



# **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH**  
**QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

**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 the details of each engagement he or his Department has had with an organisation (details supplied) over the past six months; the topics that were discussed; if discussion at any such engagement encompassed the safeguarding of Irish players and compliance with legal obligations in the context of international competitions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [64623/25]

2. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps An Coimisiún na Meán is taking to promote and enforce safety on social media and combat online harms, with particular regard to vulnerable groups such as children and vulnerable adults; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [64384/25]

3. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the reason the projected costs of the refurbishment of the Crawford Gallery in Cork city are now calculated at over three times the original estimate of €28 million in 2020 to now being estimated at nearly €94 million, and with a completion date of late 2028 at the earliest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [64624/25]

4. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will support the exclusion of teams representing Israel from international sport in the context of the genocide in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [64363/25]

5. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the breakdown of the projected spend of €93 million by the State in hosting seven games of the Euro 2028 soccer tournament; and if additional funding will be given to local soccer clubs to increase participation in the sport and improve facilities in advance of the tournament. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [64625/25]

**CEISTEANNA EILE**  
**OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

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

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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 Feargháil. [64568/25]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

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

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

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

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

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

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

75. To ask the Minister for Health the level of new funding to be made available for the national cancer strategy; if she will implement multi-annual funding frameworks in 2026; when a review of the strategy will commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [64612/25]

76. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she is taking to protect the incomes of front-line healthcare workers who continue to suffer from long-Covid and who are in receipt of the special scheme of paid leave which is due to expire in the coming weeks; if she plans to protect these workers by extending this scheme or recognise long-Covid as an occupational illness; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [64383/25]

77. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to reduce waiting lists for diagnostic scans; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [64613/25]

78. To ask the Minister for Health if work is currently being carried out in her Department to plan for a medically supervised injection centre in Cork; if any such work will be carried out in advance of the findings of the 18-month pilot phase of the supervised injection facility in Dublin city centre; if any potential sites in Cork have been identified; if consideration is only been given to mobile supervised injection facilities outside of Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [65000/25]

79. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that after at least 15 meetings of the Hearing Care Plan Working Group, and meetings by subgroups, a report has still not been issued and has been delayed by over six months into a projected timeline of Q1, 2026; the way in which the scope of the work could have expanded way beyond initial expectations, as stated in responses to previous questions; the commencement date and timeline of the related public consultation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [64788/25]

80. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts being made to address the issue of discharging people from acute hospitals, in particular elderly people, who need a home care package in place in order to manage at home (details supplied). — Danny Healy-Rae. [64998/25]

### CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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 Feargháil. [63883/25]

95. 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]

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

97. 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]

98. 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. — Ruairi Ó Murchú. [63422/25]

99. 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]

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

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

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

111. 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]

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

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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]

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

118. 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]

119. 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]

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

129. 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]

130. 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]

131. 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]

132. 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]

133. 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]

134. 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]

135. 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]

136. 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]

137. 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]

138. 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]

139. 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]

140. 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]

141. 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]

142. 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]

143. 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]

144. 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]

145. 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]

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

147. 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]

148. 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]

149. 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]

150. 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]

151. 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]

152. 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]

153. 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]

154. 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]

155. 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]

156. 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]

157. 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]

158. 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]

159. 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]

160. 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]

161. 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]

162. 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]

163. 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]

164. 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]

165. 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]

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

167. 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]

168. 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]

169. 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]

170. 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]

171. 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]

172. 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]

173. 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]

174. 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]

175. 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]

176. 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]

177. 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]

178. 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]

179. 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]

180. 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]

181. 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]

182. 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]

183. 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]

184. 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]

185. 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]

186. 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]

187. 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]

188. 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]

189. 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]

190. 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]

191. 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]

192. 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]

193. 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]

194. 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]

195. 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]

196. 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]

197. 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]

198. 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]

199. 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]

200. 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]

201. 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]

202. 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]

203. 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]

204. 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]

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

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

\*205. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason for the delay in processing of passports for two persons (details supplied). — Shane Moynihan. [64936/25]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the details of Ireland's contribution to the OSCE; the details of some of its functions; the details of Ireland's role within it as a member and its growing importance in the present turbulent global context. — John Lahart. [65025/25]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will report on Ireland's financial contribution to the OSCE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [65026/25]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on increasing funding to the OSCE for election observation on the basis that investment in such processes protects and strengthens democratic processes and institutions (details supplied). — John Lahart. [65027/25]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the outcome of discussions at the recent General Affairs Council with reference to the EU multi-annual budget (2028-2034); and the need to protect funding for the Common Agricultural Policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [65065/25]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she has spoken with the US Secretary of State in the past two months. — Darren O'Rourke. [65172/25]

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

\*211. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is planning a visit to Cong hatcheries in County Mayo. — Paul Lawless. [64677/25]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will publish the latest Commission for Regulation of Utilities analysis on supplier margins in the retail energy market for 2024 and 2025, the link between wholesale price reductions and retail pricing decisions; and the actions he is taking to ensure that households benefit from lower wholesale prices without delay. — Ken O'Flynn. [64761/25]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the latest switching rates for domestic electricity and gas customers; the actions his Department is taking to increase switching among households on high tariffs; and the steps being taken to improve transparency in billing and tariff information. — Ken O'Flynn. [64762/25]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department will produce a targeted arrears reduction plan for households facing long-term energy debt, including

supports for at-risk customers, actions to prevent the escalation of arrears, and the timeline for transitioning from universal energy credits to targeted supports. — Ken O’Flynn. [64763/25]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the financial supports which have been considered or put in place to assist persons who have significant waste bills due to using incontinence pads to be disposed of; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [64943/25]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of vacancies currently at each grade from higher executive officer level and above within his Department; and the estimated timeframe for filling each of those vacancies, in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [65044/25]

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

\*217. To ask the Minister for Transport the length of time for all second permit holders to be written to by the Road Safety Authority in 2026; to provide details of what the RSA will communicate in these letters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [64650/25]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide detail on the 11 IT systems being changed by the Road Safety Authority; to provide a timeline on the completion of these changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [64651/25]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Transport when the Road Safety Authority closed the priority re-test list for customers who have been previously unsuccessful in their driving test; the reasons for making this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [64675/25]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the commitments made by Ministers in his Department (details supplied) to this Deputy concerning Courtown Coastguard have not been met; the reason there has been a failure to deliver on the new Coastguard facility for Courtown; the person or body responsible for this inaction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [64678/25]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving tests have been carried out in the Dungarvan driving centre, in each month of 2024 and from January to October 2025. — Conor D. McGuinness. [64713/25]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving testers (in FTE terms) should ordinarily be assigned to the Dungarvan driving testing centre; and the current staffing level as of 14 November 2025. — Conor D. McGuinness. [64714/25]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to ensure the enforcement of regulations banning the use of e-scooters by children under the age of 16 on public roads; the means by which he intends on preventing the sale of e-scooters to adults for use by children under 16; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [64721/25]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to support motorists who will be affected by recently announced road toll charge increases; whether there are plans to support employer reimbursement schemes for employees who regularly use tolls to commute to and from work (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [64728/25]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Transport to set out the current eyesight-report requirements for applicants seeking a Category C learner permit, including whether applicants who already hold a full driving licence in other categories are required to undergo a full Category 2 eyesight test; the steps the National Driver Licence Service is taking to ensure that this information is presented clearly on its website and application materials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [64930/25]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the number of learner-permit applications delayed or returned in 2023 and 2024 due to incomplete eyesight or medical documentation for higher-category licences, including Category C; the actions being taken to address repeated reports from general practitioners of applicants attending without the required Category 2 eyesight report; and the expected timeline for updating NDLS guidance to reduce unnecessary GP visits and administrative burden. — Ken O’Flynn. [64931/25]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of reported incidents of passengers fainting or experiencing medical distress due to overcrowding on the early morning Athenry to Galway train services in each of the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [64934/25]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the low cost safety improvement scheme application for Kilrickle submitted by Galway County Council; and if he will prioritise its approval given ongoing safety concerns in the village. — Albert Dolan. [64935/25]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Transport the basis on which Transport Infrastructure Ireland have raised charges on the M50 from 1 January 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [64942/25]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the proposed second platform at the train station in Clara, County Offaly. — Claire Kerrane. [64956/25]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will reconsider the current tolling structure on the M50, given increased numbers of workers returning to office-based employment and rising toll costs are significantly adding to the financial burden of daily commuting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [65066/25]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine reducing or removing M50 toll charges for hauliers, particularly as the M50 is State-owned, in order to alleviate rising operational costs in the haulage sector and support the movement of goods nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [65067/25]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of VRT relief for importing electric vehicles; if he will consider extending the relief beyond 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [65068/25]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress in delivering the commitment in the Programme for Government to publish an electric vehicle strategy; his plans to ensure that public charging infrastructure stays ahead of demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65073/25]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Transport the total level of Exchequer funding allocated and drawn down for electric vehicle charging infrastructure in 2021 to 2025, including specific

allocations to zero emission vehicles Ireland and to local authority-led charging projects, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65074/25]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of publicly accessible electric vehicle charge points currently available in the State, by county and by charger type (slow, fast, high power); the equivalent figures for 2020 to 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65075/25]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the National Road Network EV Charging Plan; the number of motorway and national road service areas where high power charging hubs are now operational; the number that are in procurement or construction; the expected completion dates for each site, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65076/25]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Transport the role assigned to local authorities in planning, delivering and operating public electric vehicle charging infrastructure; the formal guidance that has issued to local authorities on this matter; and the supports available to them in terms of funding, technical assistance and data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65077/25]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Transport if each local authority has prepared or is preparing a regional or local electric vehicle charging plan; the status of these plans by local authority; the way in which they align with national targets under the EV Charging Infrastructure Strategy and the National Road Network EV Charging Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65078/25]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Transport the agencies and offices with responsibility for electric vehicle charging infrastructure, including his Department, Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, the SEAI and others; the specific remit of each body; the coordination mechanisms in place between them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65079/25]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports available to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure in apartment complexes, multi-unit developments and publicly owned car parks; the number of such projects approved and completed to date, by local authority area; his plans to expand these schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65080/25]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Transport the key performance indicators used by his Department and Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland to measure progress on public electric vehicle charging infrastructure, including chargers per electric vehicle, geographic coverage and reliability or uptime; the way in which current performance compares with national targets and with the State's obligations under the EU Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65082/25]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Transport the impact that Circular RW18 and the new regime for exceptional abnormal loads has had on the timing and cost of moving very heavy loads, including for grid and energy project; , if his Department has undertaken or plans to undertake a formal review of the regime in light of stakeholder feedback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65099/25]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Transport how the Eirspan bridge management system is currently used to assess the suitability of bridges and structures for abnormal and exceptional abnormal load movements; if promoters and hauliers can access or obtain relevant capacity data to inform route selection in advance of applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65101/25]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is a formal protocol, working group or memorandum of understanding between his Department, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment, EirGrid and ESB Networks regarding the planning and permitting of very heavy loads associated with strategic energy infrastructure, including transformers, generators and related equipment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65102/25]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has assessed the typical costs incurred by promoters in preparing applications for exceptional abnormal loads, including bridge surveys and independent checks; if he will examine options such as a centrally maintained national capacity map or shared survey data to reduce duplication and cost, particularly for repeat routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65103/25]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has benchmarked Ireland's permitting process and timelines for abnormal and exceptional abnormal loads against best practice in other EU member states and the UK, including the use of electronic permitting systems, standardised time limits and designated heavy-load networks, if lessons from that benchmarking exercise have been or will be applied to streamline the Irish regime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65104/25]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Transport to detail the Christmas and New Year 2025 operating arrangements for DART and Irish Rail commuter and intercity services, including any additional late-night services, last departure times by line and key dates of operation; and if he will direct the National Transport Authority and Iarnród Éireann to publish these details no later than October each year from 2026 to assist public planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65105/25]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Transport to detail the Christmas and New Year 2025 Luas service plan, including night Luas operations; dates; first and last tram times; expected frequency and any planned engineering moratoriums; if he will direct Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the Luas operator to publish Christmas and New Year schedules no later than October each year from 2026 so that passengers can plan in advance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65106/25]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Transport to detail the Christmas and New Year 2025 arrangements for Dublin Bus and Go Ahead, including any expanded late-night services, Nitelink routes and frequencies; the resourcing for drivers and fleet availability; if he will direct the National Transport Authority and Dublin Bus to publish these details no later than October each year from 2026 to provide certainty for commuters, late-night patrons and workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65107/25]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will set targets for punctuality, reliability and customer information during the Christmas and New Year 2025 period across DART, Irish Rail, Luas and Dublin Bus, including measures for accessibility, crowd management, security coordination with An Garda Síochána and contingency plans for outages; if he will require the National Transport Authority to publish a single Christmas travel hub with consolidated

