minister for Health whether, in response to HIQA and NIAC advice supporting the roll-out of enhanced influenza vaccines for the over-65 population, HSE officials have been given direction to negotiate with companies, if necessary, to ensure a cost effective price can be secured and enhanced influenza vaccines will for the first time be provided for older people who are more at risk each winter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [64241/25]

80. To ask the Minister for Health if she will address the recent reduction in funding for an organisation (details supplied); if she is aware that discontinuing the twelve-week introductory programme for new members has significantly reduced accessibility; if she will consider restoring funding to ensure affordability for older participants, given that current costs are prohibitive for many; if private health insurance typically covers the organisations programmes, given many members report they are not reimbursed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [64353/25]

81. To ask the Minister for Health the action being taken with regard to the recruitment of GPs in areas of urban disadvantage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [63969/25]

82. To ask the Minister for Health if the decision not to reimburse for belimumab will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [64337/25]

83. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the implementation of 'Digital for Care: A Digital Health Framework for Ireland 2024-2030; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [63883/25]

84. To ask the Minister for Health the reason clinics in Romania and Greece that currently provide the majority of treatment abroad services to women travelling from Ireland were excluded from the list of clinics under the new ESAIS. — Marie Sherlock. [64374/25]

85. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she will take to improve access to community psychology services. — David Cullinane. [64616/25]

86. To ask the Minister for Health if she intends to expand eligibility for funding for diabetes glucose monitors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [64219/25]

87. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the progress being made to fill the vacancy of clinical specialist sonographer in ultrasound at the Louth County Hospital; if the position will remain based at the Louth County Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [63422/25]

88. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the National Children's Hospital; the current timelines for when the project will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [64553/25]

89. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the new critical care unit at Beaumont Hospital. — Tom Brabazon. [64414/25]

90. To ask the Minister for Health if she will reconsider her decision not to extend the special scheme of paid leave for healthcare workers with long-Covid past 31 December 2025; if she will bring forward a permanent scheme for this small group of frontline workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [64322/25]

91. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons treated under the National Treatment Purchase Fund in each of the past ten years and to date in 2025. — Peadar Tóibín. [63788/25]

92. To ask the Minister for Health the total amounts paid in 2024 and in 2025 to Gorey/Courtown Meals on Wheels, County Wexford; the number of service users for which meals were claimed; and if her Department has received any business plan for the service for 2026. — Malcolm Byrne. [64152/25]

93. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she is taking to expedite the long delays in processing the applications for recognition to practice for psychologists; and if she will consider waiving of the 60-day clinical practice requirement for those coming from the UK and a temporary restriction of their practice, in order to bring more psychologists into practice within the HSE. — Marie Sherlock. [64372/25]

94. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for primary care psychological services at each RHA from 2021 to date; the plans there are to deal with the backlogs, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [63423/25]

95. To ask the Minister for Health the action being taken to ensure the opening of all residential beds for older people in community units in Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [64093/25]

96. To ask the Minister for Health the details of any plans to expand the list of conditions qualifying a person for the long-term illness scheme; and if she will consider including individuals who do not have a qualifying condition, but who have a combination of non-qualifying conditions whose cumulative impact on an individual's health is equivalent to a qualifying long-term illness. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [64597/25]

97. To ask the Minister for Health if she will commit to a definite date for delivery of 24/7 cardiac care at University Hospital Waterford; and when the people of the South East can expect such a service to be available to them. — Conor D. McGuinness. [64344/25]

98. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider revising plans in place to modify standards for registration as a counsellor or psychotherapist currently under consideration by CORU, in order to reflect the concerns raised by members of an organisation (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [64595/25]

99. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the elective hospital in Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [63075/25]

100. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to ensure that children in Offaly and Laois can access local primary care occupational therapy services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [64084/25]

101. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the new emergency department at Beaumont Hospital. — Tom Brabazon. [64413/25]

102. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide details of plans for vaccination roll-out for the forthcoming influenza season; the additional measures, compared to previous years, that will be in place to help keep members of the over-65 population safe; if HIQA and NIAC advice supporting enhanced vaccines for the over-65 population has been considered and will be acted upon; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [64240/25]

103. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made on the provision of additional GPs around Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [64153/25]

104. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position on the MCAP review; the way in which and when the membership was constituted; the frequency with which they have met; and when they are due to report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [64361/25]

105. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider including restrictions on nicotine pouch products in the public health (nicotine inhaling products) Bill when presented; the current regulations in place to ensure harmful and unregulated ingredients are not used in these pouches; and if she will consider proposing legislation which will prevent the free distribution of all nicotine products, pouches and otherwise, for marketing purposes. — Paula Butterly. [64097/25]

106. To ask the Minister for Health if she will report on the provision of breast cancer services in County Monaghan. — Cathy Bennett. [64519/25]

107. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the approval status of the drug givinostat; if officials from her Department have been in contact with their counterparts in the North of Ireland to examine the possibility of children with Duchenne muscular dystrophy accessing treatment in the North as an interim measure; if not, to outline the barriers to them doing so; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [62690/25]

108. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider the introduction of a free vaccination for shingles; and if she will consider adding coverage for shingles vaccination to the medical card, discretionary medical card, GP visit card or drug payment scheme card. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [64594/25]

109. To ask the Minister for Health if a permanent psychologist position at Athenry primary care centre will be reinstated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [63328/25]

110. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to improve staff morale at St. Michael's Hospital, Dún Laoghaire. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [64598/25]

111. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on additional inpatient capacity she intends to create for people with severe eating disorders who require hospital admission; the number of additional beds she intends to create; the location and a time-frame for their delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [64549/25]

112. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the rollout of Regional Health Authority in Dublin north-east; the date on which issues with referral pathways between primary care and CDNTs will be resolved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [63332/25]

113. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which her Department plans to keep Irish residents safe and healthy in the face of other large, populous countries which have recently backed away from science-based medicine and disease/virus prevention; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Máire Devine. [56731/25]

114. To ask the Minister for Health to report on the progress of the development of the community nursing unit, Midleton Community Hospital, Midleton, County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [64356/25]

115. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who were scheduled for scoliosis treatment or surgery in UK, the US and in private facilities in Ireland for the period January 2025 to October 2025; and the number who are scheduled for such treatment or surgery in the UK, US and in private facilities here for the next six months. — Marie Sherlock. [64373/25]

116. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the capital investment promised for Belmullet Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [64581/25]

117. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to address ongoing shortages in dental services in Cork northwest, including long waiting times for dental treatment under the dental treatment services scheme, and difficulties in accessing HSE dentists in towns such as Macroom, Millstreet, Mallow and Kanturk; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [64082/25]

118. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list figures for a first assessment in child and adolescent mental health services; the number of children waiting longer than 12-months; and the accountability measures that have been introduced for the senior HSE management responsible for the ongoing service failures and spiralling waiting lists. — Paul Lawless. [64448/25]

119. To ask the Minister for Health the policy measures in place to ensure timely assignment of case managers or social workers for adults with complex needs who are identified as high clinical risk; if she will review current waiting list management for disability services to prevent prolonged delays; the safeguarding protocols which apply in cases where individuals live in non-sheltered settings without support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [64354/25]

120. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made on recommendation 21 of the Sharing the Vision Implementation Plan 2025-2027 proposal for the completion of a situational analysis of the current landscape of community-based provision for dual challenges in the areas of mental health and addiction, including the identification of current gaps/barriers, opportunities as well as the key priority areas for development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [64327/25]

121. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on primary care psychology waiting lists and staffing levels, including vacancies in County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [63331/25]

122. To ask the Minister for Health the steps her Department is taking to address the unacceptable wait times for trans healthcare and to improve healthcare for trans people within the primary care system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [64376/25]

123. To ask the Minister for Health the opening hours of the minor injuries unit in Monaghan Hospital; and the latest time at which a person may present themselves for care. — Matt Carthy. [64411/25]

124. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the National Rare Disease Strategy; the status of each recommendation; if the implementation oversight group has been established; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [63427/25]

125. To ask the Minister for Health the measures her Department and the HSE are taking to recruit for the number of vacancies across all primary care roles in Balbriggan and Swords, including speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and psychology; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [64562/25]

126. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to provide mental health specialist nursing teams in the emergency departments of all model 4 hospitals out-of-hours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [64091/25]

127. To ask the Minister for Health the measures her Department and the HSE are taking to address the long waiting lists for psychology appointments in primary care in the areas of Balbriggan and Swords; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [64561/25]

128. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the Finglas primary care centre; the latest expected timeframe for construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [64355/25]

129. To ask the Minister for Health the plans within her Department to increase the number of acute mental health beds within CHO2; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [64326/25]

130. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the actions her Department is taking to improve ambulance response times in Dublin 15; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [64636/25]

131. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the 60-bed community nursing unit for Youghal project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [64583/25]

132. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who died from lung cancer in the last full year for which statistics are available; how this compares to deaths from other cancers; the action being taken to improve survival rates; how our survival rates for lung cancer compare internationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [64100/25]

133. To ask the Minister for Health if she anticipates that a full public statutory inquiry into the treatment of children with scoliosis and spina bifida will commence in the new year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [64196/25]

134. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the ambulance training base centre for Youghal project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [64584/25]

135. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether the leasing of primary care centres represents value-for-money. — Thomas Gould. [63074/25]

136. To ask the Minister for Health if work will be carried out to exclude land gifted to a grandchild from the current situation where it is included in the fair deal assessment with no time limit or no option to be included as part of the loan arrangement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [55033/25]

137. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the expansion of the newborn bloodspot screening programme to include spinal muscular atrophy and severe combined immunodeficiency has still not been implemented, despite being approved in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [64321/25]

138. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to establish a local nurse-led respite facility in Laois where children with complex medical needs, can access safe, medically appropriate overnight care, in line with the National Policy on Palliative Care for Children (2009), the National Needs Assessment (2013), and the Children's Palliative Care: From Policy to Practice framework (2010–2015); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [63078/25]

139. To ask the Minister for Health if financial advice can be provided to cancer patients to make them aware of entitlements available to them during and after treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [64446/25]

140. To ask the Minister for Health the resources that will be made available for the scanning of women with dense breasts, in whom cancer may not be detectable by mammogram; the protocols which would automatically refer such women for follow-up testing after a mammogram; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [64319/25]

141. To ask the Minister for Health to consider adding the shingles vaccine to the national immunisation programme for over 70s; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [64635/25]

142. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position on advancing the delivery of a day care centre at a building on the grounds of Macroom Community Hospital, Macroom, County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [64362/25]

143. To ask the Minister for Health when the strategic review of general practice will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [64095/25]

144. To ask the Minister for Health the plans the Government has to address the lack of services regarding diabetes care at Letterkenny University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [64571/25]

145. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department plans to introduce primary care centres in the towns of Leixlip and Maynooth to meet the growing population demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [64554/25]

146. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the operation of a community hospital Cobh Community Hospital, Aileen Terrace, Cobh, County Cork; the engagement she has had to date with hospital management regarding funding and service provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [64357/25]

147. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to expand regional specialist FGM services beyond a single national clinic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [64617/25]

148. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on general practitioner services in Mullinavat, County Kilkenny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [64381/25]

149. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the planned redevelopment of the emergency department at Beaumont Hospital; the current status of the design and planning stages; the expected timeline for tendering and construction; whether the project remains a priority within the HSE Capital Plan; the anticipated opening date for the new emergency department; the anticipated opening date for the proposed one hundred bed block; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [64599/25]

150. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department plans to recommend that visitors from large, populous countries that have recently reduced their vaccination requirements for illnesses such as measles, mumps, rubella, and influenza obtain these vaccinations before visiting Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Máire Devine. [56730/25]

151. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the provision of an oncology unit at University Hospital Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [64092/25]

152. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to ensure timely access to an initial CAMHS appointment, given that 4,047 children are currently waiting for their first appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [64377/25]

153. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a detailed update on the recent targeted recruitment campaign for healthcare assistants in south Tipperary; the number of applications received; the number of candidates interviewed; the number of successful candidates offered positions; the number now in post; if any further recruitment campaigns are planned for the remainder of 2025 and early 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [59589/25]

154. To ask the Minister for Health her plans for legislative changes to advance regulation of AHSCP in line with the requirements of CORU; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [64615/25]

155. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she will take to improve access to GP and dentistry services. — David Cullinane. [64614/25]

156. To ask the Minister for Health when a full public statutory inquiry into the treatment of children with scoliosis and spina bifida will commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [64195/25]

157. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the merits of amending the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018 to remove the loophole that allows advertising by alcohol companies to advertise 0.0% versions of their products on TV, radio and sporting events; if her Department has carried out any research into this proposal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62399/25]

158. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons she has yet to bring forward interim amendments to the Dentists Act 1985 to address the priority areas identified by an organisation (details supplied); the timeline she is working towards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [64323/25]

159. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will hold a statutory public inquiry into issues relating to the healthcare of a child (details supplied); the timeline for this inquiry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [64559/25]

160. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the policy that requires GPs to prioritise GMS obligations, as this creates discrimination against individuals who do not qualify for GMS assistance, and limits GPs' capacity to provide private services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [64068/25]

161. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to deal with the crisis with emergency department wait times at Letterkenny University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [64570/25]

162. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to bringing forward a new, modern GP contract; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [64096/25]

163. To ask the Minister for Health when her Department will ensure the addition of spinal muscular atrophy to the Newborn Bloodspot Screening Programme, which is crucial to early diagnosis and support, and which was endorsed by the then Minister in November 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [64375/25]

164. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the plans for the promised upgrade and extension of Sacred Heart Hospital in Castlebar; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [64582/25]

165. To ask the Minister for Health the guaranteed, binding timeframe and allocated budget for the necessary remedial works to expedite the re-opening of admissions to community nursing units currently under HIQA restriction, such as the Ballina CNU; and if she will ensure that these beds will be restored to public use and not outsourced. — Paul Lawless. [64447/25]

166. To ask the Minister for Health for an update as of November 2025 on the commencement date for the new 24-inpatient beds in Mallow General Hospital, and the opening of the last remaining floor; the services that will be provided on this floor; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [63718/25]

