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QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the targets for the delivery of cost rental and affordable purchase homes by local authorities, approved housing bodies and the Land Development Agency under the Government's new housing plan from 2025 to 2030. — Eoin Ó Broin. [66119/25]

2. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if outstanding derelict site levies will be collected by Revenue; and whether additional funding will be provided to local authorities for collecting the register. — Thomas Gould. [66120/25]

3. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason no analysis was conducted by his Department on the impact of his proposed changes to rent pressure zones on rents in the private rental sector. — Eoin Ó Broin. [66121/25]

4. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the key measures he will be taking to support first-time buyers under Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025-2030; if he will be reviewing the terms and qualifying criteria of existing schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [66122/25]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

5. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeframe for the implementation of the recommendations of the Approved Housing Bodies Strategic Forum Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [65673/25]

6. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the key measures to increase social housing availability under Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [65487/25]

7. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the key measures to increase usage of modern methods of construction under Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025 - 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [65637/25]

8. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding HAP tenancies where one income earner moves out, to ensure that the remaining tenant is not financially adversely affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [65844/25]

9. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on his Department's efforts to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to review the 2001 Childcare Facilities Guidelines for Planning Authorities to ensure childcare spaces are provided and put into use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [65825/25]

10. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline his plans to draw up planning guidelines for solar farms for local authorities; to outline the discussions his Department has held with other Government Departments; if his Department have considered the EU's RED III directive within its plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [65840/25]

11. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 270 of 18 September 2025, where he specifically states in his reply that "There are no plans at this time to expand the number of such terrestrial sites," to outline the means by which it is envisaged that Ireland will meet the target of 30% of terrestrial land mass protected (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [59454/25]

12. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has any plans to investigate the rate of home vacancy around the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [65819/25]

13. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding allocated to local authorities to bring vacant properties back into public use for social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [65437/25]

14. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to implement new draft wind energy guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [65419/25]

15. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to expand access to a remediation and compensation scheme for homes built with defective blocks in Skerries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [65211/25]

16. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide greater detail on how domestic violence is addressed within the Action Plan on Housing Supply and Targeting Homelessness, 2025-2030, including if refuge provision or transitional housing will be provided for domestic violence and abuse survivor-victims; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [65496/25]

17. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the review of the current exempted development regulations and specifically relating to increasing the size of stand-alone exempted habitable garden structures; to provide a timeline for implementation of these new regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [65777/25]

18. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which his new proposals for developer-provided water and wastewater infrastructure will avoid the problems associated with the policy when it was last in place; and the steps he will take to resolve the around 450 estates currently in limbo due to the failures of this policy previously. — Eoin Ó Broin. [65685/25]

19. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the exempted development regulations on free standing residential home extensions. — Eoin Ó Broin. [65686/25]

20. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the development of a single stage approval process for local authority housing developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [65670/25]

21. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement between the housing activation office and local authorities in Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [65584/25]

22. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supply line for social homes; the number which are currently at various stages of design and construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [65635/25]

23. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of regeneration plans for a Traveller housing scheme (details supplied), given regeneration has been promised for over 25 years, and its latest iteration is with his Department; when he expects funding to be agreed for the long-awaited and desperately needed regeneration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [65155/25]

24. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeframe for the announcement of changes to the vacant property refurbishment grant, including the new proposals for the over the shop scheme. — Séamus McGrath. [65499/25]

25. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeframe for establishing and implementing the protocol in the new housing plan to allow households fleeing domestic, sexual and gender-based violence to transfer time spent on a social housing waiting list to another local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [65680/25]

26. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Office of Emergency Planning has reviewed plans for responding to heavy snow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [60219/25]

27. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the work of the Housing Activation Delivery Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [65544/25]

28. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which Delivering Homes, Building Communities plans to revise planning regulations to allow for pre-fabricated cabins for residential use in back gardens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [65690/25]

29. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta cad go díreach é an moill ar na Treoirínte Tithíocht Gaeltachta a bhí aontaithe ag an Roinn Gaeltachta leis a Roinn roimhe seo a bheith foilsithe tar éis é bheith geallta go bhfoilseoidh iad chuile bliain ó 2021 ar aghaidh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [65156/25]

30. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the criteria from his Department whereby local authorities can deny the administration of the tenant-in-situ scheme to tenants in dwellings that require extensive repairs or refurbishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [65644/25]

31. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the tenant-in-situ scheme; the amount of funding which has been allocated to South Dublin county council for the scheme in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [65436/25]

32. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how his Department is prioritising people with disabilities who have received notices to quit and who are at risk of entering homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [65851/25]

33. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding being provided for housing adaptation grants in 2025 and the allocation for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [65541/25]

34. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to immediately raise the income limits for social housing to ensure that those who cannot afford cost rental or private rented are not denied eligibility for social housing. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [65845/25]

35. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if outstanding derelict site levies will be collected by Revenue; and if additional funding will be provided to local authorities for the register. — Thomas Gould. [65562/25]

36. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the work of his Department to review and update wildlife legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [65852/25]

37. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the work of the multi-stakeholder group under his Department in respect of developer provided wastewater treatment plants in housing estates that are not in the charge of local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [65853/25]

38. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the implementation of the recommendations of the expert group on Traveller accommodation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [65684/25]

39. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current regulatory framework governing maximum wind turbine height; whether concerns raised by residents in County Galway regarding the increasing scale of turbine proposals, particularly turbines exceeding traditional height thresholds, are being considered as part of the ongoing review of wind energy planning guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [65792/25]

40. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on any recent tripartite engagements between his Department, Dublin City Council and the developers of the Poolbeg SDZ area to progress the delivery of affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [65839/25]

41. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which local authorities are being supported to zone sufficient land for housing and ensure the necessary servicing and infrastructure is delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [65681/25]

42. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the specific accountability measures that are being put in place to ensure that local authorities meet their housing delivery targets, given ongoing concerns from the construction sector regarding constant delays, objections, and bottlenecks in planning and approvals. — Martin Daly. [65829/25]

43. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if additional supports will be provided by his Department so that extra capacity for homeless services in Limerick can be provided over the winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [65799/25]

44. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Office of Emergency Planning has reviewed plans for responding to flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [60218/25]

45. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a report on Land Development Agency activity in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [65540/25]

46. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to publish a summary of a report (details supplied) into planning irregularities in County Donegal. — Eoin Ó Broin. [65687/25]

47. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing options which have been delivered to-date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [65636/25]

48. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he is taking to increase the delivery of affordable housing in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [65157/25]

49. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his targets for the delivery of social and affordable housing in County Monaghan. — Cathy Bennett. [65815/25]

50. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht faoin dul chun cinn atá déanta ina Roinn chun Ráiteas Pleanála Náisiúnta le haghaidh tithíochta sa Ghaeltacht a fhoilsú; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — John Connolly. [65847/25]

51. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is reviewing the approval and handover process involving local authorities and approved housing bodies, with a view to expediting occupancy of completed social housing units; and the specific

steps which are now being implemented to accelerate the allocation of homes such as those at a location (details supplied). — John Lahart. [65837/25]

52. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which the role of the Land Development Agency is being expanded under Delivering Homes, Building Communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [65632/25]

53. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated delivery timeframes for sub-phases of Phase 3 of the Ulster Canal project. — Matt Carthy. [65817/25]

54. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of individuals currently in receipt of HAP and RAS Payments; and the cost of each of these payments to the State. — Paul Lawless. [65849/25]

55. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update of social housing output to-date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [65486/25]

56. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the provision of allocated housing for those that work in frontline public sector jobs including teachers, nurses and members of An Garda Síochána; if this is under review within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [65275/25]

57. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he will take to ensure a clear and consistent approach to rural housing and rural planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [65479/25]

58. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans to conserve the high crosses at Monasterboice, County Louth, which are experiencing significant deterioration; if he will consider a preservation approach similar to that used in Kilfenora, including the possibility of relocating the crosses to the derelict church on-site with protective overhead covering to safeguard their biblical and Celtic carvings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [65628/25]

59. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline any involvement his Department will have with the special purpose vehicle established to implement the recommendations of the Dublin City Taskforce roadmap for delivery, as discussed in the recently published housing plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [65838/25]

60. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps his Department is taking to strengthen local authorities capacity to respond to tenancy management issues and anti-social behaviour. — Tom Brabazon. [65642/25]

61. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is currently reviewing ways to reduce the duplication of planning applications needed to be attained to construct energy generating sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [61063/25]

62. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department would consider phased payments of the vacant property refurbishment grant so that those who

cannot afford to pay upfront and go into debt can access funds as work is being carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [65850/25]

63. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures that the National Parks and Wildlife Service is taking to avoid pollution in saltwater lagoons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [65855/25]

64. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans in the most recent housing plan, to increase the delivery of housings built using modern methods of construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [65665/25]

65. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the new measures contained in the housing plan to activate the SME builder developer sector to build more good quality homes for people to buy. — Eoin Ó Broin. [65688/25]

66. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plan to support single persons through Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025-2030. — Jen Cummins. [65790/25]

67. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reasons the completed social housing units at a location (details supplied) remained vacant for close to a year before tenants were allocated homes; and the measures which are being taken to ensure that newly completed units are not subject to similar delays in future, particularly where demand is high. — John Lahart. [65836/25]

68. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the specific steps he is taking as part of the Government’s new housing plan to reduce the number of single adults in long term homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [65671/25]

69. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will issue an order to allow the cutting of turf at bogs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [65447/25]

70. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which his Department’s new housing strategy will deliver additional cost rental housing units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [65856/25]

71. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action he will take to prevent rent hikes by local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [65489/25]

72. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm whether the properties in Red Island, Skerries sampled by the Housing Agency meet the criteria for inclusion in the defective concrete blocks grant scheme; the next steps for affected homeowners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [65700/25]

73. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the implementation of his housing plan, ‘Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025-2030’, thus far, and set out the timeframes by which the plan will be fully implemented. — Peadar Tóibín. [65820/25]

74. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his Department's plans to deliver housing, accommodation and residential facilities for people with disabilities; the timeframes for delivery; the supports available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [65786/25]

75. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of direct build affordable purchase homes which will be delivered within the lifetime of building homes delivering communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [65672/25]

76. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans he has to reform local government funding, in particular with regard to commercial rates. — Malcolm Byrne. [65824/25]

77. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the local authorities that have underspent their housing adaptation grant allocation; the local authorities that have had their funding increased under the redistribution of the underspends in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [65664/25]

78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which he will support local authorities to provide more housing under Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025 – 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [65639/25]

79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to address the issue of void houses; if central funding to local councils will be increased to repurpose these houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [65488/25]

80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the work underway to accelerate housing supply in rural areas; if he will consider introducing additional measures to assist the construction of one-off housing in rural areas; if he will outline his national strategy for rural housing development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [65846/25]

81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the proposals being considered by his Department to increase the income threshold for applicants looking to access social housing through their local authority; the last date such an increase was made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [65663/25]

82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the co-funding contribution expected of local authorities for the provision of wastewater infrastructure; if his Department will assist Galway County Council with their contribution for the Craughwell and Clarinbridge projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [65448/25]

83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the mechanisms by which local authorities can address anti-social behaviour in social housing tenancies. — Tom Brabazon. [65641/25]

84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he, or his Department, are aware of the process whereby local authorities can deny the administration of the tenant-in-situ scheme in the case of dwellings that require extensive refurbishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [65643/25]

85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current regulation on the installation of wind farms were updated; when the current regulations are due to be updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Natasha Newsome Drennan. [59353/25]

86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the level of support available to protect and restore vulnerable built-heritage and archaeological sites in Cork; if he will commit to enhanced funding under schemes such as the built heritage investment scheme and the historic structures fund for the coming year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [65169/25]

87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the work of the Housing Activation Industry Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [65545/25]

88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of one bed, two bed, three bed and four bed houses that have been constructed or acquired by Cork City Council and Cork County Council, since 2020 to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [65629/25]

89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps his Department will take to assist Cork County Council in addressing high levels of vacancy and dereliction in towns and rural areas across Cork; if additional supports under the croí cónaithe scheme, urban regeneration and development fund and other schemes will be made available to encourage refurbishment and reuse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [65168/25]

90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of housing adaptation grant funding that will be provided in 2026 for counties Wicklow and Wexford; the number of social housing tenants that are awaiting essential works in both counties to date, by age category, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [59145/25]

91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to address the rapid increase in short-term let listings with a provider (details supplied) in the Gaeltacht, given the widely reported housing shortages for local people and for those seeking to settle in the Gaeltacht to raise their families with Irish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [65842/25]

92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress to date in establishing planning guidelines for solar energy developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [65645/25]

93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is aware of the vital need for a second bridge in Celbridge; to provide an update on the project currently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [60446/25]

94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which Delivering Homes, Building Communities will support the provision of modular homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [65689/25]

95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for a draft National Planning Statement to replace the 2025 apartment guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [65674/25]

96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to re-introduce town councils; the way in which he will approach this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [65158/25]

97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to ensure greater downsizing options for persons in private housing who wish to downsize their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [65630/25]

98. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider increasing the housing assistance payment thresholds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [65776/25]

99. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the key measures to increase usage of modern methods of construction under Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025 - 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [65568/25]

100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for moving to a proactive maintenance approach. — Thomas Gould. [65561/25]

101. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the tenant-in-situ scheme for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council; if he can commit to multiannual funding of this scheme; if allowances for the increased cost of housing in Dublin will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [65276/25]

102. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 270 of 18 September 2025, where he specifically states that "There are no plans at this time to expand the number of such terrestrial sites," and by implication there are "no plans at this time to" consider Rathcoole Alluvial Woodland as a potential candidate site for designation as an SAC, to clarify that he and his Department and agencies realise that the lack of designation means Rathcoole Alluvial Woodland has no protection from the impacts of prospective development of lands surrounding it or from other activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [59453/25]

103. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the exempted development guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [65418/25]

104. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to support renters in Roscommon and Galway facing very high rents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [65682/25]

105. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will release the funds to allow Donegal County Council to remediate the huge amount of homes in their housing stock affected by defective concrete blocks. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [65160/25]

106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his assessment of home completions in the first nine months of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [65569/25]

107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to support affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [65480/25]