timetables and live-updates no later than October each year from 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65108/25]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated additional cost of providing Christmas and New Year 2025 late-night and enhanced services across DART, Irish Rail, Luas and Dublin Bus; the source of funding for these operations; the planned fare or ticketing promotions; if he will commit that from 2026 the draft festive service plan and funding allocation will be finalised and published by October each year, with a post-season performance report to the Oireachtas in Q1 the following year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65109/25]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has met formally with the new CEO of Iarnród Éireann since her appointment. — Darren O'Rourke. [65173/25]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has met formally with the new CEO of Bus Éireann since her appointment. — Darren O'Rourke. [65174/25]

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

\*255. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance when he will bring forward a medium term fiscal plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [60196/25]

\*256. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the plans he has to address concerns raised by a sector (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [64726/25]

\*257. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has examined the governance and lending practices of Finance Ireland, given reports in March 2024 that the institution advanced a loan of approximately €10 million to a company associated with a developer who benefited financially from a separate decision of An Bord Pleanála (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [64744/25]

\*258. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he considers it appropriate for the State-owned Permanent TSB to pursue the acquisition of a financial institution engaged in lending practices of the type reported in relation to a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [64745/25]

\*259. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if any due diligence conducted by his Department or by Permanent TSB in respect of a company (details supplied) has considered the reputational or regulatory risks associated with its previous lending arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [64746/25]

\*260. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has been in contact with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage or his Department in relation to the decisions of An Bord Pleanála in cases (details supplied) given the potential financial implications of development contribution waivers for the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [64747/25]

\*261. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he or his officials have met representatives of a company (details supplied) since January 2023; if he will provide details of

the dates and subjects of any such meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [64748/25]

\*262. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if any Irish-regulated banks or financial institutions have, since 2015, operated off-balance-sheet or hidden credit lines that involve direct or contingent exposure for the State or taxpayers; and if so, will he detail the institutions involved, the size and nature of those exposures, his Department’s risk-assessment procedures; and the most recent date on which such exposures were reported within the Government’s contingent-liability framework (details supplied). — Ken O’Flynn. [64764/25]

\*263. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to the concerns raised in a report (details supplied) report regarding undisclosed credit commitments in banking systems, if his Department has carried out any independent review in the past five years of off-balance-sheet or standby credit facilities within the Irish financial sector that could give rise to State or taxpayer liability; the criteria used by the Department and the Central Bank to classify such facilities as contingent liabilities for public-finance disclosure; if the findings of any such review have been presented to the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he intends to introduce new disclosure requirements to ensure full transparency of these exposures. — Ken O’Flynn. [64765/25]

\*264. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance in view of the findings of the report “Hidden Credit Lines - The Largest Fraud Anywhere Ever”, if Department has identified any Irish-regulated financial institution that entered into off-balance-sheet or standby credit-line commitments that give rise to direct or contingent State or taxpayer exposure; and if so, will he detail the institution involved, the size and nature of the commitments, and the most recent date on which these were assessed for public-finance disclosure. — Ken O’Flynn. [64766/25]

\*265. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the criteria used by his Department to classify a credit-facility, loan-commitment or standby line as a contingent liability for inclusion in the Government’s contingent-liabilities register; to state whether these criteria have been updated in the past five years; and to confirm whether any credit-line exposures are known to the Department but remain unpublished. — Ken O’Flynn. [64767/25]

\*266. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance To set out the oversight and monitoring mechanisms in place within his Department and the Central Bank of Ireland to detect hidden or off-balance-sheet credit lines in regulated banks, including whether account-level audits, stress tests or reverse-engineering of financial statements are conducted to identify unreported contingent exposures. — Ken O’Flynn. [64768/25]

\*267. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance To detail how many regulated lenders operating in Ireland have transferred or securitised credit-line exposures, standby facilities or similar commitments since 2015; how many of these transferred exposures remain under scrutiny by his Department or the Central Bank; and whether any supervisory or enforcement action has been taken relating to such transfers. — Ken O’Flynn. [64769/25]

\*268. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance To confirm whether his Department requires regulated lenders to publish account-level disclosures of standby credit lines or other contingent commitments that may affect borrower entitlements; and if not, whether he will introduce mandatory disclosure requirements covering all credit-line commitments that involve potential State or taxpayer exposure. — Ken O’Flynn. [64770/25]

\*269. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance To set out whether his Department will publish a regional breakdown of any identified hidden-credit-line exposures, including figures

for Munster and Cork; to provide the number of lenders involved, the approximate scale of exposures, and the estimated taxpayer risk; and to outline how borrowers in Cork city and county will be notified where relevant. — Ken O’Flynn. [64771/25]

\*270. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance To state whether his Department or the Central Bank has commissioned any independent external review to examine the hidden-credit-line exposures referenced in the report; whether such a review includes analysis of any overlap with tracker-mortgage account failures; and whether he will commit to publishing the full findings. — Ken O’Flynn. [64772/25]

\*271. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance To specify the deadlines his Department has imposed on regulated lenders for completing reconciliation and account-level verification of all standby or credit-line exposures that may involve State backing; to outline the current level of compliance; and to set out the sanctions for institutions that fail to meet those deadlines. — Ken O’Flynn. [64773/25]

\*272. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance To confirm whether the hidden-credit-line phenomenon identified in the recent report was considered during the Department’s modelling of borrower redress under the tracker-mortgage framework; to state whether any borrowers may be adversely affected by hidden credit-line exposures, including through loan transfers or securitisations; and to outline how his Department will provide updated guidance to borrowers in Cork city and county. — Ken O’Flynn. [64774/25]

\*273. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his Department’s most recent estimate of total taxpayer-contingent exposure arising from hidden or off-balance-sheet credit lines within the Irish financial system; the assumptions underpinning that estimate; to state when it was last reviewed; and to confirm whether he will commit to regular publication and parliamentary scrutiny of such figures. — Ken O’Flynn. [64775/25]

\*274. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has examined historic balance-sheet restatements by regulated lenders since 2008 to determine whether any concealed or misclassified credit-line exposures were subsequently corrected; to provide the number of restatements identified; and to indicate whether any of these involved previously undisclosed contingent liabilities now known to the Department. — Ken O’Flynn. [64776/25]

\*275. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the Central Bank of Ireland’s supervisory engagement model includes specific tests to identify hidden credit-line structures, including shadow-facilities, inter-affiliate lines or synthetic credit arrangements; and to confirm whether the Minister has requested enhancements to these supervisory tools in light of recent findings. — Ken O’Flynn. [64777/25]

\*276. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the instructions, guidance or circulars the Department has issued to regulated lenders since 2015 regarding the disclosure of contingent exposures, including off-balance-sheet commitments; and whether lenders have been required to re-examine their reporting of standby credit facilities or similar commitments. — Ken O’Flynn. [64778/25]

\*277. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his assessment of the risk that hidden credit-line exposures may have influenced the sale, transfer or securitisation pricing of Irish mortgage portfolios since 2015; and to confirm whether his Department has examined whether any such exposures contributed to borrower misclassification, particularly among tracker-mortgage accounts. — Ken O’Flynn. [64779/25]

\*278. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance how many regulated lenders have reported unresolved credit-line irregularities, incomplete reconciliations or unexplained valuation adjustments to his Department or the Central Bank in the past five years; and to detail how many of those reports remain under investigation. — Ken O’Flynn. [64780/25]

\*279. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the Department has conducted any analysis of the potential fiscal impact on the State should hidden credit-line exposures materialise during a market-stress event; and to outline the scenarios modelled, the estimated scale of risk, and whether these findings have been shared with the Oireachtas Committee on Finance. — Ken O’Flynn. [64781/25]

\*280. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department is aware of any interaction between hidden credit-line structures identified in the recent report and the use of credit-default swaps, total-return swaps or similar derivatives by Irish-regulated institutions; and to detail any supervisory actions taken regarding such instruments. — Ken O’Flynn. [64782/25]

\*281. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the Department or the Central Bank has identified any instance since 2015 in which a regulated lender used intra-group or inter-affiliate funding arrangements to obscure the true scale of its credit-line exposure; and to outline what corrective measures were taken in response. — Ken O’Flynn. [64783/25]

\*282. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether Irish-regulated institutions have provided the Department with full account-level reconciliation of all credit-line facilities assigned, transferred or re-priced during loan-book sales; to state how many such reconciliations remain outstanding; and to indicate when the Department expects all lenders to reach full compliance. — Ken O’Flynn. [64784/25]

\*283. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance what actions he has taken to ensure that borrowers whose loans may have been linked to hidden credit-line exposures are notified in a timely and transparent manner; to detail how such borrowers will be contacted; and to confirm whether his Department will publish regional figures for Cork city and county on affected accounts. — Ken O’Flynn. [64785/25]

\*284. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the Department’s most recent assessment of the fiscal risk to the State arising from hidden or off-balance-sheet credit-line exposures held by regulated institutions; to detail the models used to calculate that risk; and to confirm whether updated risk estimates will be provided to the Oireachtas on a scheduled basis. — Ken O’Flynn. [64790/25]

\*285. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the Department has carried out any macro-prudential stress tests that incorporate the hidden-credit-line exposures referenced in the recent report; to outline the scenarios examined; and to indicate what level of systemic vulnerability was identified. — Ken O’Flynn. [64791/25]

\*286. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the projected impact on the General Government Balance and General Government Debt should hidden credit-line exposures materialise; and to confirm whether contingency planning for such an event has been completed by his Department. — Ken O’Flynn. [64792/25]

\*287. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether a fiscal-risk note, or internal briefing, was prepared by his Department following the publication of the report Hidden Credit

Lines The Largest Fraud Anywhere Ever; and if so, whether he intends to publish that analysis. — Ken O’Flynn. [64793/25]

\*288. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has reviewed the potential interaction between hidden credit-line exposures and the liquidity positions of Irish-regulated lenders; and to detail any measures introduced to strengthen liquidity-risk management in response. — Ken O’Flynn. [64794/25]

\*289. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the Department has examined the treatment of hidden credit-line exposures within the European System of Accounts framework; to indicate whether any Irish exposures have been escalated to Eurostat; and to set out whether revisions to national-accounts classifications are anticipated. — Ken O’Flynn. [64795/25]

\*290. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has modelled the potential impact of hidden credit-line exposures on the State’s borrowing costs, including sovereign-bond spreads; and to outline what assumptions underpin those models. — Ken O’Flynn. [64796/25]