167. To ask the Minister for Health when primary care occupational therapy services will be restored in Offaly and Laois; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [64085/25]

168. To ask the Minister for Health the age of all 22 linear accelerators for radiotherapy across public facilities in Ireland; the expected lifetime of each machine; the specific dates by which time new linear accelerators operating past their expected lifetime will be replaced and operational; the projected age of each machine when these replacement dates will be reached; when hiring and training of staff to operate any new machines will begin; and for details of all plans in place to manage the increasing rate machine downtime until such time as older machines have been replaced. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [64596/25]

169. To ask the Minister for Health the WTE orthodontist positions in County Monaghan; the WTE equivalent vacant and the duration thereof; and the number of people on waiting lists to access services for a period of 0-3 months, 3-6 months, 6-12 months and 12 months+. — Cathy Bennett. [64520/25]

170. To ask the Minister for Health the action can be taken to improve services and supports for cancer patients in Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [64445/25]

171. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the new community nursing unit in Clonmel; the handover date and progress on registration with the relevant regulatory bodies; if she will provide an update on the recruitment of staff for the new unit; when she expects patients from the existing St. Anthony's unit to be transferred; when the unit will be at full capacity; and the number of level 3 palliative care beds that will be provided in the new unit. — Michael Murphy. [57764/25]

172. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and the urgent steps her Department is taking to ensure that patients who need treatment under the National Treatment Purchase Fund can avail of it, as in the case of a person (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [63787/25]

173. To ask the Minister for Health her response to the results of the 2025 Healthy Ireland survey; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [63970/25]

174. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the diabetes policy and services review being led by the steering group established in July 2024; when the report will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [64378/25]

175. To ask the Minister for Health the action she is taking to improve stroke care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [63884/25]

176. To ask the Minister for Health her Department’s plans to address the crisis in dental care, given access to care is becoming increasingly difficult for patients in general, as many dental practices are no longer accepting medical card patients. — Conor D. McGuinness. [64345/25]

177. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the development of the National Breastfeeding Strategy; the timeframe for its publication; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62398/25]

178. To ask the Minister for Health if funding has been secured to ensure the delivery of the new primary health care centre in Tubbercurry, County Sligo; the timeline for completion of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [64067/25]

179. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to including a 24-hour rapid response vehicle at Tuam ambulance base in the HSE Capital Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [63327/25]

180. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses in the Dublin mid-west area; the number of vacant positions for public health nurses in the area; when P2 and P3 developmental checks will be provided throughout the consistency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [64560/25]

181. To ask the Minister for Health the funding being provided for the national cancer strategy in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [63980/25]

182. To ask the Minister for Health for a report on introduction of the national shared care record; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [64087/25]

183. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing benchmarks she is aiming to implement in primary care services for young people, where waiting-lists across the disciplines of psychology, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and physiotherapy are in crisis; if she will suspend the pay and numbers strategy and undertake a comprehensive recruitment drive based on those benchmarks, as well as recruiting additional staff in the short-medium term to help address waiting-lists that now far exceed the capacity of a fully staffed service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [64548/25]

184. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has engaged with the private owners of a clinic (details supplied) following its closure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [63719/25]

185. To ask the Minister for Health if she will report on the three options outlined by HIQA into urgent and emergency healthcare services in the HSE Midwest region; her plans for their prompt implementation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [64224/25]

186. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that when the new wing of St. Vincent's Hospital, Mountmellick, is open, the existing section of the hospital that is in use continues to be operational given this was extensively refurbished in recent years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [64159/25]

187. To ask the Minister for Health if hospital car parking charges in St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny will be phased out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [64382/25]

188. To ask the Minister for Health the action being taken with regard to the recruitment of GPs in rural areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [64086/25]

189. To ask the Minister for Health the most recent statistics on mental health outcomes among the Travelling community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [64618/25]

190. To ask the Minister for Health if she or her Department are aware of the concerns of practicing psychotherapists with the proposed changes to CORU regulation on psychotherapy; the way in which the proposals will ensure the maintenance of standards of psychotherapy profession, keeping in line with best European and international practice; if she is aware of the potential implications for the reduction of training hours with the new regulation changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [64569/25]

191. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the large number of small retail shops selling unregulated food and drink products, particularly energy drinks, which are not labelled in English, and breaching EU regulations; if she will outline the enforcement actions in place, and that have been acted upon to address this issue; and if there are further plans in place to tackle this issue and protect from consumption, particularly by youths, of these unregulated products. — Paula Butterly. [64098/25]

192. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made by her Department regarding the Programme for Government commitment to explore early access schemes for medicines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [63426/25]

193. To ask the Minister for Health her response to HIQA's review on the delivery of urgent and emergency healthcare services in HSE Midwest; when decisions will be made with regard to the recommendations in the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [64089/25]