108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of derelict and vacant properties, to include houses, apartments and flats nationwide, that are across the State; the steps that are being taken to bring these homes back into use; and the estimated timeline for same. — Paul Lawless. [65848/25]

109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will commit to ensuring that tours of Glenveagh Castle in County Donegal return to being available every day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [65787/25]

110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his response to the report of the Approved Housing Body (AHB) Strategic Forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [65640/25]

111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update regarding the Government's policy towards access to ancient archaeological sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [56039/25]

112. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the actions his Department, or organisations and agencies related to his Department, are taking with respect to the recommendations of Joint Oireachtas Committee on Climate and the Environment report on Lady's Island Lake; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [65854/25]

113. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review and increase the social housing income limits for counties such as Tipperary, which currently stands at €30,000 per annum, given that the national minimum wage is set to rise to €14.15 per hour from 1 January 2026, bringing annual earnings for a 40-hour week to approximately €29,432, considering the fact that this leaves minimum-wage workers on the verge of exceeding the social housing income threshold; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [62010/25]

114. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the key measures to increase affordable housing availability under Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025 - 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [65543/25]

115. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the mechanisms he will introduce, in light of the establishment of the Housing Activation Office, to monitor and enforce the performance of local authorities in progressing housing projects; and the way in which his Department intends to address councils that consistently fail to deliver homes in a timely manner. — Martin Daly. [65830/25]

116. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to ensure an adequate supply of family homes for young people, while acknowledging that this is not specifically about removing families from homelessness, in the context of the fact that half of households in Ireland have children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [65843/25]

117. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify his position on the publication of updated language planning guidelines; if he intends to publish draft Gaeltacht planning guidelines; if so, if he will provide a timeline for their publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [65497/25]

118. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if planning permission will be required to convert vacant spaces above shops into residential units under the new vacant property refurbishment grant plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [65721/25]

119. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the affordable housing being made available to people living in counties Roscommon and Galway. — Claire Kerrane. [65683/25]

120. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has considered drawing up planning guidelines for solar farms; if he will outline the stages in this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [65841/25]

121. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a progress update on the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [58898/25]

122. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the victims of defective concrete products scandals in Donegal, Mayo, Sligo, Clare, and Limerick do not receive 100% redress as is the case with the pyrite remediation scheme, available to the victims of defective concrete products scandals in Dublin and Leinster. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [65159/25]

123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reports, analysis or other information his Department have received in relation to the impact of the accommodation recognition scheme on the private rental market; the engagements he has had with other Government Departments, State agencies or third parties in respect of this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [65818/25]

124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the key measures to tackle homeless under Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025 - 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [65542/25]

125. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will publish the Housing Agency's report on defective concrete blocks in Fingal; the findings relevant to the Red Island area of Skerries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [65699/25]

126. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his assessment of home completions in the first nine months of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [65638/25]

127. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will urgently authorise an increase in the number of personnel working at Tailte Éireann; to review the policy of returning paperwork to solicitors without providing reasons or context for the returns, as this is causing significant frustration and delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [65720/25]

128. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason a minimum BER standard for the private rented sector was not included in the new housing plan; when a minimum standard will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [65490/25]

129. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his funding plans, such as the previous urban regeneration and development fund, to support local authorities in developing amenities where there have been significant housing developments to ensure it's not just about delivering housing but communities that families can thrive (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [65811/25]

130. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on his Department's efforts to fulfil the Programme for Government's commitment to establish a unit in the Housing Agency to regulate owners' management companies to ensure effective governance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [65826/25]

131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures his Department are putting in place to unlock the housing potential of the Saint Waleran's site at Gorey, County Wexford. — Malcolm Byrne. [65823/25]

132. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will introduce legislation to require providers of public relations and communications services to political parties and candidates to publicly disclose their clients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [64163/25]

133. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of grants which have been approved under the vacant property refurbishment grant since its launch; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [65631/25]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*134. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department will publish annual residential construction productivity data, separate from overall construction-sector productivity, beginning in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [65726/25]

*135. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department collated statistics on the number of tourists to visit Ireland in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [64066/25]

*136. To ask the Taoiseach to estimate the total cost of the attendance of the Irish delegation at the “COP 30” conference in Brazil; and to state the estimated carbon footprint or carbon cost of the Irish delegation attending the conference. — Carol Nolan. [65591/25]

*137. To ask the Taoiseach to state the total cost of the attendance of the Irish delegation for the COP conference in each year in 2022, 2023 and 2024; and to state the estimated carbon footprint or carbon cost of the Irish delegation attending the conference each year in 2022, 2023 and 2024. — Carol Nolan. [65594/25]

*138. To ask the Taoiseach if funding has been allocated in Budget 2026 for the Dublin City Taskforce. — Gary Gannon. [65932/25]

*139. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the National Risk Assessment 2025 which his Department committed in July 2025 to publish by year end. — Mary Lou McDonald. [65942/25]

*140. To ask the Taoiseach the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66087/25]

*141. To ask the Taoiseach the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66105/25]

*142. To ask the Taoiseach to provide the Department’s annual expenditure on State Claims Agency costs for the years 2020–2025. — Albert Dolan. [66369/25]

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

*143. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the outline the ‘similar agreements with investment protection provisions’ the Irish Government wishes to ratify alongside CETA, as was referred to in her Department’s press release on the publication of the Arbitration (Amendment) Bill 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [65248/25]

*144. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which her Department, together with Ireland’s trade agencies, is supporting small and medium-sized exporters, particularly agri-food and advanced manufacturing firms to expand into new markets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [65256/25]

*145. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the role Ireland’s diplomatic network is playing in promoting foreign direct investment into rural counties; the specific actions being taken to highlight investment opportunities in areas such as Cork north-west, including in agri-tech, clean energy and regional enterprise hubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [65257/25]

*146. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if there has been any discussion in EU Councils on Foreign Affairs regarding the persecution of Christians around the world; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [65292/25]

*147. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department is aware of possible criminal charges against the organisers of an event (details supplied) in the Hungarian city of Pecs, which took place on 4 October 2025; if her Department will make representations to the Hungarian Embassy on this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [65311/25]

*148. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on a passport application (details supplied), given the applicants travel date is imminent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [65330/25]

*149. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide details of the agreed external contracts for Ireland’s presidency of the EU Council in 2026; the purpose of each; and the estimated value. — Malcolm Byrne. [65344/25]

*150. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide details of studies, reports or evaluations commissioned by her Department during 2025. — Malcolm Byrne. [65345/25]

*151. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she has plans to examine a shorter-term, more affordable passport renewal option for seniors (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [65359/25]

*152. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on an application for citizenship by descent for a person (details supplied); the estimated timeframe; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [65446/25]

*153. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her proposals to develop the trading relationship between Norway and Ireland. — Alan Kelly. [65458/25]

*154. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to estimate the total cost of the attendance of the Irish delegation at the “COP 30” conference in Brazil; to state the estimated carbon footprint or carbon cost of the Irish delegation attending the conference; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [65592/25]

*155. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to state the total cost of the attendance of the Irish delegation for the COP conference in each year in 2022, 2023 and 2024; to state the estimated carbon footprint or carbon cost of the Irish delegation attending the conference each year in 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [65595/25]

*156. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of embassies, missions and consulates operated by her Department; the total WTE staff and cost of each by host country/mission, for each year since 2015. — Robert O’Donoghue. [65804/25]

*157. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of former secretary generals, retired civil servants, directors of service, retired city/county managers or those of a similar grade in her Department that have subsequently served on state boards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [66001/25]

*158. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on a foreign birthright application (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [66028/25]

*159. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on the current situation in Sudan; the action being taken in concert with EU partners; the details of the humanitarian aid Ireland has provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [66063/25]

*160. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount her Department and any body under her aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66079/25]

*161. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount her Department and any body under her aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66097/25]

*162. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason the online passport application website is directing applicants who require translation services to solely use translators registered with a company (details supplied) only; the accreditation that exists for the use of this one company for such services; and the position in cases in which the company has no one to translate certain languages. — Alan Kelly. [66107/25]

*163. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to expedite a passport application for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [66165/25]

*164. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide the Department's annual expenditure on State Claims Agency costs for the years 2020–2025. — Albert Dolan. [66359/25]

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

*165. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update in respect of proposed legislation and supporting regulations to provide low-cost EV charging solutions for those without access to off-street parking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [65154/25]

*166. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the Marine Protected Areas Bill; when the Bill will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [65898/25]

*167. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of domestic electricity customers in arrears and the average value of the arrears; the number of commercial electricity customers in arrears; the number of domestic gas customers in arrears and the average value of the arrears; the number of commercial gas customers in arrears; the number of domestic electricity customers in arrears for more than 90-days; the number of domestic gas customers in arrears for more than 90-days; the number of domestic electricity disconnections; the number of domestic gas disconnections; for the months available from July 2025 to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [65301/25]

*168. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for the expansion on HVO usage to include home heating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [64348/25]

*169. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has conducted risk assessments, commissioned any studies or issued guidance on the environmental and public-health risks associated with large-scale battery energy storage systems, particularly in relation to thermal-runaway events; and if he will publish any such documents. — Albert Dolan. [65617/25]

*170. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the national standards, fire-safety requirements, or environmental-protection protocols which apply to proposed battery-storage installations in Ireland; if he is satisfied that current regulations are adequate; and if he will provide a list of all statutory instruments and technical standards governing such facilities. — Albert Dolan. [65618/25]

*171. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his plans to introduce strengthened regulatory oversight or licensing requirements for BESS developments, in view of international experience and known fire-safety concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [65619/25]

*172. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of former secretary general's, retired civil servants, directors of service, retired city/county managers or those of a similar grade in his Department that have subsequently served on State boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [66011/25]

*173. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66073/25]

*174. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the average waiting time for a decision on a warmer homes scheme application; the reason for this length of time; if steps will be taken by both his Department and SEAI to reduce it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [66168/25]

*175. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to detail his plans and timeframe to review Ireland's energy security; the reports he has commissioned on the matter; the timeframe for their publication; the timeframe for a public consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [66272/25]

*176. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide the Department's annual expenditure on State Claims Agency costs for the years 2020–2025. — Albert Dolan. [66343/25]

*177. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to list the number of Ministers, ministerial special advisers and officials who attended all or part of the "COP" conferences held in 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [66798/25]

*178. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to list the number of Ministers, ministerial special advisers and officials who are attending all or part of the "COP 30" conference in Brazil; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [66818/25]

Chun Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*179. To ask the Minister for Defence if pay for reservists will be re-instated; the rationale for the withdrawal of payments that has taken place (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [65193/25]

*180. To ask the Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 191 of 18 February 2025, for an update on any progress by military authorities in their consideration of the report and recommendations of the Defence Forces Colour Vision Working Group on colour vision requirements for entry to the Defence Forces; when she will publish this report; and when the recommendations will be implemented. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [65994/25]

*181. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount her Department and any body under her aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66075/25]

*182. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount her Department and any body under her aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66093/25]