\*291. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether any regulated lender has notified the Department of potential revisions to its own internal risk-weightings or capital models as a result of identifying previously hidden or misclassified credit-line exposures; and to state how many notifications have been received. — Ken O’Flynn. [64797/25]

\*292. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has reviewed the adequacy of the State’s fiscal buffers, including the National Reserve Fund, in light of the contingent exposures raised in the report; and to state whether additional provisioning will be considered. — Ken O’Flynn. [64798/25]

\*293. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance what engagement he has had with the Fiscal Advisory Council regarding potential implications of hidden credit-line exposures for medium-term fiscal sustainability; and whether the Council has been asked to independently assess these risks. — Ken O’Flynn. [64799/25]

\*294. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of loan portfolios containing tracker or variable-rate mortgages have been transferred, sold or securitised by Irish-regulated lenders since 2015; and to confirm whether full account-level audits were required before, during and after each transfer to identify hidden credit-line exposures linked to those loans. — Ken O’Flynn. [64800/25]

\*295. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has assessed whether hidden or undisclosed credit-line exposures influenced the pricing of loan-book sales to non-bank entities; and to detail the conclusions reached from any such assessment. — Ken O’Flynn. [64801/25]

\*296. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether non-bank entities currently servicing Irish mortgage accounts are required to declare any inherited credit-line exposures or standby facilities connected to the portfolios they acquired; and to indicate the number of such declarations that have been received. — Ken O’Flynn. [64802/25]

\*297. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the due-diligence requirements his Department has imposed on regulated lenders when transferring mortgage accounts to special-

purpose vehicles, securitisation structures or affiliated entities; and to confirm whether these requirements include identification of hidden credit-line exposures. — Ken O’Flynn. [64803/25]

\*298. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the Central Bank of Ireland has identified any case since 2015 in which loan-servicing arrangements obscured or failed to disclose a lender’s underlying credit-line exposure; and the corrective or enforcement measures that followed. — Ken O’Flynn. [64804/25]

\*299. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of mortgage accounts held by non-bank entities that are currently under review for possible misclassification, including tracker-mortgage customers; and to state whether hidden credit-line exposures form part of that review. — Ken O’Flynn. [64805/25]

\*300. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the safeguards his Department has put in place to ensure that when mortgage loans are transferred to another lender or servicer, borrower entitlements connected to tracker rates or contract terms are preserved and not compromised by undisclosed credit-line commitments. — Ken O’Flynn. [64806/25]

\*301. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether any regulated lender has reported difficulties reconciling borrower entitlements after loan-book sales due to previously hidden or off-balance-sheet credit-line structures, and to detail how many such cases remain unresolved. — Ken O’Flynn. [64807/25]

\*302. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has reviewed the interaction between hidden credit-line exposures and the servicing standards applied by credit-servicing firms; and to state whether any amendments to these standards are being considered. — Ken O’Flynn. [64808/25]

\*303. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the Department has established a central reconciliation framework to verify all credit-line exposures attached to transferred or securitised mortgage accounts; to state how many lenders have complied with that framework; and to indicate when full compliance is expected. — Ken O’Flynn. [64809/25]

\*304. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to set out whether his Department has examined the extent to which hidden credit line exposures contributed to borrower misclassification in the tracker mortgage scandal; and to state whether any such exposures remain unresolved at account level. — Ken O’Flynn. [64810/25]

\*305. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of tracker mortgage accounts remain under review for reinstatement redress or rate correction where loan transfers or securitisation structures may have obscured borrower entitlements; and to state the expected timeline for resolution. — Ken O’Flynn. [64811/25]

\*306. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to outline whether regulated lenders have reported any inability to reconstruct original borrower records due to hidden or off balance sheet credit line structures; and to provide the number of cases where borrower data remains incomplete or disputed. — Ken O’Flynn. [64812/25]

\*307. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to state whether the Central Bank of Ireland has identified any correlation between hidden credit line exposures and failures in lenders

contract interpretation relating to tracker entitlements; and to indicate what enforcement action followed. — Ken O’Flynn. [64813/25]

\*308. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the additional supervisory requirements that have been imposed on lenders to prevent tracker mortgage customers being moved off their correct rate due to unreported credit line exposures or loan servicing arrangements. — Ken O’Flynn. [64814/25]

\*309. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of tracker mortgage appeals that remain active how many of these involve disputes linked to account transfers loan book sales or undisclosed credit line commitments; and the deadlines set for final adjudication. — Ken O’Flynn. [64815/25]

\*310. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if the Department has reviewed whether hidden credit line exposures resulted in unjust financial gain to lenders at the expense of tracker customers; and to outline whether any mechanism exists for recovery of such gains. — Ken O’Flynn. [64816/25]

\*311. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether he intends to mandate lenders to provide borrowers with a full account level audit trail including all credit line commitments or transfers relating to their mortgage accounts; and to indicate what form this disclosure would take. — Ken O’Flynn. [64817/25]

\*312. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the specific protections are being developed to ensure that tracker mortgage customers whose loans are serviced by non bank entities are not disadvantaged by hidden credit line exposures or undisclosed intermediary arrangements. — Ken O’Flynn. [64818/25]

\*313. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether regional data will be published showing the number of unresolved tracker mortgage cases in Cork city and county including cases connected to hidden credit line exposures; and to state when this data will be released. — Ken O’Flynn. [64819/25]

\*314. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department plans new legal disclosure rules for all lenders covering hidden credit line exposures off balance sheet commitments and standby facilities; and to state the expected timeline for these rules. — Ken O’Flynn. [64820/25]

\*315. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department is preparing changes to financial reporting standards so that all contingent exposures including hidden credit lines are included in lender disclosures; and to indicate the consultation that has taken place with the Central Bank. — Ken O’Flynn. [64821/25]

\*316. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to outline whether any gaps exist in Irish or EU rules that allow lenders to operate credit line structures without full public disclosure; and to set out the actions he will take to close these gaps. — Ken O’Flynn. [64822/25]

\*317. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to state whether he has raised the issue of hidden credit line exposures at EU level; and to detail any cooperation planned with European institutions to address cross border risks. — Ken O’Flynn. [64823/25]

\*318. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to indicate whether his Department has assessed the impact of hidden credit line exposures on Irelands compliance with EU fiscal rules; and whether any technical adjustments have been requested. — Ken O’Flynn. [64824/25]

\*319. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to clarify whether his Department has engaged with UK authorities following the presentation of the report “Hidden Credit Lines The Largest Fraud Anywhere Ever” at Westminster; and to state whether any shared risks were identified. — Ken O’Flynn. [64825/25]

\*320. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to outline whether hidden credit line exposures could affect Irelands participation in EU banking union structures including the Single Supervisory Mechanism and the Single Resolution Framework. — Ken O’Flynn. [64826/25]

\*321. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to state whether any reviews are underway to strengthen cooperation between the Department of Finance and the Central Bank of Ireland in detecting hidden credit line exposures; and to indicate the expected completion date. — Ken O’Flynn. [64827/25]

\*322. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide details of any training or analytical resources being developed within the Department to identify off balance sheet structures including hidden credit lines synthetic facilities and intra group arrangements. — Ken O’Flynn. [64828/25]

\*323. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to confirm whether he will publish a yearly transparency report on all contingent liabilities including hidden credit line exposures; and to state the planned scope and publication date. — Ken O’Flynn. [64829/25]

\*324. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to say if his Department has examined past lending models to see if hidden credit line structures distorted risk pricing for customers; and to state the findings. — Ken O’Flynn. [64830/25]

\*325. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if any lender has reported data gaps that prevented full identification of hidden credit line exposures; and to state how many such reports have been received since 2015. — Ken O’Flynn. [64831/25]

\*326. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to say if his Department has reviewed the role of credit rating agencies in assessing lenders that may have operated hidden credit line structures; and to state if inaccurate ratings created extra risk for the State. — Ken O’Flynn. [64832/25]

\*327. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to state if hidden credit line exposures were considered during the latest financial sector assessment review; and to outline any recommendations linked to Ireland. — Ken O’Flynn. [64833/25]

\*328. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to indicate if his Department has examined whether hidden credit line exposures influenced capital requirements for lenders; and to say if any adjustments are now needed. — Ken O’Flynn. [64834/25]

\*329. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide details of any governance failures identified in lenders relating to hidden credit line exposures including board oversight issues; and to state the follow up that has occurred. — Ken O’Flynn. [64835/25]

\*330. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if any lender has reported off balance sheet adjustments linked to hidden credit lines during annual or quarterly reporting cycles since 2018; and to confirm how many remain under review. — Ken O’Flynn. [64836/25]

\*331. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has reviewed whether hidden credit line exposures affected the valuation of bank shares or State held bank assets; and to say if any revaluations were required. — Ken O’Flynn. [64837/25]

\*332. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to outline whether hidden credit line exposures formed part of the risk analysis before the State exited shareholdings in bank; and to state if a post exit review has taken place. — Ken O’Flynn. [64838/25]

\*333. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if any internal Department warning notes were issued about hidden credit line exposures before the recent report; and to indicate if these notes will be shared with the Oireachtas. — Ken O’Flynn. [64839/25]

\*334. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has examined whether hidden credit line exposures affected the treatment of distressed mortgage accounts; and to say if any cases remain unresolved. — Ken O’Flynn. [64840/25]

\*335. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to confirm if any lenders used hidden credit line structures when restructuring borrower loans; and to provide the number of cases identified since 2016. — Ken O’Flynn. [64841/25]

\*336. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether hidden credit line exposures influenced decisions to sell or transfer distressed or non performing loans; and to state the oversight applied. — Ken O’Flynn. [64842/25]

\*337. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to say if his Department has reviewed whether hidden credit line exposures contributed to delays in resolving long term arrears; and to indicate what findings were made. — Ken O’Flynn. [64843/25]

\*338. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to indicate whether hidden credit line exposures created conflicts between loan servicers and borrowers in cases involving restructures or split mortgages; and the number of complaints received. — Ken O’Flynn. [64844/25]

\*339. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether any lenders reported errors in borrower affordability assessments linked to hidden credit line exposures, and to state whether corrections have been completed. — Ken O’Flynn. [64845/25]

\*340. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has reviewed the impact of hidden credit line exposures on the treatment of voluntary surrenders repossessions or personal insolvency arrangements; and to outline any risks identified. — Ken O’Flynn. [64846/25]

\*341. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether hidden credit line exposures were considered in mortgage to rent assessments and to provide details of any cases where these exposures affected eligibility. — Ken O’Flynn. [64847/25]

\*342. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether hidden credit line exposures created inconsistencies in lenders arrears resolution processes; and to state whether guidance has been issued to correct these inconsistencies. — Ken O’Flynn. [64848/25]

\*343. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if lenders have been directed to review all distressed accounts for possible links to hidden credit line exposures; and to state when the results of this review will be available. — Ken O'Flynn. [64849/25]

\*344. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has examined whether hidden credit line exposures influenced the setting of interest rates for any category of borrowers; and to state what findings were made. — Ken O'Flynn. [64850/25]

\*345. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether any lender reported the use of hidden credit line structures when calculating variable rate margins; and to indicate how many cases were identified. — Ken O'Flynn. [64851/25]

\*346. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether hidden credit line exposures affected the calculation of break fees switching costs or interest adjustments for mortgage customers; and to state if any corrections are outstanding. — Ken O'Flynn. [64852/25]

\*347. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether hidden credit line exposures contributed to inconsistencies in lenders rate change notifications issued to borrowers since 2015; and to provide the number of affected cases. — Ken O'Flynn. [64853/25]

\*348. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has reviewed whether hidden credit line exposures played any role in the withdrawal or alteration of tracker rate products; and to state what evidence has been gathered. — Ken O'Flynn. [64854/25]

\*349. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether hidden credit line exposures influenced lenders assessment of customer eligibility for fixed rate or long term rate products and to provide details of any cases under review. — Ken O'Flynn. [64855/25]

\*350. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether any regulated lender has acknowledged errors in interest rate calculations linked to hidden credit lines; and to provide the number of borrowers impacted. — Ken O'Flynn. [64856/25]

\*351. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether hidden credit line exposures were factored into the Central Bank of Ireland's examination of mortgage switching competition; and to indicate whether any follow up action is planned. — Ken O'Flynn. [64857/25]

\*352. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether hidden credit line exposures affected the pricing of mortgage products offered to first time buyers or regional borrowers, including Cork; and to provide the evidence available. — Ken O'Flynn. [64858/25]

\*353. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department will require lenders to conduct an interest rate review for all borrowers whose accounts may have been influenced by hidden credit line exposures; and when this review will begin. — Ken O'Flynn. [64859/25]

\*354. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has examined whether hidden credit line exposures influenced lender decisions on borrower credit histories; and to state the number of cases affected. — Ken O'Flynn. [64860/25]

\*355. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether any lenders used hidden credit line structures when assessing borrower credit scores or internal risk ratings and to indicate the number of such cases identified. — Ken O’Flynn. [64861/25]

\*356. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether hidden credit line exposures contributed to inaccuracies in borrower repayment records or arrears histories; and the number of accounts remain under review. — Ken O’Flynn. [64862/25]

\*357. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether hidden credit line exposures created inconsistencies in lenders internal credit reporting systems; and to state whether any mandatory system corrections have been ordered. — Ken O’Flynn. [64863/25]

\*358. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has reviewed the impact of hidden credit line exposures on borrower appeals to lenders or to the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman; and to provide the number of related appeals since 2018. — Ken O’Flynn. [64864/25]

\*359. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide details of any complaints received by lenders relating to errors in borrower account histories linked to hidden credit line structures; and to state how many of these complaints remain open. — Ken O’Flynn. [64865/25]

\*360. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether hidden credit line exposures affected the fairness of lenders decisions regarding borrower restructures insolvency arrangements or alternative repayment plans; and to state what corrective action is planned. — Ken O’Flynn. [64866/25]

\*361. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether any lenders have reported that hidden credit line exposures interfered with the proper application of borrower protections under the Consumer Protection Code; and to state the number of cases involved. — Ken O’Flynn. [64867/25]

\*362. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether hidden credit line exposures contributed to errors in lenders communication with borrowers including rate changes arrears letters or contract updates; and to provide details of any investigations underway. — Ken O’Flynn. [64868/25]

\*363. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department will require lenders to issue corrected borrower account statements where hidden credit line exposures led to errors or omissions; and to say when these corrected statements will be issued. — Ken O’Flynn. [64869/25]

\*364. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide county-by-county estimates, based on Revenue’s 2026 valuation modelling, of the number and proportion of residential properties expected to move up one or more Local Property Tax valuation bands for the 2026-2030 valuation period. — Ken O’Flynn. [64957/25]

\*365. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated number of residential properties in Cork City and Cork County that are expected to move into a higher LPT valuation band from 1 November 2025, by band. — Ken O’Flynn. [64958/25]

\*366. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated additional annual LPT liability per band for households in each valuation category under the 2026-2030 LPT structure, using the modelling referred to in Revenue's September 2025 technical paper. — Ken O'Flynn. [64959/25]

\*367. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether any internal briefing notes, modelling papers or impact assessments were prepared within his Department or by Revenue regarding the effect of higher LPT valuations on homeownership affordability, mortgage applicants, or the private rental market, and if he will publish these documents. — Ken O'Flynn. [64960/25]

\*368. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of households nationally that have notified Revenue of disputes or queries relating to LPT band placement since 1 October 2025, and the number of these arising from Cork. — Ken O'Flynn. [64961/25]

\*369. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated number of households in each county whose LPT valuation band will remain unchanged for 2026-2030 but who will still face an increased LPT liability due to changes in band charges. — Ken O'Flynn. [64962/25]

\*370. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has met with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage or the Housing Agency to assess whether increased LPT liabilities for homes valued between €200,000 and €500,000 could affect supply decisions by small landlords, and if so, to detail the outcome of such engagements. — Ken O'Flynn. [64963/25]

\*371. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the expected number of Band 1 properties in local authority or Approved Housing Body ownership nationally for 2026-2030; and whether Revenue has issued guidance to ensure these properties are recorded consistently across all authorities. — Ken O'Flynn. [64964/25]

\*372. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has assessed the potential administrative burden arising from revaluation disputes for 2026-2030; and the estimated impact on Revenue staffing and processing times. — Ken O'Flynn. [64965/25]

\*373. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance when he intends to publish updated LPT statistics reflecting the band movements from the October-November 2025 valuation returns; and whether these statistics will be made available at county level. — Ken O'Flynn. [64966/25]

\*374. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of properties that Revenue estimated would cross two or more LPT valuation bands between 2021 and 2026; and the methodology used to calculate multi-band movements. — Ken O'Flynn. [64967/25]

\*375. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated financial impact on households in Cork City and Cork County whose valuations sit at the upper end of their current band and who are most likely to cross into a higher band for 2026-2030. — Ken O'Flynn. [64968/25]

\*376. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department issued any direction or guidance to the Revenue Commissioners during the 2025 valuation exercise regarding the potential impact of rising valuations on owner-occupier affordability or small landlord viability. — Ken O'Flynn. [64969/25]

\*377. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of properties nationally and in Cork that have submitted corrected, amended or disputed valuations during the October-November 2025 LPT return window. — Ken O’Flynn. [64970/25]

\*378. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated percentage of homes built between 2021 and 2025 that will fall into higher LPT bands under the 2026 valuation; and whether this was considered in Budget 2026 planning. — Ken O’Flynn. [64971/25]

\*379. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department analysed the potential for increased LPT liabilities to interact with mortgage affordability thresholds used by the Central Bank, particularly for first-time buyers. — Ken O’Flynn. [64972/25]

\*380. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department conducted any regional or economic distributional analysis of households most at risk of financial strain from increased LPT valuations; and if so, to publish this analysis. — Ken O’Flynn. [64973/25]

\*381. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of landlords with one or two rental properties who moved into a higher LPT band in 2021; and whether updated estimates exist for 2026. — Ken O’Flynn. [64974/25]

\*382. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated additional LPT yield for each local authority if the 2026 band structure results in upward band movement above the Revenue Commissioner’s assumed four percent. — Ken O’Flynn. [64975/25]

\*383. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of internal Department of Finance or Revenue Commissioners meetings held between January and September 2025 concerning the LPT revaluation cycle, and whether minutes or briefing summaries will be published. — Ken O’Flynn. [64976/25]

\*384. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has examined whether hidden credit line exposures influenced lender decisions on small business loans; and the number of cases identified. — Ken O’Flynn. [65110/25]

\*385. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to confirm whether any lenders applied hidden credit line structures when pricing credit for SMEs farms or sole traders; and to provide details of any cases under review. — Ken O’Flynn. [65111/25]

\*386. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether hidden credit line exposures affected the approval rates for business loans in any region including Cork and to indicate the evidence available. — Ken O’Flynn. [65112/25]

\*387. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether any lender reported errors in business customer credit assessments are linked to hidden credit line exposures; and the number of accounts remain unresolved. — Ken O’Flynn. [65113/25]

\*388. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to indicate whether hidden credit line exposures contributed to inconsistencies in loan restructures offered to small businesses; and the actions which have been taken to correct these inconsistencies. — Ken O’Flynn. [65114/25]

\*389. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to confirm whether hidden credit line exposures affected interest rate setting for SME loans and to state whether any rate corrections are expected. — Ken O'Flynn. [65115/25]

\*390. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to outline whether hidden credit line exposures influenced decisions to sell or transfer SME loan portfolios and to say how many relevant transactions have been examined. — Ken O'Flynn. [65116/25]

\*391. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to state whether his Department has reviewed any impact of hidden credit line exposures on the credit guarantee schemes offered to small businesses and to provide the findings. — Ken O'Flynn. [65117/25]

\*392. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to confirm whether lenders have been directed to review all business loan accounts for links to hidden credit line exposures; and when this review will be completed. — Ken O'Flynn. [65118/25]

\*393. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether regional business borrowers in Cork city and county were disproportionately affected by hidden credit line exposures; and whether regional data will be published. — Ken O'Flynn. [65119/25]

\*394. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has examined whether hidden credit line exposures influenced lenders treatment of savings accounts deposits or term accounts and the findings. — Ken O'Flynn. [65120/25]

\*395. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to confirm whether any regulated lender reported the use of hidden credit line structures in managing customer deposits; and to indicate how many such reports have been received. — Ken O'Flynn. [65121/25]

\*396. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether hidden credit line exposures affected interest rate setting for deposit holders including regional customers in Cork; and to provide any evidence available. — Ken O'Flynn. [65122/25]

\*397. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has reviewed whether hidden credit line exposures created liquidity risks that could impact deposit holders; and the measures which have been taken in response. — Ken O'Flynn. [65123/25]

\*398. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether any lenders have acknowledged errors in deposit account classifications linked to hidden credit line structures; and the number of accounts which were involved. — Ken O'Flynn. [65124/25]

\*399. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if hidden credit line exposures were considered during assessments of bank resolution planning including the treatment of depositors and to outline any risks identified. — Ken O'Flynn. [65125/25]

\*400. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to confirm whether hidden credit line exposures interacted with the Deposit Guarantee Scheme; and whether any adjustments to the scheme are under review. — Ken O'Flynn. [65126/25]

\*401. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether hidden credit line exposures created inconsistencies in lenders reporting of deposit inflows or outflows; and whether corrections have been ordered. — Ken O'Flynn. [65127/25]

\*402. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has examined any link between hidden credit line exposures and the capital or liquidity positions of banks that could affect depositor security; and to provide the conclusions reached. — Ken O’Flynn. [65128/25]

\*403. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to confirm whether an independent review will be commissioned to assess the full impact of hidden credit line exposures on both borrowers and depositors; and when the results will be made available to the Oireachtas. — Ken O’Flynn. [65129/25]

\*404. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will equalise tax relief on taxsaver commuter tickets to ensure that lower paid workers are not forced to pay more for public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [63317/25]

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

\*405. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if a location (details supplied) is showing on the flood plain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [64727/25]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on securing a consultant to perform the assessment of the flood mitigations for a location (details supplied) along with others impacted by the River Dower in the locality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [65060/25]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of female apprentices, by trade that are currently employed by the OPW, in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [65175/25]

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

\*408. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the total number of applicants in each local authority for the power-up grant in 2025; the number of successful applicants; the total amount awarded per local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [65019/25]