*183. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide the Department's annual expenditure on State Claims Agency costs for the years 2020–2025. — Albert Dolan. [66348/25]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport the arrangements in place to verify that foreign-registered vehicles operating in the State under temporary exemption hold valid insurance recognised in Ireland; the number of cases in which insurance was found to be invalid or unrecognised; and the systems used to alert An Garda Síochána where non-compliance is identified. — Ken O'Flynn. [65746/25]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport the arrangements in place to verify that foreign-registered vehicles operating in the State under temporary exemption hold valid and recognised motor insurance; the number of cases in which insurance was found to be invalid or unrecognised; and the steps taken by the Revenue Commissioners to notify An Garda Síochána when non-compliance is identified. — Ken O'Flynn. [65752/25]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport to consider increasing the frequency of bus services on routes (details supplied) or finding alternative solutions to ensure that passengers are not left stranded and can rely on public transportation for their daily commute. — Ann Graves. [65151/25]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport the additional buses and drivers that would be required if the frequency of Dublin Bus Route H1 increased to every ten minutes in both directions. — Tom Brabazon. [65268/25]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of EV charging points available in the country, by local authority area, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [65283/25]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding initiatives being worked on by his Department that seek to increase the provision of EV charging infrastructure, particularly in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [65284/25]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding national targets for the provision of public EV charging stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [65285/25]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on steps to have on-train catering returned to the Sligo to Dublin train service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [65313/25]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on steps to have on-train catering returned to the Westport to Dublin service line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [65314/25]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the roll out of the new bus network for Galway city under BusConnects; if funding has been made available for this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [65315/25]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if he recognises that many towns and villages across Ireland do not have enough designated disabled parking spaces, creating daily difficulties for people with disabilities and their families when accessing essential services; the actions his Department intends to take to improve the availability and enforcement of accessible parking spaces in partnership with local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [65319/25]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement that has taken place between his Department and South Dublin County Council with regard to the funding and delivery of its six year roads programme, as specified in the South Dublin Development Plan 2022-2028. — Shane Moynihan. [65322/25]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement that has taken place between his Department and South Dublin County Council with regard to the funding of a project (details supplied), as specified in the South Dublin Development Plan 2022-2028. — Shane Moynihan. [65323/25]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement that has taken place between his Department and South Dublin County Council with regard to the funding of a project (details supplied), as specified in the South Dublin Development Plan 2022-2028. — Shane Moynihan. [65324/25]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement that has taken place between his Department and South Dublin County Council with regard to the funding of a project (details supplied), as specified in the South Dublin Development Plan 2022-2028. — Shane Moynihan. [65325/25]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement which has taken place with Blanchardstown Hospital to facilitate a bus stop on the hospital campus to extend the bus routes W4 and L52. — Shane Moynihan. [65328/25]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of the Budget 2026 PSO funding allocation that will be used to provide new and additional public transport services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [65397/25]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of each category of bus ticket that was sold for Bus Éireann route Number 2, Dublin to Wexford in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [65400/25]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport when a driving licence exchange application will be completed (details supplied), in view that it is over six weeks since the application was submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [65410/25]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent on the South Kerry greenway project to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [65411/25]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of landowners impacted by the South Kerry greenway project, and the amount that has been paid to these landowners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [65413/25]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport if safety improvements will be made at a railway bridge (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [65420/25]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport if a proposals for new rail timetables will be brought forward in the near future; if a public consultation will be launched on these proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [65421/25]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport if Bus Éireann have plans to renovate the bus stop at Mallow Bus Stop, Park Road, Mallow, County Cork, if so, to give a timeline on this; if not, if he will consider this as a matter of priority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [65422/25]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on planned works at a railway bridge (details supplied) to improve pedestrian safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [65425/25]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the replacement of a railway bridge (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [65427/25]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps his Department is taking to improve bus services in Cork city, in particular a service (details supplied), in view of recurring issues with reliability of this service including cancelled and late buses; the frequency of these issues occurring; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [65430/25]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the merits of expanding nighttime bus services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [65440/25]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the merits of expanding nighttime bus services to the Glencairn, Dublin 18 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [65441/25]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any engagement he has had with the National Transport Authority in relation to the increased provision of nighttime bus services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [65442/25]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any engagement he has had with a company (details supplied) in relation to the increased provision of nighttime bus services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [65443/25]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any engagement he has had with Dublin Bus in relation to the increased provision of nighttime bus services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [65444/25]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for current reliability issues on a bus route (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [65493/25]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of motor tax revenue collected from motorists with cars registered in Donegal, each year from 2019 to 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [65505/25]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport is aware that the new 73 bus route fleet is not electric; if his Department has engaged with the provider (details supplied) and the NTA on this matter; and when it is expected that this fleet will be electric. — Tom Brabazon. [65578/25]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport the road safety authority's policy regarding the requirement for a tachograph device in vehicles presented for a category C1 driving test; if ambulances, which are exempt from tachograph regulations and not fitted with such devices, can be used for a test (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [65611/25]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport if penalty points can be applied to non-Irish EU licences and inputted on the national vehicle and driver file database; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [65812/25]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers that have used the Dublin-Maynooth commuter rail service in 2024 and to date in 2025, in both directions, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [65879/25]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the continued decline in small public service vehicle (SPSV) licence numbers in Cork county, including a 4% decrease recorded in Cork since 2019; and the steps his Department is taking to increase taxi availability for rural communities in Cork north west, where lack of taxi provision is now significantly hindering access to hospitality businesses, late-night transport, and essential services. — John Paul O'Shea. [65890/25]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request that the National Transport Authority conduct an urgent review of SPSV supply in Cork county, including the areas of Macroom, Millstreet, Kanturk and Charleville where residents, visitors and local businesses report major difficulties securing taxis at peak times; and if he will outline any pending measures to increase SPSV driver recruitment and retention. — John Paul O'Shea. [65891/25]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has examined whether the costs, testing requirements and administrative processes associated with obtaining an SPSV licence are acting as barriers for prospective drivers in Cork; and if he will consider reforms or incentives to encourage more entrants into the sector, particularly in rural counties experiencing declining SPSV numbers. — John Paul O'Shea. [65893/25]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which he plans to address the imbalance between population growth in Cork county and the continued stagnation or decline of SPSV driver and vehicle numbers; and if Cork north west will be prioritised in any forthcoming strategy to increase licensed taxi availability. — John Paul O'Shea. [65895/25]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider introducing pilot initiatives in rural areas such as Cork north west, including grants, tax incentives, or reduced administrative burdens, to stimulate SPSV driver recruitment and ensure adequate taxi supply for communities outside Cork city. — John Paul O'Shea. [65896/25]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will conduct a formal review of a companies fixed pricing policy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [65913/25]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of retired Dublin Bus stock that was sold to a company (details supplied), in 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [65921/25]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport the specific details of the way in which the pilot for the new automatic vehicle location system on bus services will work; if geographical areas will be included in the pilot; if so, whether the greater Blanchardstown area can be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [65940/25]

*230. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 224 of 25 March, 417 of 29 April and 216 of 1 July 2025, for an update on improvements made in 2025 in communicating cancelled bus services, as per the details and assurances made by the NTA in response to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [65941/25]

*231. To ask the Minister for Transport the procedures in place to verify the authenticity of foreign driving licences and letters of entitlement presented for exchange in Ireland; the checks carried out with issuing authorities; the number of attempted exchanges rejected due to invalid or unverifiable documentation in each of the past three years; the safeguards in place to ensure that drivers accessing the reduced EDT programme have genuine prior driving experience; and the measures planned to address language-barrier safety risks reported by approved driving instructors during EDT lessons. — Ken O'Flynn. [65949/25]

*232. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to significantly increase the number of charging points for EVs around the country; if his attention has been drawn to reports of queues waiting to use limited charging points and the impact this is having on journey times; if he will commit to improving the charging network as a matter of priority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [65958/25]

*233. To ask the Minister for Transport the nature of refurbishment works that Irish Rail carried out at Tralee Train Station for the years of 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [65961/25]

*234. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide this Deputy with a copy of the feasibility study carried out by TII for Luas Poolbeg, which is under review by the National Transport Authority; and if he will support the progression of this line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [65972/25]

*235. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fixed fares introduced by a company (details supplied); and if he will ensure taxi drivers are paid fairly. — Paul Murphy. [65993/25]

*236. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of former secretary general's, retired civil servants, directors of service, retired city/county managers or those of a similar grade in his Department that have subsequently served on State boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [66002/25]

*237. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost to extend the five to eight-year-old free scheme to commercial operators, broken down by first year, full year, current and capital cost, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [66020/25]

*238. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps his Department is taking, in conjunction with the National Transport Authority, to address the ongoing problem of buses that fail to arrive despite appearing on real time passenger information for routes operated under contracts (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [66024/25]

*239. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement that has taken place with the National Transport Authority and the contracted operator to identify the causes of repeated real time information failures on routes (details supplied); the expected timeline for technical and operational fixes; the measures being put in place to support all passengers, particularly disabled passengers who are disproportionately affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [66025/25]

*240. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to safety concerns related to the Irish Coast Guard (details supplied); the actions he will take to address these concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [66029/25]

*241. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on his Department's consideration for altering transport weight allowances on roads; the changes being proposed to permit applications for heavy-load transport; if the Department is considering a similar system to the United Kingdom in regulating and processing heavy-load transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [66037/25]

*242. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine the impact of app-based dispatch operators offering fares below the regulated taxi meter tariff; the effect this is having on the viability of the taxi industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [66043/25]

*243. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the legislation that allows dispatch operators to set fares below the national taxi tariff, given concerns that this practice undermines the Government appointed regulator and creates unfair competition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [66044/25]

*244. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement his Department has had with the National Transport Authority regarding reports that reduced fares offered through app-based operators are threatening the income of taxi drivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [66045/25]

*245. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will assess the need to amend legislation in order that only the vehicle licence holder can offer a fare below the metered tariff, as is being called for by taxi drivers who warn that current arrangements place them at financial and regulatory risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [66046/25]

*246. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is satisfied that international app-based dispatch operators who do not maintain a physical presence or staff in Ireland are operating within the spirit and intent of existing taxi regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [66048/25]

*247. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66088/25]

*248. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66106/25]

*249. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide clarity on a set of data (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [66181/25]

*250. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a detailed explanation of the factors driving the projected per-kilometre cost of the MetroLink project; if he will publish the international benchmarking used to assess value for money, including comparisons with major European metro projects such as the Madrid Metro expansion; the steps his Department is taking to ensure cost efficiency in delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [66237/25]

*251. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on his engagement with the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, DMV, and the urgent need for the confirmation of a reciprocal driving licence agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [66271/25]

*252. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeframe for the detailed project brief and procurement strategy for consideration at approval gate 2 for Metro North; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [66273/25]

*253. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the Department's annual expenditure on State Claims Agency costs for the years 2020–2025. — Albert Dolan. [66371/25]

*254. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered the shortage of taxis late at night in Cork northwest towns; and the measures he is taking to ensure adequate SPSV supply in Cork County. — John Paul O'Shea. [66759/25]

Chun an Tánaiste agus Aire Airgeadais: To the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance.

*255. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will clarify the position of the State regarding stamp duty for large tranches of mortgage sales (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [66139/25]

*256. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to examine the recommendation of the Oireachtas Public Accounts Committee (details supplied) as they relate to the Taxes Consolidation (Rights of Performers and Film Workers) (Amendment) Bill 2025. — John Lahart. [65235/25]

*257. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total number of claims handled by the State Claims Agency, the number of claims settled; the number successfully defended; the number resolved without admission of liability; the median and average settlement amount in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [65245/25]

*258. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the breakdown of State Claims Agency settlements, by claim category (details supplied), including for each category the number of claims, the total value of settlements, the median payout; the highest and lowest settlement values, in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [65246/25]

*259. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will examine the extent to which current house price inflation is increasing local property tax liabilities for homeowners, particularly in areas where rising valuations are placing additional financial pressure on households; if his Department has assessed the impact of these valuation changes on families and older people in constituencies such as Dublin bay north; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [65320/25]

*260. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance Ireland's position on the development of an EU Savings and Investment (Capital Markets) Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [65342/25]

*261. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the way in which the price of 20 cigarettes in Ireland will be affected given the current European Commission proposal for a new own resource based on a tobacco consumption tax and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [65433/25]

*262. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider deferring a requirement to register VAT for poultry farmers (details supplied) in order to allow more time to restructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [65459/25]

*263. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the ratio of private sector indebtedness as a share of GNI since 2015, as defined as part of the European Commission's macroeconomic imbalances procedure, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [65552/25]

*264. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the steps he will take in response to issues facing the Digital Hub Development Agency (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [65740/25]

*265. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the procedures in place within his Department and within the Revenue Commissioners to monitor the continued use of foreign-registered vehicles operating in the State under temporary exemption; the number of compliance checks carried out in each of the past three years; the number of breaches identified; the corrective actions taken; and the engagement his Department has had with An Garda Síochána regarding road-safety and insurance risks arising from such vehicles. — Ken O'Flynn. [65743/25]

*266. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of temporary vehicle-registration exemptions granted to Ukrainian-registered vehicles that have been extended beyond the initial twelve-month period; the criteria applied when granting such extensions; the average duration of extensions granted; and the steps taken to ensure that exemptions do not become a de-facto substitute for registration. — Ken O'Flynn. [65744/25]

*267. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason the Revenue Commissioners do not record the number of Ukrainian-registered vehicles entering the State under temporary protection arrangements; whether his Department has considered establishing a data-capture mechanism in cooperation with the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration and An Garda Síochána; and the steps being taken to ensure accurate monitoring of foreign-registered vehicles operating in the State. — Ken O'Flynn. [65745/25]

*268. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the average processing time for Ukrainian-registered vehicles transitioning to Irish registration; the number of applications refused; the reasons for refusal; and whether his Department has reviewed any barriers preventing owners from completing the registration process within the required timeframe. — Ken O'Flynn. [65747/25]

*269. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of compliance checks carried out by the Revenue Commissioners in each of the past three years on foreign-registered vehicles operating in the State under temporary exemption; the number of breaches identified; the corrective actions taken; and the engagement his Department has had with An Garda Síochána to ensure consistent enforcement of vehicle-registration rules. — Ken O'Flynn. [65749/25]

*270. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of temporary vehicle-registration exemptions granted to Ukrainian-registered vehicles that have been extended beyond the initial twelve-month period; the criteria used when granting such extensions; and the measures in place to prevent temporary exemptions becoming a long-term substitute for the standard registration process. — Ken O'Flynn. [65750/25]

*271. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason the Revenue Commissioners does not record the number of Ukrainian-registered vehicles entering the State under temporary protection arrangements; whether his Department has examined the feasibility of a coordinated data-capture mechanism with the Department of Justice; and the steps being taken to ensure accurate monitoring of foreign-registered vehicles operating in the State. — Ken O'Flynn. [65751/25]

*272. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the average processing time for Ukrainian-registered vehicles transitioning to Irish vehicle registration; the number of applications refused; the reasons for refusal; and the actions taken by his Department to address any barriers that prevent owners from completing the process within the statutory timeframe. — Ken O'Flynn. [65753/25]

*273. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the process within his Department for reviewing the operation of temporary vehicle-registration exemptions for Ukrainian nationals; the frequency of these reviews; the indicators used to assess compliance and road-safety risk; and the planned policy changes under consideration in response to the rise in exemption applications identified in recent PQ replies. — Ken O'Flynn. [65754/25]

*274. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of social media influencers registered for taxation with the Revenue Commissioners, by county; the number that have been audited over the past five years; the number of auditors that have been assigned to such work; the number of influencers that have been subjected to fines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [65755/25]

*275. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance in view of the recent guidance from the Revenue Commissioners which provides employers an opportunity to correct any payroll tax issues arising from the Supreme Court Karshan ruling of 2023, his plans to enforce the Karshan ruling to ensure that all workers who should be classified as employees have such a classification; the means by which he intends to ensure there is a level playing field for those employers who take the opportunity to make these corrections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [65773/25]

*276. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance following on from the recent guidance from the Revenue Commissioners which provides employers an opportunity to correct any payroll tax issues arising from the Supreme Court Karshan ruling of 2023, the means by which the Revenue Commissioners will ensure that all employers who have previously classified their employees as self-employed are adhering to the ruling, the means by which the Revenue Commissioners intends to enforce this; whether more staff will be required to enforce this adequately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [65774/25]

*277. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of former secretary general's, retired civil servants, directors of service, retired city/county managers or those of a similar grade in his Department that have subsequently served on State boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [66005/25]

*278. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the position regarding any initiatives under review within his Department that seek to promote investment in the stock market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [66052/25]

*279. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the UK's Individual Savings Account (ISA) scheme; if a similar scheme could be considered in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [66053/25]

*280. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on whether the existing level of deposit interest retention tax acts as a disincentive to investment in the stock market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [66054/25]

*281. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on whether the existing level of capital gains tax acts as a disincentive to investment in the stock market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [66055/25]

*282. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66078/25]

*283. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66096/25]

*284. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is aware of court cases involving home mortgages held by loan servicing companies who were conducting themselves as both servicers and beneficial owners. — Peadar Tóibín. [66137/25]

*285. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of exemptions from stamp duty applied for with the Revenue Commissioners, each year for the past 15 years; and the number that were granted. — Peadar Tóibín. [66142/25]

*286. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of homes estimated to have their mortgages transferred to a loan servicing company, each year for the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [66143/25]