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

\*409. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a new school building project (details supplied) has gone to tender, as mentioned in her statement in Dáil Éireann on 12 November 2025; when the tender will be published on eTenders; if she can confirm the deadline for tender submissions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [64660/25]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will intervene in a pension anomaly situation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [64667/25]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a proposal for a new school building (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [64683/25]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the processing of school transport applications for children with disabilities for the current school year; whether it is the case that the CIE office in Broadstone is processing applications across multiple counties; the number of staff currently assigned to this work; and whether additional resources will be allocated to address the backlog and ensure that all eligible children can access school transport as soon as possible. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [64692/25]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether there is a mandate for the inclusion of special education classes in all new schools sanctioned by her Department; and if so, whether this is an automatic requirement or decided on a case-by-case basis. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [64693/25]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the plans of the NCSE for the 2026 academic year for the Dublin northwest area, including the number of new special education places needed. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [64694/25]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of new special education places that will be provided in the Dublin northwest area, broken down by whether they will be in mainstream settings, special classes, or special schools; and to specify whether any new special schools or classes are due to open by September 2026. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [64695/25]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth how far beyond 2026 the NCSE and the Department have planned regarding the provision of sufficient special education places at primary and post-primary level; and to provide details of any long-term forecasts or capital and workforce planning work currently underway. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [64696/25]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of the NCSE’s expression of interest process for 2026 school places for children with special educational needs, given that the online form closed in October 2025 and has since been removed from the NCSE website; and the alternative mechanism has been put in place for parents to express interest beyond that deadline, as was previously indicated in the Minister’s statement of 15 September 2025. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [64697/25]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of parents that have completed the NCSE expression of interest form for 2026; and the number of parents the NCSE had expected or invited to complete it but have not yet done so. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [64698/25]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether a school in Dublin 11 (details supplied) has scope for expansion beyond its current size; and whether any such expansion is being planned or funded by the Department or the NCSE. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [64699/25]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated number of children expected to require special education places in second-level settings, including mainstream supported places, special classes, and special schools in the Dublin northwest area over the next five years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [64700/25]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on the availability of early intervention preschool places on the northside of Dublin; the plans to provide new early intervention places in Dublin 11 and Dublin 9, where there is only one setting (details supplied) and some private provision through the home tuition grant. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [64701/25]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the climate action plan for schools will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [64712/25]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the educational initiatives currently being undertaken to promote equality and inclusion in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [64720/25]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the formal policy or contractual requirements in place to ensure that all publisher-produced resources, particularly those accompanying mandatory curriculum changes such as the new primary mathematics curriculum, are made available simultaneously and with equal quality, including digital and interactive components in both English and Irish for the benefit of Gaelscoileanna and Gaeltacht schools. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [64723/25]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware that the new English-language New Busy at Maths series has been released with comprehensive, interactive digital resources aligned with the new primary mathematics curriculum, while a fully updated Irish-language version, including the equivalent integrated resources, has not been made available to Irish-medium primary schools; her views on this discrepancy or plans to take steps to remedy it urgently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [64724/25]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will engage with publishers (details supplied) to secure a definitive timeline for the release of the fully integrated Irish-language version of the New Busy at Maths series, or equivalent high-quality resource that meets the standards of the English version, including all digital and assessment supports, to ensure equitable resource provision for Gaelscoileanna during the crucial PMC implementation period. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [64725/25]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when her Department will grant full approval to a school (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [64729/25]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she plans to review a schools (details supplied) SNA allocation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [64738/25]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in Cork who notified the NCSE by 1 October 2025 that they require an autism-specific class or special school place for the 2026–2027 school year; the number of new classes required to meet this demand; the number sanctioned to date; and the steps she will take to guarantee that all eligible children in Cork receive an appropriate placement for the 2026–2027 school year. — Ken O'Flynn. [64786/25]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the provisions her Department is putting in place for schools to pay part-time staff such as SNAs, secretaries and caretakers for attendance at whole-day mandatory child protection training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [64932/25]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the provision her Department is making to ensure that schools are fully staffed in situations where school staff on approved forms of leave for example, job share accrue an entitlement to time off in lieu as a result of attending mandatory child protection training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [64933/25]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of NEPS psychologists assigned to schools in Dublin mid-west. — Shane Moynihan. [64946/25]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of NEPS psychologist consultation sessions assigned to schools in Dublin mid-west in 2024, by school. — Shane Moynihan. [64947/25]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of NEPS psychologist consultation sessions delivered by private contractors in schools in Dublin mid-west. — Shane Moynihan. [64948/25]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of the proposed ETB development at Drayton Villa, Clara, County Offaly. — Claire Kerrane. [64954/25]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in Cork City and Cork County who notified the NCSE by 1 October 2025 that they require an autism-specific class or special school place for the 2026-2027 school year, by primary and post-primary level. — Ken O'Flynn. [64977/25]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of new autism classes that the NCSE has identified as required in Cork for 2026-2027; and the number that have been sanctioned to date. — Ken O'Flynn. [64978/25]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools in Cork that reported having no available accommodation for a new autism class during the 2025 NCSE planning process. — Ken O'Flynn. [64979/25]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of eligibility letters issued by SENOs in Cork from January to October 2025; and the number of these children remain without a confirmed placement. — Ken O'Flynn. [64980/25]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average and longest waiting time reported by Cork parents seeking autism-specific class placements for 2025-2026; and whether the Department tracks these waiting times. — Ken O'Flynn. [64981/25]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special class places lost or temporarily unavailable in Cork due to school accommodation constraints in 2025; and the steps being taken to prevent recurrence in 2026. — Ken O'Flynn. [64982/25]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools in Cork that requested an SNA review between September and October 2025; and the number of these reviews that remain pending. — Ken O'Flynn. [64983/25]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of Cork schools received reduced SNA allocations following the 2025 NCSE review; and the reasons recorded by the NCSE for each reduction. — Ken O’Flynn. [64984/25]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of NCSE SNA review recommendations nationally and in Cork that were issued outside the six-week review window; and the impact on schools preparing for 2026. — Ken O’Flynn. [64985/25]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether any assessment has been carried out on whether the definitions of “complex care needs” and “level 3 care needs” used in the 2025-2026 SNA Review Process adequately reflect the needs of students in autism classes; and if she will publish this assessment. — Ken O’Flynn. [64986/25]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of autism class applications in Cork that were redirected by the NCSE due to capacity issues in preferred schools for the 2025-2026 school year, and the number expected for 2026-2027. — Ken O’Flynn. [64987/25]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the NCSE has completed a capacity audit of all post-primary schools in Cork to determine which schools can accommodate new autism classes for 2026-2027, and if she will publish the findings. — Ken O’Flynn. [64988/25]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools in Cork that have been identified for reconfiguration or minor works to support the opening of new autism classes for 2026-2027, and the expected timelines for completion. — Ken O’Flynn. [64989/25]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in Cork who received eligibility letters for special class placement but were advised by schools to apply to multiple schools due to lack of transparency or clarity in the admissions process. — Ken O’Flynn. [64990/25]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the NCSE has completed any assessment on the administrative burden placed on parents seeking autism-specific placements in Cork, and whether improvements are planned for 2026. — Ken O’Flynn. [64991/25]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools in Cork that were issued guidance or support on implementing the Relate document during the 2025 SNA review period; and whether training was delivered in person or online. — Ken O’Flynn. [64992/25]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of SNA allocation appeals lodged by Cork schools in 2025; and the proportion upheld in full or in part. — Ken O’Flynn. [64993/25]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of Cork schools where the NCSE recommended no change in SNA allocation despite evidence of increased behavioural or high-support needs reported by the school. — Ken O’Flynn. [64994/25]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools nationally and in Cork that reported delays in accessing SENOs during the 2025 SNA review cycle; and the steps being taken to ensure timely support for 2026. — Ken O’Flynn. [64995/25]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the Department has conducted any review of the consistency of NCSE decisions across counties, with specific reference to Cork; and if she will publish the results of any such review. — Ken O’Flynn. [64996/25]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a further review will take place on the level of disadvantage within schools towards establishing whether more schools meet the requirements for entry into the current DEIS programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [65005/25]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the development of a new building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [65008/25]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of spaces available for incoming first year students in mainstream secondary schools within the school planning area of Galway city; if the schools have sufficient capacity for all 6th class pupils currently enrolled in mainstream primary schools within the school planning area of Galway city; if her Department has given consideration to increasing capacity of secondary school places with the Galway city planning area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [65020/25]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the development and enhancement works of a school (details supplied) in Galway city; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [65021/25]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the development works at a school (details supplied) in Galway city; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [65022/25]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total number of first-year places available in each of the three secondary schools in Greystones (details supplied) for the 2026/2027 academic year; the total number of individual children who applied for first-year places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [65029/25]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will address the issue whereby primary schools are unable to input casual substitute work undertaken by teachers who are on carer’s leave into the on line claims system, and are instead required to use the more cumbersome sub for sub-timesheet process; if she will confirm that this anomaly will be rectified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [65030/25]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware that the requirement to use sub for sub-forms for teachers on carer’s leave who undertake casual substitution places an additional administrative burden on schools, and may discourage schools from offering such teachers substitute work; and the steps she will take to remove this disincentive and ensure equitable access to substitute opportunities. — Pearse Doherty. [65031/25]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the online claims system will be updated to allow the input of substitute hours worked by teachers who are on carer’s leave, in line with all other casual substitute teachers; and if she will provide a timeline for this update. — Pearse Doherty. [65032/25]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will address the issue whereby teachers on carer's leave who work as casual substitutes are not receiving payslips that include the school roll number and the specific dates worked; if she will confirm that this information will be added to their payslips; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [65033/25]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures her Department will take to ensure that teachers on carer's leave who engage in casual substitute work are able to verify their payment details with the same accuracy and clarity as other substitute teachers, given the current absence of key information on their payslips; and if she will provide an update on improvements to the payroll system. — Pearse Doherty. [65034/25]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the means by which her Department intends to ensure that substitute teachers who are on carer's leave are not placed at a disadvantage compared with other substitutes when it comes to payment processing, administrative requirements and transparency of pay information; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [65035/25]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the primary school parent survey given the survey is currently open and is subject to misuse (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [65040/25]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if all appointments regarding maternity leaves, fixed-term contracts of teachers have complied with DES regulations regarding advertising regulations, appointment and interview procedures and that SNA appointments have complied with same in terms of association with amalgamated schools since June 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [65041/25]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) will be completed. — Darren O'Rourke. [65176/25]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) will be completed. — Darren O'Rourke. [65177/25]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) will be completed. — Darren O'Rourke. [65178/25]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) will be completed. — Darren O'Rourke. [65179/25]

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

\*474. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his Department's position on the adequacy of social media and online regulation to promote a safe online environment; if his Department has any plans to amend existing legislation or introduce new legislation on the topic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [65050/25]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the new measures his Department is proposing to enhance online safety; if these measures will also work to protect all

citizens online, including children and vulnerable adults; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [65051/25]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the roll out of the National Broadband Plan in rural counties, such as Offaly; whether delivery timelines are on track; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [59351/25]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the expected timeline for the completion of full fibre broadband roll out in Skerries and surrounding areas in Dublin Fingal; if he will provide a breakdown of the number of premises currently connected versus those still awaiting service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [52394/25]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline the supports available to remote workers and small businesses in towns like Skerries who are still experiencing poor broadband connectivity; whether interim solutions are being considered while full fibre roll out is completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [52395/25]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the sports capital and equipment programme and large-scale sport infrastructure fund will open for new applications for much-needed funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [64399/25]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when he will publish the revised general scheme of the Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2023; if he will provide empirical data to back his statements that he will not be implementing all of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Culture, Communications and Sports recommendations on the Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [64400/25]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps being taken to support the recovery and growth of the live arts and events sector, which continues to face challenges related to rising operational costs and venue closures; if his Department will consider the expansion of grant or tax-relief supports for regional theatres and music venues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [64647/25]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide an update on investment in local sports facilities and community clubs across rural Ireland; whether the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme will be expanded or restructured to prioritise underfunded areas such as east Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [64648/25]