*287. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on the proposed revision of the Energy Taxation Directive; his future plans on the issue in the context of Ireland's upcoming Presidency of the EU Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [66266/25]

*288. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide the Department's annual expenditure on State Claims Agency costs for the years 2020–2025. — Albert Dolan. [66358/25]

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

*289. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether the €10 million allocated towards the relaxation of the carer's means test comes under €1,152 million for key policy adjustments, or from the €390 million 'increase in pension and illness, disability, carers scheme recipients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [65197/25]

*290. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether funding for new recipients of the carer's allowance, who would not have qualified under the current income disregards but will qualify on foot of the Budget 2026 measure, is allocated from the €390 million 'increase in pension and illness, disability, carers scheme recipients or elsewhere; the amount he plans to allocate to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [65198/25]

*291. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the breakdown of the estimated 30,000 additional recipients across the pension, illness, disability and carers schemes respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [65199/25]

*292. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide the Department's annual expenditure on State Claims Agency costs for the years 2020–2025. — Albert Dolan. [65243/25]

*293. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the status of the works being carried out at the Magazine Fort in the Phoenix Park; and the timeline for completion and opening as a visitor site. — Roderic O’Gorman. [65307/25]

*294. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if a company (details supplied) had a contract with the Office of Government Procurement to provide security and or stewarding personnel to public bodies for each year since 2021; if so, when this contract with the company will expire. — Alan Kelly. [65454/25]

*295. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the reason a residential location has been included in OPW community flood maps despite the property never having been flooded; if he is aware of the impact this generates for homeowners insurance premiums; if he will commit to revising the decision to include the location in the OPW's flood maps; if he will remind insurance companies that such maps are for indicative purposes only; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [65554/25]

*296. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if funding will be sanctioned in order that research staff in all higher education institutions across the sector can access a public service pension scheme, in view of a business case from the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science requesting access to the single public service pension scheme for those researchers who are not currently able to join the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [65556/25]

*297. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide emergency funding to strengthen the embankment and protect family homes and properties from tidal flooding at Cromane Lower, Killorglin, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [65559/25]

*298. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to review correspondence from a local authority (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [65600/25]

*299. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if trees growing in the middle of a river at the back of a residential property could be removed by the OPW (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [65653/25]

*300. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the complete breakdown of costs involved in the works completed by the Office of Public Works on the Garda station situated in An Rinn, Contae Phort Láirge, in each of the past ten years. — Conor D. McGuinness. [65655/25]

*301. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on an OPW minor works application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [65724/25]

*302. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to set out the policy in relation to the re-appointment of persons holding senior posts in State agencies beyond an initial five-year contract; if such a policy applies only to those at chief executive or head of agency level; if he will outline what other posts, or grades, groups and categories this policy applies to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [65762/25]

*303. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the costs involved in replacing signage in his Department due to errors on the signs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [65764/25]

*304. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to set out a list of unpublished reports carried out by the Irish Government Economic and Evaluation Service, either directly in his Department or by other Departments, which have been sent to his Department, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [65765/25]

*305. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of persons that have visited the Daniel O’Connell house during the 2023, 2024 and 2025 seasons, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [65959/25]

*306. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of former secretary general’s, retired civil servants, directors of service, retired city/county managers or those of a similar grade in his Department that have subsequently served on State boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [66006/25]

*307. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 421 of 12 November 2025, if he will clarify the definition of ‘exceptional circumstances’ which permits the termination of a formal mobility offer after it has been accepted by a civil servant; if a civil servant’s previous use of a statutory right of appeal based on European law is deemed an ‘exceptional circumstance’; if he will detail the specific formal appeals mechanism or rights of remedy that are available to a civil servant in a case where an accepted offer is terminated for reasons other than an attendance-related unsuitability determination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Brabazon. [66019/25]

*308. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66084/25]

*309. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66102/25]

*310. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the details of any planned schedule of works for Garda stations in County Offaly, in 2026; the stations in the county for which works are planned; the nature and scope of those works; the anticipated timelines for commencement and completion in each case;

and the estimated cost of each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [66259/25]

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

*311. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will direct the National Standards Authority of Ireland to provide the number of companies that have applied for modern methods of construction agreement certifications; the country of origin of those companies who have applied; the status of each application; the average time it takes from the point of application to approval; the number of certifications that have been granted; the identity of companies who have applied and have been approved; the companies country of origin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [65188/25]

*312. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to create financial supports for artisanal instrument makers to recognise their contribution to the arts. — Paul Murphy. [65279/25]

*313. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of WTE staff, by job title and gender, working at Enterprise Ireland offices in Shanghai and Lumpur as of 17 November 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [65398/25]

*314. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of WTE staff, by job title and gender, working at IDA offices in Johannesburg and Tokyo as of 17 November 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [65399/25]

*315. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps he and his Department took to protect the four pillars of the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive, which are due diligence duty, EU wide civil liability regime, climate transition plan implementation, and stakeholder engagement, prior to the passing of the Omnibus Package at EU level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [65402/25]

*316. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide details all IDA Ireland client companies with operations in Tipperary. — Alan Kelly. [65455/25]

*317. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has measures in place to support the Irish fashion and textile sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [64602/25]

*318. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether any national requirements exist for reporting, investigating, and documenting incidents involving hazardous materials at non-EPA-licensed facilities; and if he will publish the relevant regulatory framework. — Albert Dolan. [65622/25]

*319. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department will develop specific productivity metrics for the residential construction sector, including output per labour hour and output per euro of State-supported programmes such as Built to Innovate, Construct Innovate and the MMC Demonstration Park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [65725/25]

*320. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when the National Competitiveness and Productivity Council's Competitiveness Bulletin on public-sector performance will be published (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [65728/25]

*321. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide Ireland's scores and rankings under the Blavatnik Index of Public Administration for each year since the index was first produced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [65729/25]

*322. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department will publish a time series of public-sector productivity indicators for the past ten years, broken down by major areas of public administration where possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [65730/25]

*323. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department will commission, in partnership with Enterprise Ireland and the Local Enterprise Offices, a survey of construction SMEs in Cork city and county to identify barriers to starter-home delivery including material costs, labour shortages, access to finance and regulatory burdens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [65731/25]

*324. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department will publish regional breakdowns of construction SME challenges, including specific data for Cork city and county, as part of its annual reporting from 2026 onwards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [65732/25]

*325. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the timeline to transpose the EU Platform Workers Directive into Irish law; the legislative pathway his Department envisages for the transposition; if he favours pre-legislative scrutiny of the heads of a Bill in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [65771/25]

*326. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the means by which his Department intends to take account of the 2023 Supreme Court "Karshan ruling" when transposing the EU Platform Workers Directive into law; whether the five step framework in that ruling will be applied to the determination of the employment status of platform workers and those working in the gig economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [65772/25]

*327. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment following on from the recent guidance from the Revenue Commissioners which provides employers an opportunity to correct any payroll tax issues arising from the Supreme Court Karshan ruling of 2023, the means by which his Department and the industrial relations institutions under its aegis will ensure that all employers who have previously classified their employees as self-employed are adhering to the ruling; the means by which the institutions intend to enforce this; whether he anticipates more staff will be required to adjudicate on cases arising from the ruling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [65775/25]

*328. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the 2025 and 2026 capital budget allocation for his Department, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [65885/25]

*329. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will consider adding the early learning and childcare sector to the list of occupations that need a minimum salary of €30,000 per annum to qualify for a general employment permit, to allow the childcare sector fill the gap in qualified Irish childcare sector workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [65929/25]

*330. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of former secretary general's, retired civil servants, directors of service, retired city/county managers or those of a similar grade in his Department that have subsequently served on State boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [66003/25]

*331. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66077/25]

*332. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66095/25]

*333. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide the Department's annual expenditure on State Claims Agency costs for the years 2020–2025. — Albert Dolan. [66350/25]

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

*334. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to allow people who are contracted by Bus Éireann to drive buses for children with additional needs to continue to do so after they reach 70 years-of-age; her views on the current policy; the engagement her Department has had with Bus Éireann on this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [65498/25]

*335. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 708 of 4 November 2025, when a decision will issue in regard to the Dormant Accounts Action Plan 2026 in view of correspondence received from a group (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [65571/25]

*336. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on talks ongoing following the end of strike action by school secretaries and caretakers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [66038/25]

*337. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a new ASD class at a school (details supplied); the reason for any delays; and when the class will be open. — Tom Brabazon. [65131/25]

*338. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware that a school (details supplied) has been forced to drop science as a mandatory subject for first year students due to a shortage of teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [65138/25]

*339. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children who are involved in the school enrolment pilot scheme who have not been offered a school place, to date in 2025. — Darren O'Rourke. [65146/25]

*340. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school (details supplied) has any remaining space for students who have not received an offer under the new school enrolment pilot scheme; and if she will ensure that children who need a place will be offered one in Q1 2026. — Darren O'Rourke. [65147/25]

*341. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current number of secondary school places, for the Lucan school planning area, by school, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [65183/25]

*342. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the projected number of secondary school places for 2030, for the Lucan school planning area, by school, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [65184/25]

*343. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the projected number of secondary school places for 2035, for the Lucan school planning area, by school, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [65185/25]

*344. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of a school's (details supplied) difficulties in securing an increase in its SNA allocation; the progress on this issue; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [65187/25]

*345. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth is she aware of a spike in reported stress issues for post-primary school children, in terms of examination anxiety and so on; the way in which this is being addressed and the plans she has; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [65189/25]

*346. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans for a survey on parents of post-primary school students in view of the survey of primary school parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [65190/25]

*347. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will ensure a modular build for a school (details supplied) is expedited. — Robert Troy. [65202/25]

*348. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on proposed building works at a school (details supplied); when works will progress to the next stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [65204/25]

*349. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the funding avenues available through her Department to support a primary school in installing an astro-turf playing pitch on existing lands; and the timeframe for applications on any suitable funding streams. — Robert Troy. [65207/25]

*350. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will approve the urgent development of either a new build, or as an immediate measure prefabricated accommodation for a school (details supplied), considering the severe pressure on the school at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [65208/25]

*351. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of a school transport query from a person in Kildare (details supplied). — Mark Wall. [65221/25]

*352. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; if additional places for mild learning disability classes will be accommodated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [65233/25]

*353. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has given or will give consideration to the inclusion of Romanian language classes and exams in the Leaving Certificate curriculum, given it is currently only available as a non-curricular subject; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [65234/25]

*354. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the Irish sign language interpreter who is paid the same rate as an SNA and is employed by a school (details supplied) will be retained. — John McGuinness. [65253/25]

*355. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if home tuition hours and any other necessary supports will be approved for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [65260/25]

*356. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the engagement she or her Department have had with the management of school (details supplied) in relation to the need for additional accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [65278/25]

*357. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on an application for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [65289/25]

*358. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of the case of a student (details supplied); and if she will instruct her Department to investigate the matter to ensure the student is able to complete their education in their current supportive environment. — Paul Murphy. [65290/25]

*359. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she or her Department are aware of any reductions to the SNA allocations for primary schools in Dublin northwest, following the most recent circular and guidelines from the NCSE on same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [65302/25]

*360. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on school transport for a student with special educational needs (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [65304/25]

*361. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of capacity issues regarding secondary school places in the Castleknock-Carpenterstown school planning area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [65309/25]

*362. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of capacity issues regarding secondary school places in the Mulhuddart Tyrrelstown school planning area, and in particular, with regard to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [65310/25]

*363. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware that a school (details supplied) has had to cancel 5th year construction studies during the middle of the term due to the departure of a teacher; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [65316/25]

*364. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps being taken to increase the availability of teachers for practical Leaving Certificate subjects such as construction studies, metal work and woodwork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [65317/25]

*365. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if consideration has been given to allowing teachers in high demand subjects to teach across a number of schools in order that subjects can be offered to students across a number of schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [65318/25]

*366. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an application for a school (details supplied) for additional special needs assistants. — Séamus McGrath. [65329/25]

*367. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on planned repair work and the extension to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [65337/25]

*368. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the planned extension to a school (details supplied) including the possible development of a special school; the timeframes for the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [65338/25]

*369. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools at primary and secondary level that have reported leaks in the roofs of the schools, by age of the school; the design requirements which are in place to prevent such leaks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [65339/25]

*370. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason there are no specialist therapies and supports available to special schools dealing with severe educational behaviour difficulties. — Marie Sherlock. [65355/25]

*371. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she plans to review the special school model and the related system of supports which are available in an inconsistent basis to such schools across the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [65356/25]

*372. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to list the number of SEBD special schools in the country and their respective staffing profile. — Marie Sherlock. [65357/25]

*373. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason an SNA review has been initiated for a school (details supplied). — Marie Sherlock. [65358/25]

*374. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has considered the implications of the recent Medical Emergency Response (MER) report, which shows that only 43.2% of schools have a defibrillator on site, particularly in the context of school sports where

cardiac events can occur; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [65394/25]

*375. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures in place to ensure that schools hosting sports activities, training sessions, and matches are adequately equipped to respond to sudden medical emergencies, including the availability of defibrillators and staff trained in their use; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [65395/25]

*376. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to consider and respond to correspondence from the parents and caregivers association of a school (details supplied) regarding school transport issues. — Eoin Ó Broin. [65428/25]

*377. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the new school for a location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [65445/25]

*378. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children from Newbridge primary schools who secured places in Newbridge secondary schools for the 2024/2025 academic year, by gender, in tabular form. — Jen Cummins. [65463/25]

*379. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children from Newbridge primary schools who did not secure a place locally and are now travelling to other areas, by gender, in tabular form. — Jen Cummins. [65464/25]

*380. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of students receiving school transport in Newbridge; the number refused school transport; and the reason for refusal, in tabular form. — Jen Cummins. [65465/25]

*381. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if children with no offers of a secondary school place in Newbridge will be prioritised in the next round of offers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [65466/25]

*382. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of any secondary schools in Newbridge seeking deposits from parents to secure places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [65467/25]

*383. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has engaged with Newbridge secondary schools on projected enrolments for 2026; her plans for temporary accommodation in Newbridge schools; and when these details will be confirmed. — Jen Cummins. [65468/25]

*384. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on a school (details supplied) being the only secondary school in Newbridge without a local selection criteria. — Jen Cummins. [65469/25]