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

\*483. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if she is aware of the current underfunding of emergency medical services for the fire brigade (details supplied); and if she will instruct her Department to provide adequate funding to ensure that the brigade has access to needed equipment. — Paul Murphy. [64666/25]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason Irish homeless families in emergency hotel accommodation do not have hot meals provided, when

Ukrainians in the same hotel are provided with three hot meals a day; his views on whether this is discriminatory; his plans to end this discrimination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [64719/25]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the determinants for the allocation made to each local authority through the local Government fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [65015/25]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total funding allocation provided to each local authority under the local Government fund for 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [65016/25]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports available to families with a child that is a wheelchair user and who are seeking accessible housing, but do not qualify for social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [64654/25]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local service sites acquired by each county council for each of the past five years. — Paul Lawless. [64669/25]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the proportion of Irish land which has been sold to individual and investment firms outside the State of Irish land is owned by foreign investors; to provide a list of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [64718/25]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider proposals (details supplied) to alter the vacant property refurbishment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [64733/25]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps being taken to ensuring that all advertised vacancies for clerks of works and building control inspectors are in line with updated qualifications for those roles. — Shane Moynihan. [64937/25]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on work being carried out by his Department in conjunction with Inland Fisheries Ireland and an organisation (details supplied) to improve the flow of the River Slaney at Clohamon, County Wexford and to assist the passage of fish, including salmon on the River Slaney; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [64939/25]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will give consideration to the introduction of gender quotas for political parties in local elections, in advance of the 2029 local elections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [64940/25]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current status of the proposed new fire station in Clara, County Offaly. — Claire Kerrane. [64955/25]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total allocation of funding provided to each local authority in 2024, 2025 and 2026 for change of tenancy works

in their housing stock, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [65018/25]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the National Parks and Wildlife Service have purchased land (details supplied). — Martin Kenny. [65069/25]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the planning policy and guidance in place to ensure that new residential and commercial developments, including multi-storey and surface car parks, are designed to accommodate electric vehicle charging infrastructure, including any requirements in development plans or parking standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65081/25]

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

\*498. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the maximum rents payable under the rent supplement scheme have remained unchanged since October 2019; his views that rents have risen substantially, by almost 40% in cities and commuter belts, to date; if he will revise maximum rents to reflect current rents and commit to a regular review given the consistent upward trajectory of rents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [64710/25]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department will consider an increase in the income threshold for participants on the farm assist scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [65010/25]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the history of and current status of the carer's allowance claim for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [65036/25]

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

\*501. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the progress of an investigation (details supplied) to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [64670/25]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of offences of poisoning under the Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person Act 1997 recorded for 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, per county, in tabular form. — Tom Brabazon. [64704/25]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prosecutions for poisoning, under the Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person Act 1997, for 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, per county, in tabular form. — Tom Brabazon. [64705/25]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if incidences of spiking with a needle have been recorded on the Garda PULSE system in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the number of incidences, by county, in tabular form. — Tom Brabazon. [64706/25]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if incidences of drink spiking have been recorded on the Garda PULSE system in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the number of incidences, by county, in tabular form. — Tom Brabazon. [64707/25]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the deportation of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [64715/25]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has undertaken a thorough and detailed survey of the educational and professional qualifications of all individuals residing in IPAS centres, including but not limited, to their levels of secondary and tertiary education, the presence of advanced degrees such as PhDs, professional qualifications in fields like medicine or engineering, and any other vocational skills that may be of value to the Irish labour market; if such a survey has not been conducted, the reason this information has not been gathered; whether there are plans to carry out such an assessment in the near future; and to provide any existing data to facilitate straightforward analysis and public transparency, in tabular form. — Ken O'Flynn. [64730/25]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when his Department took the decision to outsource the printing of certificates of naturalisation; and the reason this decision was taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [64731/25]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason for delays in receiving certificates of naturalisation following ceremonies; if the decision to outsource the printing of certificates is leading to a delay in individuals receiving their certificates within the recommended timeframes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [64732/25]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the up-to-date crime statistics for all crimes for both the Dublin west and Dún Laoghaire areas. — Paul Donnelly. [64735/25]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount of full-time and part-time Garda stations for both the Dublin west and Dún Laoghaire areas. — Paul Donnelly. [64736/25]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the up-to-date Garda members and rank for both the Dublin west and Dún Laoghaire areas. — Paul Donnelly. [64737/25]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department provided funding for an organisation (details supplied). — Shane Moynihan. [64938/25]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of youth diversion projects operating in County Galway; the staffing cohort associated with each project; the number of participants at each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [65009/25]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda officers, by rank, attached to all Garda stations within the Galway Garda division in 2023, 2024 and 2025; the number of Garda officers who retired from Garda stations in the Galway division

in 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [65011/25]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda cars and vans attached to each Garda district within the Galway division in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [65012/25]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of traffic offences recorded in each Garda division under section 3 of the Road Traffic Act 2006, in each of the years 2022 to 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [65017/25]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of receipt hosts and persons benefitting from accommodation under the accommodation recognition payment, by county; the number of new entrants into the scheme each month since January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [65038/25]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of international protection accommodation centres currently not in possession of a fire safety certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [65042/25]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has spoken formally with his Australian counterpart in the past six months. — Darren O'Rourke. [65045/25]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of penal warrants that are currently outstanding within Meath/Westmeath division. — Darren O'Rourke. [65046/25]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí within the Meath-Westmeath division that have been fully trained in each level of public order training in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [65048/25]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the Irish Prison Service is in the process of shutting down the bakery workshop in Mountjoy; the reason for this; the projected annual costs of buying bread for the prisons from another source; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [65064/25]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will address difficulties faced by residents of County Mayo in securing first-time immigration registration appointments following the centralisation of services to the Dublin Burgh Quay office in January 2025; if he is aware that prior to this change, appointments were available locally at Garda stations such as Ballyhaunis; the rationale for removing local registration options; the steps he will take to ensure timely availability of appointments, given that current advice to applicants is to “keep checking the website” and that no appointments are available for the next 90 days, causing significant financial and logistical burdens for applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [65070/25]

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

\*525. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of prime agricultural land being sold for forestry to foreign investment firms such as a company (details supplied) in coalition with Coillte. — Paul Lawless. [64716/25]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1453 of 4 November 2025, if the allocation of €5 million will allow for all farmers with the cohort known as the so-called forgotten farmers to participate; if it will allow for payments fully in line with those they were previously denied access to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [64734/25]

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

\*527. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of section 16A of the Disability Act 2005 applications which have been made, granted, and implemented from January 2021 to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [64643/25]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the guidance, or interim guidance, which is available on the operation of section 16A of the Disability Act 2005; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [64644/25]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the oversight and risk management processes in place in relation to section 16A of the Disability Act 2005; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [64645/25]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the HSE and her Department are considering the provision of interim direction on section 16A of the Disability Act 2005 to ensure existing lawful determinations are implemented without further delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [64646/25]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of occasions in the past five years on which has Tusla flown children to the UK so they could be accommodated in secure units there; if a guardian ad litem accompanied children on every occasion; who else accompanied the children; the age profile of the children; the number of Irish children currently being accommodated in this way; the length of time have they been living in these arrangements for; the number of occasions on which Tusla hired a private plane; in these cases, if every possible option in Ireland was explored beforehand; if any children turned 18 while in a secure unit in the UK; and if so, the aftercare options they were they offered in the UK and in Ireland. — Paul Murphy. [64662/25]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of occasions in the past five years on which Tusla has housed children in eating disorder units or other CAMHS units who had not been found to have a mental disorder due to a lack of secure placements. — Paul Murphy. [64663/25]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of secure unit places available nationally for both girls and boys in Ireland; how that compares to the demand; and to outline whether there is ever a waiting list. — Paul Murphy. [64664/25]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of special emergency arrangement locations Kare Plus South has open with Tusla; the qualifications its staff must have in order to look after children living in these arrangements; if the staff have therapeutic crisis intervention training; if the staff working in a location (details supplied) where a serious incident took place have therapeutic crisis intervention training; the qualifications the staff members on duty at the time of the stabbing have, without identifying them or the children in question; the ratio of children to staff in the centre at the time of the attack; whether it is the case that this centre was due to be closed the week following the attack prior to the attack itself; if so, why it was being closed; whether any review every conducted on the suitability of this accommodation; and if so, by whom. — Paul Murphy. [64665/25]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total annual expenditure by Tusla on subcontracted private providers, including limited companies, engaged to provide residential or emergency care placements for children in each of the past five years. — Ken O'Flynn. [64890/25]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of limited companies currently providing care placements to Tusla under contract, the range of services delivered, and the number of children placed with each provider. — Ken O'Flynn. [64891/25]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department monitors the ownership structures, beneficial owners or corporate arrangements of limited companies contracted by Tusla to provide child care placements. — Ken O'Flynn. [64892/25]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of regulatory inspections carried out on private subcontracted providers in each of the past five years, the number of breaches identified, and the remedial actions directed. — Ken O'Flynn. [64893/25]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if any private subcontracted provider has been sanctioned, suspended or removed from eligibility to receive referrals from Tusla in the past five years, and the reasons for those decisions. — Ken O'Flynn. [64894/25]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average cost per child per week for placements provided by subcontracted private companies, and the comparable cost of Tusla-operated placements delivering the same level of care. — Ken O'Flynn. [64895/25]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if Tusla has completed any value-for-money assessments on the use of private subcontractors for child care placements, and if she will publish the assessments. — Ken O'Flynn. [64896/25]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has received any reports, internal warnings or correspondence regarding governance failures, safeguarding concerns or quality-of-care issues within subcontracted private care providers. — Ken O'Flynn. [64897/25]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of unannounced inspections carried out on subcontracted private child care providers in each of the past five years, and the inspection outcomes. — Ken O’Flynn. [64898/25]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps her Department will take to increase transparency and oversight of private companies providing child care placements on behalf of the State. — Ken O’Flynn. [64899/25]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of governance or safeguarding concerns raised about private companies providing care on behalf of the State since 2020, and the actions her Department has taken in response. — Ken O’Flynn. [64926/25]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if any external reviews have been commissioned into the regulatory oversight of providers contracted by Tusla, and if she will publish the terms of reference and completion dates. — Ken O’Flynn. [64927/25]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps each Department is taking to improve data sharing, risk assessment and governance coordination for services involving children, vulnerable adults and high-risk health environments. — Ken O’Flynn. [65037/25]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the contingency measures which are in place to support families who lose childcare places as a result of providers withdrawing from core funding or ceasing operations; the extent to which her Department is tracking the emerging capacity gap at local and regional level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [65052/25]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she has met with representative bodies for private childcare providers in recent months to discuss concerns regarding staffing costs, administrative burden, and funding adequacy under the core funding scheme; the outcomes of those engagements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [65053/25]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review the administrative and compliance obligations associated with the core funding model, which providers have described as onerous and disproportionate; the planned reforms to reduce the reporting burden; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [65054/25]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will address concerns that the current funding model does not adequately reflect the higher staffing ratios and operating costs associated with infant and wobbler care; and if she will consider adjusting the funding to prevent further contraction of places in this age cohort; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [65055/25]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures being taken to address recruitment and retention challenges in the early learning and care sector; if her Department plans to introduce additional supports to improve pay, conditions and career pathways for educators; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [65056/25]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide data on regional disparities in childcare availability, including areas where supply is failing to meet demand; the targeted interventions which are being developed to alleviate childcare shortages in those areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [65057/25]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has carried out any impact assessment of the core funding model since its introduction; if her Department plans to review or revise the model in view of recent provider withdrawals and operational challenges; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [65058/25]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her Department's long-term vision for childcare sector reform, including the way in which she plans to balance affordability for parents with sustainability for providers; if further structural changes to the funding model are under consideration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [65059/25]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current number of children awaiting ASD assessments across the midlands, including a breakdown, by county and the average waiting time for assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [65585/25]