*385. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there are plans to allow people who are contracted by Bus Éireann to drive buses for children with additional needs to continue to do so after they reach 70 years-of-age; her views on the current policy; the engagement her Department has had with Bus Éireann on this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [65491/25]

*386. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline the process in which a student being home schooled can complete the Leaving Certificate. — Jen Cummins. [65514/25]

*387. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the provisions in place to ensure that students who are home schooled can complete subjects with course work components given the new SEC coursework rules and procedures 2025-2026, page 16/ 7. — Jen Cummins. [65515/25]

*388. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of students currently being home schooled. — Jen Cummins. [65516/25]

*389. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to respond to correspondence regarding an application for additional accommodation for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [65551/25]

*390. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if additional support will be provided to a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [65553/25]

*391. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if individual schools have any discretion under the tendering and procurement process when selecting the provider of their school meals, taking into consideration local factors, price, menu selection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [65555/25]

*392. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools in Waterford that applied for funding under the 2025 Summer Works Programme. — Conor D. McGuinness. [65607/25]

*393. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of additional special needs assistants employed over the years 2020 to 2025, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [65609/25]

*394. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to change the regulations regarding persons aged 70 and over, driving vehicles providing a public service such as school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [65626/25]

*395. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will direct the NCSE to issue additional letters of eligibility where assessments were completed shortly after the 1 October deadline and where it is clear that delays resulted from systemic or service-capacity issues rather than any failure on the part of families. — Michael Murphy. [65646/25]

*396. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is satisfied that the decision of the NCSE to introduce a significantly earlier closing date of 1 October for the submission of parental notifications and supporting reports has been implemented in a fair and reasonable manner; and the measures her Department is taking to ensure that families who were unable to secure assessment reports within this abridged window are not unfairly penalised, in particular families that submitted their notifications and reports before the end of October. — Michael Murphy. [65647/25]

*397. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the rationale for the NCSE policy of refusing to issue letters of eligibility where parents submitted notifications on time but were unable to obtain the required professional reports until later in October; and if flexibility will

be introduced in light of capacity constraints within assessment services. — Michael Murphy. [65648/25]

*398. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if transitional arrangements were put in place for the first year of the revised NCSE application timeline; the considerations taken to ensure families were not disadvantaged by the abrupt change; and whether she will instruct the NCSE to reconsider applications where reports were delayed through no fault of the family. — Michael Murphy. [65649/25]

*399. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her assessment of the impact that refusing additional letters of eligibility will have on the ability of children with complex needs to access appropriate school placements for September 2026 where some families were only weeks outside the October 1 deadline, particularly in cases where school enrolment windows extend into early next year. — Michael Murphy. [65650/25]

*400. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is satisfied with the level of communication provided to families regarding the new NCSE notification deadlines, required documentation, and approved assessors' list; and if she will commit to publishing clear, accessible guidance for future application cycles. — Michael Murphy. [65651/25]

*401. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will undertake a review of the NCSE eligibility process, including timelines and communication practices, to ensure it operates in a fair, transparent, and child-centred manner. — Michael Murphy. [65652/25]

*402. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 502 of 18 November 2025, the advice she would give to a teacher who has moved schools in the past 12-months but due to their child's illness are forced to temporarily leave work and they cannot qualify for carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [65675/25]

*403. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if funding is available for a school (details supplied); and when building will commence. — Shay Brennan. [65677/25]

*404. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if funding is available which an association (details supplied) or its member organisations can apply for to continue its mentoring scheme for secondary schools to encourage emerging young talent and to put on annual school musicals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [65693/25]

*405. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the tender will be released for the building of a school (details supplied) given the urgent situation facing the school and the potential deadline faced vacating their current temporary accommodation. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [65761/25]

*406. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the amount of the 2026 youth affairs budget that is allocated for capital projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [65770/25]

*407. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 516 of 18 November 2025, the mechanisms that will support the delivery of actions 10 and 13 of the Opportunities for Youth framework; the process that will be used to determine the acquisition

of new spaces for youth work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [65794/25]

*408. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will fulfil the commitment made by the former Minister of Education and Youth and meet with the principal of a school (details supplied) to discuss the urgent need for additional autism class provision within their school, and wider community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [65810/25]

*409. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige díriú chomh luath agus gur féidir ar na seomraí ranga breise buana a chur ar fáil do Scoil Gharbháin i nDún na Mainistreach, Port Láirge, ós rud é, i mí Feabhra 2025, gur gheall an Roinn go ndéanadh foireann deartha teagmháil leis an scoil laistigh de shé seachtaine, rud nach bhfuil tarlaite fós, agus go bhfuil brú ollmhór anois ar an scoil agus liosta feithimh ollmhór ann di, agus go bhfuil faillí á ndéanamh ar thuismitheoirí atá ag iarraidh páistí leo a chur go dtí scoil lán-Ghaelach, rud nach mbeidh líon mór atá ar an liosta feithimh a dhéanamh anois, agus gur baile seirbhíse Gaeltachta é Dún Garbhán, agus gurb í seo an t-aon bhunscoil lán-Ghaeilge sa cheantar máguaird. — Conor D. McGuinness. [65865/25]

*410. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a school (details supplied) did not receive funding under the recently announced climate action summer works scheme; if there will be further rounds before next summer for funding to be made available to that school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [65866/25]

*411. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 514 of 18 November 2025, if she will consider establishing additional accommodation measures for primary schools in Kildare town, to ensure that all children can receive an education in their local area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [65867/25]

*412. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures her Department is taking to provide a fair and accessible pathway to primary teacher registration for qualified, experienced teachers who hold Irish teaching degrees and have substantial overseas primary teaching experience; if she will consider extending to these teachers the same pre-assessment and shortfall-identification process recently introduced for teachers who qualified outside the State; if she will review the current reliance on high-cost private programmes such as Hibernia as the only realistic route for many returning teachers to gain primary registration, particularly in light of ongoing teacher shortages, including in Irish medium and rural schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [65872/25]

*413. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 93 of 6 March 2024, where the specific information requested regarding the publication of documentation demonstrating whether bank accounts, fund transfers, or other records prove that a surplus of €8.195 million from school transport was held by Bus Éireann on her behalf as of 31 December 2011 was not included; whether she accepts that the precise information sought was not supplied; whether she will now provide this information; the reason it was withheld; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [65905/25]

*414. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 94 of 6 March 2024, if she will investigate the reason her officials did not provide the information to the minister at the time in the preparation of the response sought by this Deputy regarding whether the transaction purportedly returning the net cash surplus of €6.7 million to her in 2018 was drawn from ‘the ring-fenced bank account’ purported to exist to separate funds from school

transport from its commercial business; the corrective actions that will be taken to correct the record; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [65906/25]

*415. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 94 of 6 March 2024, to give supporting documentation demonstrating whether the ring fencing in bank accounts existed or whether fund funds were co-mingled in bank accounts and used as general cash flow (liquidity) as working capital across Bus Éireann's commercial business; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [65907/25]

*416. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to consider allocating a home school community liaison teacher for all special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [65908/25]

*417. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated cost of allocating a home school community liaison teacher for all special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [65909/25]

*418. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to consider changing principals allowance to reflect the number of staff managed for special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [65910/25]

*419. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated cost of changing principals allowance to reflect the number of staff managed for special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [65911/25]

*420. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to consider establishing an in-school management team appropriate to the size of a school's staff (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [65912/25]

*421. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if schools that were unsuccessful in obtaining climate action summer works scheme funding in the current round will be automatically considered in the next round; the date she expects to be in a position to announce those successful in the next round; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [65922/25]

*422. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the funding streams open to schools that had applications submitted for the climate action summer works scheme but were not included in the 2026 allocation and require works to be carried out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [65923/25]

*423. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools in County Louth that have sought assistance from the Financial Support Service Unit for each of the years 2020 to 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [65935/25]

*424. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to consider reclassifying the DEIS status of a school (details supplied) from DEIS Band 2 to DEIS Band 1, given the increased educational and social need of the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [65936/25]

*425. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when schools can apply for reclassification of their DEIS status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [65937/25]

*426. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to consider increasing the number of posts of responsibility in a special school, bearing in mind that special schools generally have a large staff of SNAs and ancillary staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [65938/25]

*427. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to roll out the new administrative executive roles scheme for schools as a pilot scheme in County Kerry to support and strengthen schools there, to help principals and teachers across the county, reduce the huge admin burden; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [65939/25]

*428. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the date for the publishing of the proposed new DEIS Plan; and when her Department intend to communicate with school principals at existing DEIS schools in County Louth regarding the proposed DEIS plus part of this plan. — Joanna Byrne. [65943/25]

*429. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the form of collaboration that took place with principals of existing DEIS schools in County Louth regarding the development of the proposed DEIS plus scheme. — Joanna Byrne. [65944/25]

*430. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the form of engagement or collaboration that took place with home school community liaison workers, school completion programme workers, and children and young people from schools in County Louth in line with her stated intention to “form a student-centred design approach” for the proposed DEIS plus scheme. — Joanna Byrne. [65945/25]

*431. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of additional people the proposed DEIS Plus plan will support in County Louth. — Joanna Byrne. [65946/25]

*432. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which the funding announced in Budget 2026 for the introduction of the DEIS Plus scheme will be allocated to schools in County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [65947/25]

*433. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the plans in place to ensure that proposed DEIS Plus funding and resources are made available to schools in County Louth before the end of the current academic school year allowing schools sufficient time to plan and prepare ahead of the proposed September 2026 rollout; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [65948/25]

*434. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools and students that will be included in the pilot programme (RACE accommodations) for students with dyslexia and dyscalculia for the upcoming 2026 examinations; and if she will roll this out to all eligible students across the State in the interest of fairness and equity for the 2026 examinations. — Darren O'Rourke. [65950/25]

*435. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of the case of a child (details supplied); and if she will instruct her Department to ensure that the child in question is provided with necessary supports. — Paul Murphy. [65969/25]

*436. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason for the delay in issuing payment to a person (details supplied) under the home-based summer programme; when payment can be expected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [65984/25]

*437. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will formalise sun safety in the primary and post-primary school curricula, to integrate age-appropriate sun smart education (HSE2025), thereby enabling children to develop healthy habits from a young age. — Darren O'Rourke. [65986/25]

*438. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will introduce the HSE's sun smart school toolkit into the national curriculum for social, personal, and health education. — Darren O'Rourke. [65987/25]

*439. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of former secretary general's, retired civil servants, directors of service, retired city/county managers or those of a similar grade in her Department that have subsequently served on State boards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [65997/25]

*440. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the review of out-of-school education; the current status of the revision report; when it is expected to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [66022/25]

*441. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps her Department is taking to provide a school place for a child (details supplied), who has not attended school since 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [66035/25]

*442. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a breakdown of the number of schools, per county, that were approved under the multi-annual summer works scheme for the years 2022 to 2025 to date, respectively, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [66049/25]

*443. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a breakdown of the funding allocated to schools under the summer works scheme on a county-by-county basis, for the year 2023, 2024 and 2025 respectively, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [66050/25]

*444. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a breakdown of categories that schools were approved funding for under the summer works scheme, on a county-by-county basis, for the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 respectively, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [66051/25]

*445. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to multiple applications made by a school (details supplied) under the emergency works scheme; the actions she will take to ensure these applications are progressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [66057/25]

*446. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the amount her Department and any body under her aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66076/25]

*447. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the amount her Department and any body under her aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66094/25]

*448. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 465 of 17 September 2025, for an updated table accounting of the recent funding announcement under the climate action summer works scheme (details supplied), by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [66155/25]

*449. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will address the concerns of parents who have so far failed to secure infant places in their local village school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [66157/25]

*450. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide funding to carryout significant improvement works to the older schools in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [66161/25]

*451. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Department's procedures for ensuring that all primary and post-primary schools provide a clear opt-out process for parents who do not consent to elements of the Bí Cineálta policy or associated materials; and the direction issued to schools on the administrative arrangements for accommodating such pupils. — Ken O'Flynn. [66186/25]

*452. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the statutory basis on which her Department requires schools to implement the Bí Cineálta anti-bullying policy on a whole-school basis; and her Department's assessment of whether such implementation is compatible with parental rights under the Education Act and the Constitution. — Ken O'Flynn. [66187/25]

*453. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures by which her Department has assessed the Bí Cineálta policy against recent safeguarding evidence reviews, including the Cass Review and the HSS report; and the steps being taken to ensure full compliance with national child-protection obligations in all schools. — Ken O'Flynn. [66188/25]

*454. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the specific guidance issued by her Department to schools regarding the treatment of pupils whose parents do not consent to elements of anti-bullying policies or SPHE-related content; and her Department's instructions on ensuring equal access to the curriculum for such pupils. — Ken O'Flynn. [66189/25]

*455. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to list all external organisations whose materials or programmes are included in, endorsed by, or linked to the Bí Cineálta policy; the vetting process undertaken by the Department before including such organisations; and the criteria used to evaluate the safeguarding suitability of associated materials. — Ken O'Flynn. [66190/25]

*456. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the training provided by her Department and Oide to school leaders and staff on the implementation of the Bí Cineálta policy; the extent to which this training addresses safeguarding concerns raised in recent evidence reviews; and the means by which schools are instructed to handle parental opt-out requests. — Ken O'Flynn. [66191/25]

*457. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Department's monitoring arrangements for ensuring compliance with statutory safeguarding obligations during the implementation of the Bí Cineálta policy; and the number of compliance checks undertaken in 2024 and 2025. — Ken O'Flynn. [66192/25]

*458. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the arrangements schools are required to put in place during Anti-Bullying Week for pupils whose parents do not consent to participation in activities or materials associated with the Bí Cineálta policy; and her Department's guidance on how schools should plan and record such arrangements. — Ken O'Flynn. [66193/25]

*459. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether an equality-impact assessment has been carried out on her Department's implementation of the Bí Cineálta policy; and whether safeguards are in place to ensure that children whose parents do not consent to specific elements are not disadvantaged or labelled inappropriately. — Ken O'Flynn. [66194/25]

*460. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the means by which her Department has ensured that the implementation of the Bí Cineálta policy respects parental rights under Articles 41 and 42 of the Constitution; and whether her Department has issued guidance to schools on avoiding conflicts between parental rights and Department-mandated programmes. — Ken O'Flynn. [66195/25]

*461. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department intends to review the Bí Cineálta policy in light of recent clinical and safeguarding evidence; the timeline for such a review; and whether stakeholder consultations with parents will form part of that process. — Ken O'Flynn. [66196/25]

*462. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to set out the guidance issued to Boards of Management regarding handling parental objections to the Bí Cineálta policy; and her Department's instructions to boards on decision-making where there is a conflict between Department policy and parental consent. — Ken O'Flynn. [66197/25]

*463. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way her Department has assessed the impact of recent directives, including Bí Cineálta, on the operational autonomy of schools and Boards of Management; and her Department's position on ensuring that schools retain the ability to address local safeguarding concerns. — Ken O'Flynn. [66198/25]

*464. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [66219/25]

*465. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the breakdown of the results of exceptional reviews and SNA SENO reviews, in primary and post-primary and special schools, in the past year; the number and percentage of these reviews that led to an increase in SNA allocations; the number of additional SNAs employed as a result; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [66224/25]

*466. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the date the next tranche of projects to receive funding under the annual climate action summer works scheme 2026 will be announced. — Liam Quaide. [66289/25]

*467. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will reconsider a school's (details supplied) application under the annual climate action summer works scheme 2026, given the urgent nature of the works and the critical road safety concerns that exist if the works are not carried out promptly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [66290/25]

*468. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the Department's annual expenditure on State Claims Agency costs for the years 2020–2025. — Albert Dolan. [66349/25]

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

*469. 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. [65209/25]

*470. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the eligibility of schools to apply for the upcoming sports capital scheme, in collaboration with a local sports club; and the details of the criteria involved. — Robert Troy. [65212/25]

*471. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the reason for the delay with broadband installation to a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [65251/25]

*472. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if formal approval has been given for the purchase of maintenance equipment (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [65254/25]

*473. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department has assessed the prevalence of sexual harassment, bullying and verbal abuse experienced by girls in community sports settings; the safeguarding measures in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [65294/25]

*474. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the planned football academies for which funding was announced in Budget 2026. — Malcolm Byrne. [65346/25]

*475. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his plans to make the basic income for the arts (BIA) pilot scheme permanent (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [65384/25]

*476. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if full funding will be provided to complete a project (details supplied) which was applied for in 2024; when the project will move to tender stage; and the timeline for construction and completion. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [65679/25]

*477. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if a stream of funding is available that the nearly 120 musical societies in Ireland can apply for to ensure that their community-based arts offering can continue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [65691/25]

*478. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if funding is available which an association (details supplied) or its member organisations can apply for to continue to run its all-Ireland adjudication scheme for musical societies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [65692/25]

*479. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if funding is available which an association (details supplied) or its member organisations can apply for to continue its mentoring scheme for secondary schools to encourage emerging young talent and to putt on annual school musicals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [65694/25]

*480. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Cumarsáide agus Spóirt an fios dó cén céatadán agus cén méid de chiste na stáisiún craolacháin poiblí náisiúnta a tháinig ó dhuaischomórtais a bhí ceangailte le cláracha raidió agus teilifíse chuile bhliain idir 2014 agus 2024; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [65705/25]

*481. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Cumarsáide agus Spóirt an bhfuil ról ar bith aige faoin Acht um Rialáil Cearrbhachais, 2024 maidir le cinneadh a dhéanamh nó aird Údarás Rialála Cearrbhachais na hÉireann a tharraingt ar chrannchuir sheachtainiúla a bhfuil duaischistí a bhfuil níos mó ná €200,000 iontu atá á reáchtáil ag grúpa stáisiún raidió tráchtála; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [65706/25]

*482. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the amount of funding allocated to the sport of association football (soccer) through capital or equipment grants from all Department funding streams for each of the years 2020 to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [65739/25]

*483. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps he will take in response to issues facing the Digital Hub Development Agency (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [65741/25]

*484. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the current and planned funding streams to ensure that all sports grounds, clubs, and gyms have access to automated external defibrillators (AEDs); and if he will consider establishing a dedicated national fund to support the purchase, maintenance, and replacement of AEDs in sports facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [65982/25]

*485. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of former secretary general's, retired civil servants, directors of service, retired city/county managers or those of a similar grade in his Department that have subsequently served on State boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [66000/25]

*486. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66074/25]

*487. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66092/25]

*488. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the funding scheme from which €2 million has been awarded for the detailed design of Buncrana Leisure Centre; if his Department will accept funding applications for design of swimming pool projects in other areas

where demand exists such as Loughrea; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [66185/25]

*489. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if certain Departmental records are missing from archives (details supplied); the action his Department has taken to locate these records; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [66218/25]

*490. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether he will advocate for Ireland to become a signatory to the International Convention against Apartheid in Sports. — Sinéad Gibney. [66253/25]

*491. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the status of a proposal for a women's museum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [66267/25]

*492. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he has reviewed the Collins Report on a women's museum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [66268/25]

*493. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the timeline for the establishment of a women's museum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [66269/25]

*494. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will commit to establishing a women's museum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [66270/25]

*495. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide the Department's annual expenditure on State Claims Agency costs for the years 2020–2025. — Albert Dolan. [66345/25]

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

*496. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 202 of 4 November 2025, if it is proposed to create planning guidelines for the purposes of meeting the State's obligations to derive energy sources from and including solar technologies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [65423/25]

*497. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department's policy recognises that the charging of rates on registered childcare provider's operating from their own family home would act as a major disincentive to such care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [65558/25]

*498. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a person (details supplied) will be eligible for the proposed 10% retrospective payment increase under the defective concrete blocks scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [65676/25]

*499. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm that community-based, not-for-profit early years services are exempt from commercial rates; the

guidance provided to local authorities to ensure that such community services are treated consistently with regard to rates liability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [65980/25]

*500. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that Tailte Éireann has recently contacted community-based, not-for-profit early years services in Waterford indicating that they may be liable for commercial rates; if he will clarify Government policy regarding the rates status of such community services; if he will engage with Tailte Éireann and local authorities to ensure that community early years providers are not incorrectly deemed rateable and are protected from unwarranted threats of rates liability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [65981/25]

*501. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of funding for the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan as part of the Shared Ireland Initiative, including any funding that can be applied for by local authorities, beekeeping groups or individual beekeepers. — Peadar Tóibín. [66163/25]

*502. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for clarity on the requirement for local authorities to provide a co-funding contribution for water infrastructure projects, as raised during an exchange at the Joint Committee on Infrastructure and National Development Plan Delivery on Wednesday, 24 September 2025 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [66254/25]

*503. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there has been any increase in the housing adaption grants in Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [66549/25]

*504. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the proposed arrangements for Uisce Éireann to take in charge privately developed wastewater treatment systems will be included in either an oversight agreement/performance delivery agreement or shareholders letter of expectation with its parent Department. — Joe Cooney. [65133/25]

*505. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications, and the number of approvals, for the local authority purchase and renovate loan applications, by county, by year to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [65135/25]

*506. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new cost rental and affordable housing units currently planned, funded and expected to commence construction before the end of 2025 in Longford and Westmeath. — Sorca Clarke. [65192/25]

*507. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will direct the Land Development Agency to provide an update in respect of their interest or engagement with the HSE concerning the sale of a property (details supplied); and its potential use as LDA housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [65195/25]

*508. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the proposed acquisition of 17 housing units in Milford, County Donegal, currently being progressed by an organisation (details supplied) under the CALF scheme; the reasons for the apparent delay in Donegal County Council completing the required local authority section of the CALF application; whether his Department has received engagement from the council on this matter;

the steps being taken to resolve the situation to ensure these urgently needed homes will be delivered for local social housing applicants; if these properties have been tested for the presence of deleterious materials; if any such testing has been requested or received by his Department or the local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [65203/25]

*509. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason his Department has not sanctioned the purchase of 17 homes in Milford, County Donegal by an approved housing body to house families on the local social housing list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [65206/25]

*510. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures his Department is taking to address delays in the planning system that are slowing down the delivery of housing in Cork north-west; if he will provide additional resources or supports to Cork County Council to speed up the progression of both social and private housing projects in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [65222/25]

*511. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports being made available to ensure that towns and villages in Cork north-west have adequate serviced land and infrastructure required for new housing development; if his Department will work with Cork County Council to address gaps in wastewater and water capacity that are limiting housing delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [65223/25]

*512. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of all local authority areas currently active in the cost rental tenant-in-situ scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [65249/25]

*513. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department, Uisce Éireann and local authorities are prepared to enter into discussions with companies with expertise in the building of modular treatment plants for water and wastewater in rural areas, and which companies are prepared to finance, build and maintain these treatment plants for a period of ten years from date of completion of construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [65255/25]

*514. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the longest waiting time on the social housing waiting list for one, two, and three bed dwellings for local authorities nationwide, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [65281/25]

*515. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the longest waiting time on the social housing waiting list for one, two, and three bed dwellings in the four Dublin local authorities, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [65282/25]

*516. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports which will be allocated for persons on lists for social local authority housing, whose income places them in danger of imminently disqualifying for public housing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [65517/25]

*517. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for clarity regarding the changes to rent pressure zone rules (details provided); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [65539/25]

*518. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he accepts that commercial rates should not be charged to registered childcare providers in circumstances where that care is provided in the family home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [65557/25]

*519. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his position regarding the prohibition of pet ownership in apartments owned by approved housing bodies which was raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [65606/25]

*520. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if fire-service capabilities have been evaluated in respect of large-scale battery-storage fires; if national guidance exists regarding the extinguishing, containment, and post-incident environmental management of such fires; and if he will provide reports commissioned by the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management on this matter. — Albert Dolan. [65620/25]

*521. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if environmental impact assessment requirements for solar farms and associated battery-storage facilities include mandatory analysis of contamination risks from fire-water run-off, air emissions, and soil or groundwater pollution; and if he will provide the relevant regulatory documents or inspectorate guidance. — Albert Dolan. [65621/25]

*522. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a person still paying a shared ownership loan can close off such a loan; the methods available in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [65668/25]

*523. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of shared ownership loans still administered, by each local authority; the number of loans in negative equity, by each local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [65669/25]

*524. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on available supports for pension-age homeowners in County Louth affected by pyrite damage in homes built before 1990. — Erin McGreehan. [65678/25]

*525. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will work with the Central Statistics Office and the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to establish residential construction productivity indicators aligned with the targets in Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025–2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [65727/25]

*526. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way his Department treats construction products that hold valid European Technical Assessments or CE marking issued in other EU member states when such products are proposed for use in Irish housing projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [65733/25]

*527. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of construction products that have been refused acceptance for use in housing schemes in each of the past five years despite holding European Technical Assessment or equivalent EU-recognised certification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [65734/25]

*528. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if British Board of Agrément certification continues to be recognised as evidence of fitness for purpose for construction products post-Brexit when used in Irish housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [65735/25]

*529. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if in the instance of a social housing assistance income assessment being undertaken and that the decision is disputed by the applicant after appeal with the local authority, would the applicant have any recourse by way of appeal to his Department or other sources. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [65756/25]

*530. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the legal or policy basis for local authorities for refusing adult children, returning to the family home due to the housing crisis, permission to be added to the rent book. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [65757/25]

*531. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the income eligibility limits for social housing in Cavan and Monaghan will be increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [65796/25]

*532. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to implement new draft wind energy guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [60285/25]

*533. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to implement new draft wind energy guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [60322/25]

*534. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Government’s retrofitting targets across public housing, have been set for 2026; when the 2026 targets will be set for local authorities’ stock retrofitting; the estimated budget for retrofitting of social housing stock in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [61065/25]

*535. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether there are plans for the threshold for social housing to be increased. — Paul Murphy. [65914/25]

*536. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Part V obligations that have been satisfied through land transfer offsite in 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [65915/25]

*537. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to introduce a national financial contribution scheme, based on the local authority model (details supplied), administered by local authorities, and funded by the Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [65916/25]

*538. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the 2026 funding for the tenant-in-situ scheme will be confirmed by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [65917/25]

*539. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the 2026 funding for local authority acquisitions will be confirmed by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [65918/25]

*540. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify the role State savings play in housing delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [65919/25]

*541. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to detail plans to utilise State savings products to support housing delivery; the expected level of funding to come through the ISS for housing delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [65920/25]

*542. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps his Department is taking to ensure meaningful public consultation in rural communities that are expected to accommodate renewable energy projects significantly larger than those envisaged under current planning guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [60402/25]

*543. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress being made in examining the benefits of a visitor accommodation levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [62154/25]

*544. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will provide an update on the Maynooth ring road project; the amount of funding his Department has given so far to the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [60207/25]

*545. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider introducing a dedicated rural housing strategy to support population growth in villages, including incentives for young families and remote workers to settle in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [54982/25]

*546. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has considered guidelines for industrial-type solar farms; to outline the planning legislation for solar farms; if his Department has discussed the same guidelines with the Department for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the EU Land Use Policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [60442/25]

*547. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to consider revising the vacant property refurbishment grant so that partial advance payments can be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [65612/25]

*548. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is considering a new phase of supports for existing cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme applicants, as per a letter issued to said applicants earlier this year; the stage this consideration is at; when applicants will be informed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [65952/25]

*549. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will support the development of a national requirement that all developers constructing new housing estates provide an automated external defibrillator (AED) within the estate; and if he will consider incorporating such a requirement into planning or building regulations in the interest of public health and community safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [65983/25]

*550. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of former secretary general's, retired civil servants, directors of service, retired city/county managers or those of a similar grade in his Department that have subsequently served on State boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [65999/25]

*551. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding support for people who do not earn enough to qualify for cost rental housing but are over the income threshold for social housing supports; if cases such as this are under review within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [66030/25]

*552. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is considering a new phase of supports for existing cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme applicants, as per a letter issued to said applicants earlier this year; the stage this consideration is at; when applicants will be informed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [66034/25]

*553. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify an issue in respect of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [66042/25]

*554. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 1276 of 8 September 2025, if he will meet and engage meaningfully with a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [66069/25]

*555. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the concerns of smaller landlords that own three or fewer rental properties in relation to the forthcoming changes in laws related to renting (details supplied); the extent to which these issues have been considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [66070/25]