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

\*557. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on Ireland's Health Workforce Action Plan, with particular reference on decreasing staff burnout and levels of long-term emigration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [64789/25]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Health the funding and measures in place for sick and elderly people who live alone and are being discharged from acute hospital settings, and who need sufficient care to manage in their home. — Danny Healy-Rae. [64999/25]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Health if she plans to conduct an equality and human rights impact assessment (EHRIA) of a proposal by the HSE to develop a centralised 50-bed residential mental health service on the grounds of St. Stephen's Hospital, Glanmire (details supplied); the details of when an EHRIA in this instance will be carried out; and by whom. — Liam Quaide. [62686/25]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Health if she will give an update on the 15,000 free counselling sessions to men being provided as part of an integrated series of initiatives to ensure people with mental health difficulties are able to access the appropriate range of supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [64166/25]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to regulate the sale of nicotine products for oral consumption; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [64167/25]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Health her Department's perspective on the CORU revised standards and criteria for counsellors and psychotherapists (details supplied); and the reason the revised standards also reduce the requirements for clinical supervision of therapists, which is an essential component of safe practice and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [64639/25]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Health her Department's plans to expand access to mental health services for young people, including school-based supports and early intervention programmes; whether consideration has been given to strengthening community mental health teams in rural areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [64640/25]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outpatient and diagnostic appointments that have been offered, accepted, and recorded as did not attend/no show, in both the Regional Hospital Mullingar and the Regional Hospital Tullamore for the most recent full year; the number of patients currently on waiting lists in each hospital for MRI scans; the number of patients who have been referred from each hospital to private hospitals for MRI scans under outsourcing or insourcing arrangements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [64641/25]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Health the number of MRI appointments carried out in the Regional Hospital Mullingar in the past three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [64642/25]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of children awaiting ASD assessments across the midlands, including a breakdown, by county and the average waiting time for assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [64652/25]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Health the total cost incurred by the HSE in outsourcing ASD assessments for children to private providers in the past five years; the number of children referred externally for assessment during that period; the average cost per outsourced assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [64653/25]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Health given cochlear implants are provided free of charge to deaf people, if there is potential for a change in policy in order that hearing aids can be made available free of charge, or at least with significantly greater financial support, to deaf people who need them. — Paul Donnelly. [64656/25]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychology posts that have been approved nationally; the number currently vacant; the number of posts specifically allocated to Balbriggan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [64657/25]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Health the expected timeline for the recruitment and appointment of psychologists to fill the approved but vacant posts, including those in Balbriggan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [64658/25]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Health the contingency plans in place should recruitment efforts for psychology posts continue to face delays or stall, particularly in areas such as Balbriggan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [64659/25]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Health when an occupational therapist will be recruited for primary care services in Laois; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [60014/25]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Health when an occupational therapist will be put in place in Laois to provide services to the elderly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [60013/25]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Health when a psychologist cognitive behavioural therapist and a social worker will be put in place in County Laois; if the recruitment process is open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [60016/25]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Health the number of individuals who have passed away while awaiting a hospital appointment or admission following a GP referral in each of the years from 2020 to date, in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [64671/25]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown, by hospital group and/or clinical specialism of the number of individuals who have passed away while on an outpatient or inpatient waiting list following a referral from a general practitioner, in each of the past five years. — Paul Lawless. [64672/25]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the timeline of implementation for the expansion of community neurorehabilitation teams nationally, following funding allocations in Budget 2026; the expected timeline of implementation for a community neurorehabilitation team in Dublin northwest; the expected funding amount for a community neurorehabilitation team in Dublin northwest; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [64673/25]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Health the catchment areas for community neurorehabilitation teams in Dublin; the best possible options for constituents of Dublin northwest; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [64674/25]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Health the interim actions being taken by her Department and the HSE to reduce audiology waiting times ahead of the publication of the National Hearing Care Plan in Q1 2026, including any temporary staffing supports or targeted initiatives to clear the current backlog; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [64679/25]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE plans to expand short-term access to private or community based audiology services, including options in Northern Ireland, in order to reduce delays for hearing assessments and hearing aids while the National Hearing Care Plan is being finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [64680/25]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Health the financial difference for a person currently on the special scheme for long-Covid, following the conclusion of the current special scheme on 31 December 2025, in comparison to the available schemes following the deadline of the final extension (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [64681/25]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners operating, per capita, in Ballyhaunis. — Paul Lawless. [64684/25]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists operating in Ballyhaunis. — Paul Lawless. [64685/25]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for a GP appointment in Ballyhaunis. — Paul Lawless. [64686/25]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for a dental appointment in Ballyhaunis. — Paul Lawless. [64687/25]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 457 of 13 November 2025, if all valid prescriptions for HRT products, which are for the time being on the reimbursement list, are eligible for the free HRT scheme regardless of the reason they were prescribed; if not, the way in which pharmacists are expected to ascertain the reason a prescription was made when there is no requirement for healthcare providers to indicate this on prescriptions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [64688/25]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Health given the increasing number of older people presenting with dementia and Alzheimer's disease, if it is mandatory for all hospital staff, including those working in emergency departments, to receive dementia-specific training; the HSE or hospital protocols for patients with dementia or Alzheimer's who present with delirium and are left sitting on a chair in an emergency department for extended periods, including up to 24-hours; the measures which are in place to ensure that persons with dementia receive appropriate, safe, and dignified care when attending emergency departments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [64690/25]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the recent concerns raised about the new flu strain causing an increase in illness across UK; if she or her Department has updated the plans to ensure greater availability of the flu vaccine this winter for at risk and vulnerable citizens; whether she has engaged with the pharmacist and general practitioner groupings to discuss the roll out of the flu vaccine; whether a cost-benefit analysis has been carried out by the Government in relation to the type of vaccines available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [64691/25]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to introduce a mobile blood testing service for persons who are housebound; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [64703/25]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Health if she will reinstate funding for continuous glucose monitoring systems for people with cystic fibrosis-related diabetes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [64708/25]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review correspondence (details supplied) regarding an accident and emergency charge issued by Cavan General Hospital; her views on whether the application of this charge was correct in circumstances where the patient could not be admitted due to the unavailability of beds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [64711/25]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Health the current wait time at University Hospital Waterford for a mammogram following referral by a GP; the wait time for biopsy result; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Natasha Newsome Drennan. [64722/25]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which the Health Service Executive's expert group completed its review of the implications of the Cass Review for Irish gender healthcare services, the date this report was submitted to the Chief Clinical Officer, the planned timeline for its publication or release, and the steps her Department is taking to ensure that the findings inform current service governance and interim clinical guidance for children and young people. — Ken O'Flynn. [64749/25]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and young people referred by the HSE for gender-related assessment or treatment through the treatment abroad scheme in each of the past five years, the total public cost incurred, the number of cases currently awaiting referral

or funding approval, and whether any changes to referral criteria or clinical pathways have been implemented following the Cass Review. — Ken O’Flynn. [64751/25]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Health the governance and conflict-of-interest policies that apply to officials, clinicians, external advisors and members of the HSE’s Programme for Gender Healthcare when developing or advising on gender healthcare policy, including disclosure requirements relating to links with pharmaceutical companies, advocacy organisations or service providers; and the way these safeguards are monitored and enforced. — Ken O’Flynn. [64753/25]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and young people referred by the HSE for gender-related assessment or treatment through the treatment abroad scheme in each of the past five years, the total public cost incurred, the number of cases awaiting referral or funding approval, and whether changes to referral criteria or clinical pathways have been introduced following the Cass Review. — Ken O’Flynn. [64754/25]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Health the current average and longest waiting times for children and young people referred to CAMHS for gender-related assessment, for subsequent referral to NHS specialist services under the Treatment Abroad Scheme, and for review by Children’s Health Ireland; and the steps being taken to ensure timely evidence-based assessment pathways while the new Model of Care is being developed. — Ken O’Flynn. [64755/25]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE maintains, or plans to establish, a structured data-collection system tracking long-term outcomes for children and young people presenting with gender dysphoria, including psychological outcomes, medical interventions, service use, and rates of detransition or regret; and the way such data will inform the new Model of Care. — Ken O’Flynn. [64756/25]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Health the clinical governance structures in Children’s Health Ireland for gender-related assessment and treatment, the oversight arrangements in place, the internal audit processes used, and how CHI ensures adherence to evidence-based guidance in this area. — Ken O’Flynn. [64757/25]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Health the current referral criteria applied by CAMHS and Children’s Health Ireland for gender-related assessment, the clinical thresholds used before progression to any medical intervention, and any revisions to these criteria following the Cass Review. — Ken O’Flynn. [64758/25]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will publish the completed expert group review on the implications of the Cass Review for gender healthcare services in Ireland; the interim measures she has put in place to ensure that current assessment and treatment pathways for children and young people are safe, evidence-based and subject to clear clinical oversight. — Ken O’Flynn. [64759/25]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Health the governance arrangements and clinical oversight structures in place for the development of the new model of care for gender healthcare, including the safeguards used to ensure independence, transparency and the management of conflicts of interest among officials, clinicians and advisors involved in this work; and the way her Department assures that these standards are upheld. — Ken O’Flynn. [64760/25]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of operating parallel financial systems in voluntary hospitals pending the roll out of the Integrated Financial Management