*556. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66082/25]

*557. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66100/25]

*558. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that people earning above the social housing income threshold but below the thresholds for affordable housing or private purchase are left with no options in Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [66118/25]

*559. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether local authorities should be required, under the Social Housing Assessment Regulations and the National Household Means Policy, to deduct private-sector occupational pension contributions, PRSA contributions, or AVCs, when made through payroll on a pre-tax basis and functionally equivalent to public-sector additional superannuation contributions (ASC), when assessing income for social housing and HAP eligibility; when current local authority practice must be

aligned with national policy, and that national policy should explicitly include private-sector pension contributions, as it already includes ASC, which only benefits public-service workers; and the steps which will be taken to ensure fair and consistent treatment of private-sector workers, particularly with compulsory pension auto-enrolment from January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [66123/25]

*560. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on retrofitting for local authority housing; the status of progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [66128/25]

*561. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has engaged with the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to address the impact of electricity grid constraints on housing targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [66129/25]

*562. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the paperwork that should be supplied to Tailte Éireann/PRAI when registering an interest in a property by a loan servicing company/vulture fund; whether these bodies are legally bound to produce an exemption from stamp duty certificate; and the guidelines for these companies to establish a burden on a folio. — Peadar Tóibín. [66140/25]

*563. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide affordable housing in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [66144/25]

*564. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide low cost sites in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [66145/25]

*565. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to increase the fee paid to a Local Authority for objecting to a planning application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [66146/25]

*566. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to increase the fee paid to An Bord Pleanála for objecting to a planning application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [66147/25]

*567. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 552 of 25 February 2025, if he will act to address matters raised in correspondence regarding the architectural technologist statutory register (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [66162/25]

*568. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will establish and publish an annual national Planning Performance Report, setting out average and median timelines for SHD and LRD applications, average and median timelines for planning appeals, and annual volumes and outcomes of judicial reviews of planning decisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [66199/25]

*569. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to detail the planning process assumptions used in setting the target to deliver 300,000 homes to 2030 under Delivering Homes, Building Communities, including assumed decision times for SHD and LRD

applications, planning appeals, and expected judicial review volumes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [66200/25]

*570. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the approximately 7,100 hectares of undeveloped land identified on the 2025 Residential Zoned Land Tax maps is sufficient to support the delivery of 303,000 homes to 2030 when realistic density levels are applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [66201/25]

*571. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to list the local authorities where the Housing Activation Office has identified barriers to housing delivery; the corrective actions recommended in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [66203/25]

*572. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social housing projects sanctioned above basic unit costs in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the reasons for the higher approval levels in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [66204/25]

*573. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when his Department will provide the cost-per-unit figures for social and affordable homes delivered in Cork City and Cork County in 2023, 2024 and 2025, as referenced in Parliamentary Question 612 (ref. 63860/25); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [66205/25]

*574. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason his Department does not record disability status for households supported under the Housing Assistance Payment, and when such tracking will be introduced in line with the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [66206/25]

*575. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will publish the first consolidated national report on housing delivered under the Town Centre First policy, including the number of units delivered in each local authority area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [66207/25]

*576. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority homes in Cork city and Cork county that were retrofitted in 2023 and 2024; the number expected to be retrofitted in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [66208/25]

*577. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social housing units in Cork city and Cork county that currently remain below BER C; the number upgraded in 2023 and 2024; and the projected number that will remain below BER C in 2030 on the current delivery pace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [66209/25]

*578. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of heat pumps installed in social housing in Cork city and Cork county in 2023 and 2024; the target for 2025; and whether these installation levels align with national climate commitments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [66210/25]

*579. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of funding allocated to Cork city council and Cork County Council under the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme in 2023, 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [66211/25]

*580. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way cost inflation in retrofit works is being monitored; whether cost escalation is affecting the number of units delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [66212/25]

*581. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether staffing shortages or contractor capacity constraints are affecting the ability of local authorities to meet retrofit targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [66213/25]

*582. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department tracks reductions in energy poverty among social housing tenants following retrofitting works; and when such tracking will be published on a national and local authority basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [66214/25]

*583. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated gap between the current retrofit pace and the Government’s target to retrofit 36,500 local authority homes by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [66215/25]

*584. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social housing retrofits completed in smaller Cork settlements including Blarney, Tower, Glanmire, Grenagh, Whitechurch, Mayfield and surrounding areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [66216/25]

*585. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is any mechanism, existing or discretionary, that would allow a sole-director small business to qualify for the vacant property grant, given that the renovation is strictly for personal residential use to bring a derelict property in a small town back to use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [66217/25]

*586. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will publish derelict sites levy data for 2024. — Thomas Gould. [66231/25]

*587. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 164 of 19 November 2025, the number of dwellings fitted with solar PV; the average cost per installation; the average kW installed; the targets that exist for solar PV under the EERP scheme, in each of the years 2020 to date 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [66236/25]

*588. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide the Department’s annual expenditure on State Claims Agency costs for the years 2020–2025. — Albert Dolan. [66362/25]

*589. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is satisfied that the Fire Service has adequate training, equipment, and response capability for large-scale BESS incidents; and if capability-gap reviews can be published. — Albert Dolan. [66758/25]

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

*590. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a school (details supplied), which received DEIS status in 2022, has not yet been approved to provide hot meals to its students; the steps her Department will take to ensure that the school can access the hot school meals programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [66158/25]

*591. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason an application from a college (details supplied) for funding towards a breakfast club for the current academic year was denied; if this decision will be revisited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [66169/25]

*592. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for illness benefit and separately supplementary welfare allowance in the name of a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [65258/25]

*593. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to consider changing the eligibility criteria for fuel allowance given the increasing numbers of adults living at home, where a single pensioner (details supplied) who lives alone falls well below the income threshold and is eligible for the payment, however if they have an adult child living with them no matter their income then they are no longer eligible for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [65306/25]

*594. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the options available for a person (details supplied) who is unable to return to their job, due to injury, and has had their back to education payments revoked; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [65435/25]

*595. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the process for service users applying to both the PRSI wig grant and the HSE grant wig allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [65473/25]

*596. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a number of schools (details supplied) will receive notice that they have received sanction under the school meals programme. — Frankie Feighan. [65537/25]

*597. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an applicant (details supplied) will expect to hear from his Department regarding a review of their entitlement to the State pension (contributory) and their desire to switch back to a contributory pension. — Frankie Feighan. [65538/25]

*598. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to examine the case of a person (details supplied) who has since been advised that they are set to lose the free travel pass; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [65573/25]

*599. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 370 of 26 September 2023, No. 465 of 11 June 2024 and No. 1175 of 4 November 2025, to address the information given in to the earlier questions which showed totals of 26,733 and 20,287 people respectively; whether it is in fact possible that this number could have since fallen to just 231 as stated in the recent response; to clarify the accuracy of the information given in each of these responses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [65587/25]

*600. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons on jobseeker's benefit in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [65698/25]

*601. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on issues around State support for a person (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [66012/25]

*602. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount his Department spent on State pension contributory and disability allowance payments for the month of October 2025; and if he will provide the same figures for October 2023 and October 2024, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [65882/25]

*603. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on whether the way in which a person was treated (details supplied) was fair; if he will have this matter investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [65899/25]

*604. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has conducted any analysis of how divorce or separations affect dependency entitlements for parents who are in receipt of welfare payments. — Maeve O'Connell. [65967/25]

*605. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to confirm whether payments from catastrophic injury claims from the HSE would be included on the means test for carer's allowance; if so, how this is calculated as per the means test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [65971/25]

*606. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of former secretary general's, retired civil servants, directors of service, retired city/county managers or those of a similar grade in his Department that have subsequently served on State boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [66009/25]

*607. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66086/25]

*608. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66104/25]

*609. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications made for domiciliary care allowance in Cork to date in 2025; the number refused; and the number subsequently approved on appeal. — Thomas Gould. [66233/25]

*610. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for carer's allowance in Cork in 2025 refused because of income above the means test threshold. — Thomas Gould. [66234/25]

*611. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of urgent needs applications received, by category, to date in 2025; the number approved; and the average processing time. — Thomas Gould. [66235/25]

*612. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who have claimed the benefit payment for 65-years-olds, in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [66257/25]

*613. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide the Department's annual expenditure on State Claims Agency costs for the years 2020–2025. — Albert Dolan. [66367/25]

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

*614. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of English language schools in the State that could have been subject to inspection by immigration officials in each of the past five years, and in 2025 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [65132/25]

*615. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 702 of 12 November 2025, for an update on the publication of the inspection into Cork prison. — Thomas Gould. [65137/25]

*616. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to examine the case for a review of gaps in legislation handling abuse outlined in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [65194/25]

*617. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will introduce legislation to ban the depiction of strangulation in pornography as has been done in the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [65200/25]

*618. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when the new family courts complex is expected to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [65201/25]

*619. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures his Department is taking to address anti-social behaviour in towns and villages across Cork; and whether additional funding will be made available for community safety partnerships and youth diversion programmes in the county. — John Paul O'Shea. [65224/25]

*620. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his Department's and An Garda Síochána plans for the future use of a Garda station (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [65225/25]

*621. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the compensation for victims of crime covers funeral costs; and if not, whether there is a scheme to cover funeral costs in these circumstances and whether multiple claims can be made. — Thomas Gould. [65250/25]

*622. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the net change in Gardaí stationed in Kildare after intake 251, accounting for retirements and other departures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [65286/25]

*623. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to urgently examine and provide an update in relation to a case (details supplied) as the lack of clarification is causing much upset; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [65303/25]

*624. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department is drafting amending legislation for Guardianship of Infants (Amendment) Bill 2025; if so, when the proposed amendment will go to Cabinet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [65312/25]

*625. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of the IPAS contract for a facility (details supplied); his views that the High Court order quashing the Section 5 Declaration renders the current use of the site as unauthorised development under the Planning and Development Acts; and if he will instruct his Department to terminate the contract immediately given the facility no longer possesses the requisite planning permission to operate as an IPAS accommodation centre. — Michael Murphy. [65360/25]

*626. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a socio-economic impact assessment was conducted prior to the establishment of an IPAS centre at a location (details supplied); if he is aware that the contract has directly precipitated the closure of the hotel, golf course, and leisure facilities with the loss of 48 local jobs, removing a vital economic driver and community hub; and the steps his Department will take to mitigate the degradation of the 300-year-old Manor House, a protected structure which is currently facing dereliction due to the cessation of commercial operations at the site. — Michael Murphy. [65361/25]

*627. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the legal basis upon which his Department or the International Protection Accommodation Service entered into a contractual arrangement relating to the use of a location (details supplied); and if his Department sought legal advice on the enforceability of such a contract in circumstances where the Section 5 determination has now been quashed by the High Court. — Michael Murphy. [65362/25]

*628. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the legal status and validity of any IPAS contract or accommodation agreement connected with a location (details supplied) in view of the High Court’s decision to quash the Section 5 process; and if his Department is now exposed to termination penalties, compensation, or other financial liabilities. — Michael Murphy. [65363/25]

*629. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the procurement process used by IPAS in relation to a facility (details supplied) complied fully with national and EU procurement rules; and if his Department carried out due diligence on planning status before entering into any contract. — Michael Murphy. [65364/25]

*630. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department or IPAS had authority to enter into any binding contract or agreement prior to the planning status being definitively established (details supplied). — Michael Murphy. [65365/25]

*631. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when his Department notified Tipperary County Council and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage of its plans to contract for accommodation use at a location (details supplied); and if planning vulnerabilities were raised in any correspondence. — Michael Murphy. [65366/25]

*632. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the timeframe of engagement, negotiation and contractual agreement between her Department or IPAS and the owners or operators of a facility (details supplied) including dates of contract signing, commencement, review, and any termination or variation clauses that can be invoked following the High Court ruling. — Michael Murphy. [65367/25]

*633. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the projected cost to the State arising from the quashing of the Section 5 decision, including contract payments already made, termination or compensation costs, legal fees, and any other liabilities. — Michael Murphy. [65368/25]

*634. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the changes her Department plans to implement in its contracting and accommodation selection processes to prevent the State entering into legally vulnerable agreements in the future. — Michael Murphy. [65369/25]

*635. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to his Department's published collection of "Purchase Orders Issued Over €20,000 in Value" (details supplied), to confirm if his Department holds equivalent purchase-order/payment data for the years 2012 to 2015; and if so, to publish same online in the interests of completeness and transparency. — Albert Dolan. [65374/25]

*636. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí assigned to roads policing units in the month of October 2025 by Garda division; the number currently in roads policing units nationwide; the number of additional assignments to RPUs between 2024 and to date in 2025, by Garda division; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [65380/25]

*637. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current number of vehicles assigned to roads policing units by Garda divisions; and the number of additional vehicles added to the RPU fleet in October and to date in November 2025. — Emer Currie. [65381/25]

*638. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current processing time for join family visa applications submitted via the Abu Dhabi office; if updated processing timeframes are provided to those who have surpassed the initial indicated timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [65412/25]

*639. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of occasions to date in 2025 where Garda members have requested the assistance of the Garda water cannons. — Alan Kelly. [65449/25]

*640. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of competitions held in 2024 and to-date in 2025 for sworn Gardaí to apply to join the divisional protective services bureau; and the number of Gardaí, by rank that applied in each competition to join the bureau, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [65450/25]

*641. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of new Garda cars and vans that were added to the Garda fleet in the Sligo-Leitrim division in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025; and the number of Garda cars and vans withdrawn from this division in the same period, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [65451/25]

*642. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda cars and motorcycles attached to DMR north roads policing unit as of 18 November 2025; and if he will provide same figures as of 30 November 2022, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [65452/25]

*643. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the Garda divisions that currently have forensic collision investigation unit marked vans within their fleet, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [65453/25]

*644. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardai currently assigned to road policing in each district, in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [65518/25]

*645. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons who have been arrested for drink driving and drug driving, by district in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [65519/25]

*646. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons who have been arrested for speeding, by district, in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [65520/25]

*647. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons who have been before the courts for drink driving, and drug driving, by court district, in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [65521/25]