System, including duplicative software licences, staffing, manual reporting processes and compatibility work; and the projected savings once full integration is completed.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [64870/25]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Health the monthly compliance metrics collected to date for statutory hospital sites operating under the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS); the percentage of sites meeting full utilisation requirements; and the expected compliance rate for voluntary hospitals once IFMS is deployed. — Ken O’Flynn. [64871/25]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated savings projected in the original business case for the Integrated Financial Management System; the year in which those savings are expected to be realised; and whether these projections have been revised. — Ken O’Flynn. [64872/25]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Health if she will introduce conditions in annual service level agreements requiring full participation in the Integrated Financial Management System before the release of Exchequer funding to voluntary hospitals. — Ken O’Flynn. [64873/25]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has carried out a risk assessment on governance failures associated with voluntary hospitals not yet integrated into the Integrated Financial Management System; and if she will publish that assessment. — Ken O’Flynn. [64874/25]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Health the number of voluntary hospitals that have formally indicated concerns or objections regarding integration into the Integrated Financial Management System; and the issues raised during consultations. — Ken O’Flynn. [64875/25]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Health when the Department expects to finalise the roll out schedule of the Integrated Financial Management System to voluntary hospitals; and the factors delaying the finalisation of the timetable. — Ken O’Flynn. [64876/25]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Health the additional staffing or ICT resources required to support the deployment of the Integrated Financial Management System to voluntary hospitals; and the total estimated cost of these supports. — Ken O’Flynn. [64877/25]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she will take to ensure real-time oversight of financial reporting across voluntary hospitals once the Integrated Financial Management System is fully deployed; and how this data will be used to strengthen governance and auditing. — Ken O’Flynn. [64878/25]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Health the projected timeline for eliminating duplicate financial reporting requirements across the HSE and voluntary hospitals once the Integrated Financial Management System is operational in all sites. — Ken O’Flynn. [64879/25]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Health if she will confirm whether the recent €10 weekly increase in pension payments will be matched by an equivalent increase in medical card income thresholds for older persons, to ensure that pensioners do not lose eligibility as a result of the pension adjustment. — Ken O’Flynn. [64880/25]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons aged 70 or over projected to lose entitlement to a medical card or GP visit card in 2025 and 2026 due to pension increases not being reflected in updated medical card income thresholds. — Ken O’Flynn. [64881/25]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Health the year in which medical card income thresholds for persons aged 70 and over were last revised, and the rationale for not indexing thresholds to inflation, pension adjustments or cost of living changes. — Ken O’Flynn. [64882/25]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department conducted an equality or social impact assessment on the effect of raising pensions without adjusting medical card thresholds, particularly for older persons living alone. — Ken O’Flynn. [64883/25]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Health the number of older persons who received a discretionary medical card in each of the past five years due to being above the income threshold but facing high medical or living costs. — Ken O’Flynn. [64884/25]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications from persons aged 70 or over rejected for a medical card or GP visit card in each of the past five years due to exceeding the income thresholds. — Ken O’Flynn. [64885/25]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has issued any internal guidance to staff to ensure that older applicants with modest increases in pension income are not denied a medical card where there are evident medical needs or high living costs. — Ken O’Flynn. [64886/25]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons aged 70 or over who have lost their medical card or GP visit card in the past three years due to being marginally above the income thresholds. — Ken O’Flynn. [64887/25]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will consider aligning medical card thresholds with annual pension increases as part of future budget cycles; and if this option has been costed. — Ken O’Flynn. [64888/25]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Health the projected annual cost of increasing medical card thresholds for older persons in line with the most recent pension increase; and the estimated number of additional medical card holders such a measure would support. — Ken O’Flynn. [64889/25]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Health the public health advice her Department has issued to the Department of Justice since 2020 regarding infectious disease screening of persons entering or residing in the State, and if she will publish this advice. — Ken O’Flynn. [64900/25]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has completed any public health risk assessments since 2020 relating to tuberculosis, measles, polio, hepatitis or other communicable diseases among persons arriving into the State, and if she will provide copies of these assessments. — Ken O’Flynn. [64901/25]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Health the number of infectious disease cases recorded by the HSE in each of the past five years that were epidemiologically linked to recent arrivals into the State, broken down by disease type. — Ken O’Flynn. [64902/25]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Health if any recommendation has been made by the Chief Medical Officer or the Health Protection Surveillance Centre to reintroduce or expand health screening protocols for persons entering or residing in the State. — Ken O’Flynn. [64903/25]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Health the screening, vaccination or health evaluation measures that were in place for new arrivals to the State before 2020, the date these measures ceased, and the reason the Department ended or amended those protocols. — Ken O’Flynn. [64904/25]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has provided any resourcing, staffing or operational plans to the HSE to support expanded infectious disease screening at ports of entry or reception centres, and if she will outline these proposals. — Ken O’Flynn. [64905/25]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Health the number of internal memos, circulars or directives issued by the Department since 2020 concerning infectious disease risks associated with inward migration, and if she will publish the dates and recipients of those communications. — Ken O’Flynn. [64906/25]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE currently has the capacity to conduct infectious disease screening for all persons entering the State in circumstances where public health advice recommends such screening, and the number of staff available for this work. — Ken O’Flynn. [64907/25]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of reintroducing mandatory or enhanced infectious disease screening for persons entering or residing in the State, including staffing, clinical resources and laboratory capacity. — Ken O’Flynn. [64908/25]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has raised any concerns with the Department of Justice regarding infectious disease risks associated with international protection applicants or other new arrivals in the past five years. — Ken O’Flynn. [64909/25]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Health to publish the clinical guidelines governing the management of live births following termination of pregnancy, including required staff presence, escalation procedures, and neonatal care responsibilities. — Ken O’Flynn. [64910/25]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department requires maternity hospitals to report all cases where a baby is born alive following a termination of pregnancy, and if not, the reason such reporting is not mandatory. — Ken O’Flynn. [64911/25]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Health the number of live births following termination of pregnancy reported by maternity hospitals in each year since 2019, and the number of those babies who survived beyond four weeks. — Ken O’Flynn. [64912/25]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Health whether a neonatologist must be present or on call in all cases where a live birth is clinically possible during a termination of pregnancy, and if national policy requires this. — Ken O’Flynn. [64913/25]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Health the number of maternity hospitals that currently have written protocols for responding to live births following termination of pregnancy, and if she will provide copies of these protocols. — Ken O’Flynn. [64914/25]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Health if clinical staff involved in terminations of pregnancy receive specific training on the management of live births, including resuscitation and neonatal stabilisation procedures. — Ken O’Flynn. [64915/25]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Health the number of internal reviews, audits or incident reports completed by the HSE or maternity hospitals relating to live births following termination of pregnancy since 2019, and if she will publish the findings. — Ken O’Flynn. [64916/25]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Health the steps her Department is taking to ensure consistent national practice in responding to live births following termination of pregnancy, including the role of the National Women and Infants Health Programme. — Ken O’Flynn. [64917/25]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Health if she will establish a statutory reporting requirement for maternity hospitals to notify the HSE and her Department of all live births following termination of pregnancy, including clinical outcomes. — Ken O’Flynn. [64918/25]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cases since 2019 in which palliative care pathways were used for babies born alive following termination of pregnancy, and the criteria applied in those decisions. — Ken O’Flynn. [64919/25]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Health if she will publish all governance reviews, financial audits and compliance assessments completed in the past three years for voluntary hospitals or HSE-funded private providers, and the dates on which each review was finalised. — Ken O’Flynn. [64920/25]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outstanding audit recommendations across all HSE-funded service providers as of the most recent reporting cycle, and the number rated as high risk. — Ken O’Flynn. [64921/25]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Section 38 and Section 39 organisations that have not yet adopted the full suite of HSE governance standards, and the timeline for achieving full compliance. — Ken O’Flynn. [64922/25]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Health the external oversight mechanisms in place for private providers delivering State-funded health or social care services, and the number of providers subject to sanctions or enhanced monitoring in the past five years. — Ken O’Flynn. [64923/25]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Health the number of internal warnings, escalation notices or risk flags issued by the HSE to funded agencies since 2020, and the number that remain unresolved. — Ken O’Flynn. [64924/25]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Health the process by which her Department verifies financial transparency and accountability in non-statutory bodies receiving public health funding, and if she will outline recent compliance issues identified. — Ken O’Flynn. [64925/25]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Health the steps each Department is taking to improve data sharing, risk assessment and governance coordination for services involving children, vulnerable adults and high-risk health environments. — Ken O’Flynn. [64929/25]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the long covid special leave with pay scheme; if it will be extended passed December 2025; if the Government will recognise long

covid as an occupational illness; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [64944/25]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Health if she will examine the current regulatory status of naloxone and consider allowing approved formulations to be made available over-the-counter in order to improve timely access to this emergency medication, in line with international practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [64949/25]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Health the current supply pathways through which community and voluntary organisations can access and distribute naloxone; if consideration is being given to expanding these pathways to reduce delays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [64953/25]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Health the locations of all community nursing units in CHO2; the bed capacity of each unit; the current occupancy of each unit, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [65006/25]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Health the bed capacity of the community nursing unit (details supplied); the current occupancy of the unit; the staffing cohort currently employed at the unit; the future development plans for the unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [65007/25]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the proposed sale of the Baggot Street Hospital.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [65028/25]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a further update on the implementation of the Model of Care for Hereditary Cancer, the National Strategy for Accelerating Genetic and Genomic Medicine; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [65039/25]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Health the urgent need for improved facilities and additional space for the rheumatology outpatient department in CUH; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [65049/25]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to introduce regulations on the sale and use of nicotine pouches; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [65062/25]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Health the plans for multiannual funding for a national radiotherapy equipment replacement programme to ensure that the current scenario with equipment older than ten years in use (contrary to IAEA and ESTRO recommendations) is addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [65071/25]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Health her plans for the replacement strategy for University College Cork/Cork University Hospital Cancer Centre and University Hospital Galway Cancer Centre respectively; if all machines will be replaced at one time, or if a staggered replacement programme is intended; the steps that will be made to avoid patient delays when machine replacement is being undertaken; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [65072/25]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the current estimated numbers of adults and children living with type 1 and type 2 diabetes in the State, by CHO area and age

cohort; how her Department is responding to the 2025 World Diabetes Day focus on diabetes and well-being across life stages and in the workplace; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65085/25]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Health to report on current participation rates in the national diabetic retinopathy screening programme and other structured screening for diabetes-related complications (including foot and kidney disease); to set out any plans to expand eligibility, outreach and capacity to improve early detection and prevention; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65086/25]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Health the current HSE policy on access to continuous glucose monitoring, insulin pumps and hybrid closed-loop systems for people living with type 1 diabetes, including eligibility criteria for children, adults and pregnancy, her plans to widen access in line with recent international best practice and World Health Organization guidance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65087/25]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which her Department and the HSE are responding to the World Diabetes Day 2025 theme of diabetes and well-being, particularly in relation to workplace supports, psychological supports for people living with diabetes; the measures she will take to tackle stigma and discrimination; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65088/25]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Health to report on the engagement to date between her Department, the HSE and the manufacturer of the Omnipod 5 tubeless hybrid closed-loop insulin delivery system regarding its introduction to the Irish market; if a pricing and reimbursement application has been submitted under the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Act 2013; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65089/25]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE, NCPE or her Department have undertaken, or plan to undertake, a clinical and cost-effectiveness assessment of the Omnipod 5 tubeless hybrid closed-loop insulin pump system, having regard to its availability and funded use in the UK and other EU member states; if so, to outline the status and expected timelines for a decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65090/25]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the potential role of the Omnipod 5 tubeless hybrid closed-loop insulin system in expanding patient choice for people with type 1 diabetes, including children, people with disabilities, needle or tube aversion, and those with high treatment burden; if she will request the HSE to examine its potential use within the national diabetes technology pathway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65091/25]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Health to set out current waiting times by hospital group for first and follow-up appointments at adult and paediatric diabetes clinics; the measures being taken to ensure timely, equitable access to multidisciplinary diabetes care across all regions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65092/25]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Health how her Department and the HSE intend to respond to the new World Health Organisation global guidelines on diabetes during pregnancy; to outline current and planned measures to improve screening, management and post-pregnancy follow-up for women with gestational or pre-existing diabetes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65093/25]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the development of a national diabetes registry or equivalent data infrastructure; how this will support service planning, prevention and research; the timeframe for full implementation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [65094/25]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant plastic surgeons at St. James's Hospital in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [65170/25]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant ophthalmologists that are currently only dealing with public patients at the Mater Hospital in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [65171/25]

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

\*673. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the measures being considered to ensure that rural and regional projects receive equitable access to capital funding under national investment and enterprise schemes; if his Department has conducted any review into geographic disparities in funding allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [64649/25]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the amount allocated in Budget 2026 for the financial support and establishment of new sister sheds, by county. — Sorca Clarke. [64668/25]

\*675. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta cé mhéad folúntas atá ann faoi láthair i ról oifigeach pleanála teanga ar fud na tíre; cé chomh fada is atá na folúntais ann; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — John Connolly. [65001/25]

\*676. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta a chur i láthair i bhfoirm tháblach cé chomh fada agus atá gach oifigeach pleanála teanga reatha ina ról; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — John Connolly. [65002/25]

\*677. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta cén stádas reatha atá ag ról an oifigigh pleanála teanga i ngach ceann de na limistéir pleanála teanga sa tír faoi láthair; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — John Connolly. [65003/25]

\*678. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta a chur in iúl cén uair a thosóidh an chéad chéim eile den phróiseas pleanála teanga i ngach ceann de na limistéir pleanála teanga sa tír; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — John Connolly. [65004/25]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of vacancies, by job title within the Charities Regulator, as of 14 November 2025; and the estimated timeframe for filling each of the vacancies, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [65043/25]