*648. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware that all longer-term supported transitional housing options for victims and survivors of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence have been removed, including the previous 18-month Sonas model; if he will outline when, the reason and by whom this decision was taken; and how this aligns with the commitment under Pillar 2 of the Zero Tolerance Strategy to provide both short- and long-term domestic sexual and gender-based violence accommodation. — Gary Gannon. [65580/25]

*649. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has carried out any assessment of the impact that limiting accommodation supports to short stays in refuges and 12-week “safe home” placements will have on the ability of victims and survivors, particularly women with children, to safely exit abusive situations; and if he will publish any risk or policy assessments informing this change. — Gary Gannon. [65581/25]

*650. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has considered evidence from frontline domestic sexual and gender-based violence providers that the removal of transitional housing is deterring victims from leaving abusive partners due to the heightened risk of homelessness; and the immediate actions he will take to address this risk and support safe exits. — Gary Gannon. [65582/25]

*651. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to list all written or oral representations made to the Government by or on behalf of the European Commission from 1 January 2025 to date calling on the State to adopt so-called “hate-speech” legislation; to summarise the contents of those representations and any responses which were issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [65588/25]

*652. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to state the number of Ukrainian men between the ages of 18 and 30 who have applied for temporary protection in

Ireland in each month from January 2025 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [65597/25]

*653. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to state the total number of prosecutions taken, and the total number of convictions secured, for alleged breaches of Section 137 of the Electoral Act 1992 since its commencement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [65598/25]

*654. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether any woman has been required to leave a domestic violence specialised refuge or safe accommodation placement after a period of 12-weeks due to Government accommodation policies; if so, the number affected in the past 12-months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [65599/25]

*655. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the percentage of acceptance rate for naturalisation, by country from 2020-2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [65708/25]

*656. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average length of time, by number of weeks, for naturalisation applications to be approved for citizens from Egypt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [65709/25]

*657. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average wait time, by number of weeks for a naturalisation application to be approved for citizens from Morocco; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [65710/25]

*658. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if an application to the IIP scheme by a county board (details supplied) will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [65722/25]

*659. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether a formal assessment has been carried out of the likely impact on Ireland of the asylum reforms announced by the UK Government; the expected changes in arrivals through Northern Ireland given the Common Travel Area and open land border; the modelling that has been done on pressures on international protection accommodation services and other supports; and the legislative or administrative changes under preparation to ensure that Ireland's system does not act as a pull factor compared with the United Kingdom.". — Ken O'Flynn. [65738/25]

*660. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his position on signing up to the European Prosecutors Office; to outline the work and steps being taken to sign up to this office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [65803/25]

*661. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there are any plans to extend existing test-purchase powers under section 14 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2008 to include situations where alcohol has been purchased online and delivered to a home address; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [65808/25]

*662. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether information is shared between different public agencies; and if the same information is shared with private bodies. — Paul Murphy. [65809/25]

*663. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of fixed charge notices (FCNs) issued to non-Irish EU licence holders for road traffic offences each year from 2022 to date; the number of FCNs that were paid; the number unpaid within the time limit; the number summoned to court; the number convicted, and the penalties imposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [65813/25]

*664. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has any plans for IPAS accommodation at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [65863/25]

*665. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for details of any agreements or contractual arrangements entered into with a developer in relation to a proposed housing development (detail supplied), specifically regarding its potential use as temporary accommodation for international protection applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [65864/25]

*666. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to clarify the situation of international protection applicants from Afghanistan that have their applications refused and are advised to voluntarily return, given the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan; to elaborate on the circumstances whereby Ireland is both operating a humanitarian admission programme and not enforcing returns to the country; to explain the circumstances where many Afghan nationals with negative decisions will face becoming “non-returnable migrants”, with all the attendant negative consequences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [65869/25]

*667. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has initiated an immediate review of the Legal Aid Board’s capacity to administer the current civil legal aid scheme, as recommended by the Review of Civil Legal Aid; when he expects this review to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [65870/25]

*668. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of new Garda recruits that were allocated to each station within Kildare-Wicklow Division following the Garda graduation on 14 November 2025, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [65883/25]

*669. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí within Kildare-Wicklow Division who have successfully completed the mountain bike course in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [65884/25]

*670. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason the citizenship application system is structured in such a way (details supplied); and if improvements can be made to ensure greater fairness and that applicants are not repeatedly placed at the back of the queue due to administrative delays outside their control. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [65886/25]

*671. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on whether existing laws are adequate to deal with cases of coercive control; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [65901/25]

*672. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to the research carried out by a doctor (details supplied) into coercive control; if this is

under consideration within his Department with a view to strengthening existing legislation in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [65902/25]

*673. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on whether the in-camera rule related to cases of coercive control acts as a block to allowing scrutiny of any potential failings in the support system for victims; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [65903/25]

*674. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 748 of 18 November 2025, if he will clarify his response (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [65934/25]

*675. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the age profile of the Garda vehicle fleet within the Kerry Division; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [65962/25]

*676. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of former secretary general's, retired civil servants, directors of service, retired city/county managers or those of a similar grade in his Department that have subsequently served on State boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [65998/25]

*677. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when an inquest will be scheduled into the death of a person (details supplied); the reason he has not released the report in relation to the circumstances surrounding the death of this person to the Coroner's Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [66021/25]

*678. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he or his Department have received representation from a person (details supplied); and to provide an update on any engagement with their case to date. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [66032/25]

*679. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide an update on an application for citizenship for an urgent case (details supplied); if he has engaged with the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade on this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [66039/25]

*680. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on the establishment of the community safety partnership in County Galway, for which no update is forthcoming from the council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [66040/25]

*681. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a visa extension application can be urgently processed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [66060/25]

*682. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66083/25]

*683. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by

year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66101/25]

*684. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department is considering proposals to carry out a media campaign on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [66134/25]

*685. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in relation to “Coco’s Law”, the Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act 2020, the number of prosecutions taken, and number of convictions under this law, by offence name, number of prosecutions taken, number of convictions, average length of sentence and disposition of sentence (whether suspended and so on), by county, and year since the law’s inception to date, in tabular form. — Máire Devine. [66160/25]

*686. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average processing time of applications for international protection in the years 2020 to date in 2025; by quarter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [66175/25]

*687. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications for international protection in the years 2020 to date in 2025; by quarter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [66176/25]

*688. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average processing times for appeals to the International Appeals Protection Tribunal in the years 2020 to date in 2025; by quarter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [66177/25]

*689. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of appeals to the International Appeals Protection Tribunal in the years 2020 to date in 2025; by quarter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [66178/25]

*690. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total value of all contracts awarded to a company (details supplied), and its consortium partners, for interpretation services in each of the past five years; the quality control and accountability mechanisms built into these contracts; and the penalties that apply to the provider in the event of substandard performance leading to a miscarriage of justice. — Darren O’Rourke. [66227/25]

*691. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the process and timeline for giving effect to amendments to the Personal Injuries Guidelines; if he will commit to formal stakeholder consultation in advance of publication of the Bill; if the general scheme will be referred for pre-legislative scrutiny by the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Justice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [66256/25]

*692. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason the community probation team did not award funding, following an expression of interest process, to a project (details supplied) to continue its established Drugs Court partnership in Drogheda; if he will review the decision or alternatively provide additional funding to the group to continue its trusted Drugs Court partnership work in the community; his views that the decision following the expression of interest process runs contrary to the principles established by his Departments-sponsored Drogheda Implementation Board of supporting sustained community-based interventions, developing established trusted relationships, and investment in local services in Drogheda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [66292/25]

*693. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide the Department's annual expenditure on State Claims Agency costs for the years 2020–2025. — Albert Dolan. [66363/25]

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

*694. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department intends to undertake a review of the Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010 and the 2018 regulations associated with the Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [66167/25]

*695. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his response to an investigation by organisations (details supplied) regarding the availability of anti-biotics in Brazil; if they have raised such with their European counterparts with regard to the Mercosur Trade Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [66291/25]

*696. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the formation of a new panel for technical agricultural officers within his Department while there are persons on an existing panel still available and willing to take up positions if offered; the persons which will be offered a vacant position should it arise within the time it takes to form a new panel; the likelihood of persons currently on or near the top of the panel to be offered a position before the end of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [65205/25]

*697. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the 2025 and 2026 capital budget allocations for works under the Fishery Harbour Centre and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme. — Tom Brabazon. [65270/25]

*698. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a farmer (details supplied) will receive the remainder of a compensation payment following a TB outbreak in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [65308/25]

*699. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a full review of the Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010 and the 2018 guidelines will be completed; the scope of that review; and the steps being taken to strengthen enforcement and improve welfare standards for breeding dogs. — Erin McGreehan. [65386/25]

*700. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current resourcing allocated to local authorities for inspections of dog breeding establishments; whether he is satisfied that staffing levels are adequate; and if he will consider increasing funding to ensure consistent compliance and enforcement across all counties. — Erin McGreehan. [65387/25]

*701. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will introduce a central, publicly accessible database recording all individuals or entities breeding or selling puppies; the expected timeline for this measure; and the way in which it will be enforced. — Erin McGreehan. [65388/25]

*702. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions being taken to improve public awareness of the way to identify licensed breeders; the way in which to report suspected illegal breeding activity; and whether his Department plans a national information campaign. — Erin McGreehan. [65389/25]

*703. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of inspections carried out on dog breeding establishments in each of the past five years; the number of enforcement actions taken; and his assessment of whether current penalties are sufficient to deter non-compliance. — Erin McGreehan. [65390/25]

*704. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has engaged with the Department of Housing; Local Government and Heritage, and local authorities to improve consistency in dog control enforcement; and if he will report on planned legislative updates in this area. — Erin McGreehan. [65391/25]

*705. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details on supports available to rescue organisations caring for dogs seized from illegal breeding operations, including veterinary and behavioural rehabilitation costs. — Erin McGreehan. [65392/25]

*706. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will publish an updated national animal welfare strategy, including specific commitments on dog breeding, enforcement, inspection standards and public education. — Erin McGreehan. [65393/25]

*707. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on TB testing for animals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [65426/25]

*708. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason there is an undue delay dealing with reactor animals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [65432/25]

*709. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is a delay in the payment of compensation to farmers who have reactors; if so, for the length of time; when payment will be made, if this has been communicated to farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [65460/25]

*710. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers who have submitted applications for TB reactor compensation; the number that are still under consideration; those refused; those accepted, the time frame of those waiting for payment 0- 3 weeks, 3-6 weeks, 6-9 weeks, 9-12 weeks, 12 + weeks, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [65461/25]

*711. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the scientific basis for statements in the CAP Strategic Plan 2023–2027 (details supplied); and if these claims were based on his Department's funded research or internal analyses by organisations given low scrapie prevalence and limited demonstrated performance differences. — Paul Lawless. [65506/25]

*712. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his Department's process for updating SIS policy where scientific evidence, including evidence derived from datasets (details supplied) or his Department's funded research, has been contradicted or superseded; and the way in which independence is ensured. — Paul Lawless. [65507/25]

*713. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether the minimum requirements or participation conditions set an organisation (details supplied) for genomic services or involvement in its breeding-related activities comply with breeders' rights under

Articles 13 and 14 of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012, including the breeder's right to participate in and contribute to the breeding programme of their breeding society; and whether such conditions undermine the breeding society's autonomous control over its own breeding programme as provided for under Article 27, by imposing external requirements that restrict the society's ability to determine its own programme design, membership criteria or data-governance rules. — Paul Lawless. [65508/25]

*714. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether the secondary use or linkage of farmers' genomic, performance and flockbook/pedigree data (details supplied) has been assessed for compliance with EU agricultural data-governance guidance, including the EU Code of Conduct on Agricultural Data Sharing and DG AGRI principles on purpose limitation and originator control; and whether a data protection impact assessment was undertaken to support this assessment. — Paul Lawless. [65509/25]

*715. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has assessed whether linking eligibility for SIS or other supports to the use of a single operator (details supplied) restricts competition or limits breeder rights under Articles 13 and 14. — Paul Lawless. [65510/25]

*716. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason no records exist regarding the inclusion of the genotyped ram task in the sheep improvement scheme, despite its central role in the CAP Strategic Plan; and whether this indicates a failure in documentation or oversight. — Paul Lawless. [65511/25]

*717. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the recourse available to breeders who have been excluded from services (details supplied); and the way in which such exclusions are monitored to ensure compliance with Articles 13, 14, and 41 of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012. — Paul Lawless. [65512/25]

*718. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide any formal documentation or statutory basis for the designation of an organisation (details supplied) as a national breeding programme operator; and to clarify the scope and legal authority of this designation. — Paul Lawless. [65513/25]

*719. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide, in respect of each Department official who currently serves or has served as secretary, director or governance officer of organisations (details supplied) under Regulation (EU) 2016/1012; their Department grade, job title, division or section, remit relating to breeding programme approvals, official controls and policy; the date each official took up the governance role; whether they continue to hold it; and whether they had any role or advisory involvement in the design of CAP schemes including BEEP, SCEP or SIS where these schemes interact with systems. — Paul Lawless. [65522/25]

*720. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which his Department complies with Article 41(b) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012, which requires that officials performing official controls remain free from conflicts of interest, where Department staff hold governance roles in organisations (details supplied). — Paul Lawless. [65523/25]

*721. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which his Department fulfils Article 41 as the competent authority, including impartiality procedures, conflict-of-interest safeguards, staffing, documentation, legal authority, access to operator data, and audit systems. — Paul Lawless. [65524/25]

*722. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department carries out independent conflict-of-interest risk assessments, separate from SLA declarations, as required by Article 8(4)(b), before approving organisations (details supplied) as third-party operators; and to provide copies of such assessments since 2021. — Paul Lawless. [65525/25]

*723. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his Department relies solely on SLA declarations of no conflict between a breed society and a third party, when Article 8(4)(b) requires the competent authority to assess potential conflicts between the third party (details supplied) and the economic activities of breeders themselves. — Paul Lawless. [65526/25]

*724. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the monitoring, audit or review procedures have been conducted since 2021 to ensure organisations (details supplied) remain compliant with Article 8(4)(b). — Paul Lawless. [65527/25]

*725. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which his Department ensures that linking eligibility or participation in CAP schemes such as SCEP or SIS to the use of systems (details supplied) does not create conflicts of interest or market distortions; and to provide any assessments conducted under Article 8(4)(b) to evaluate the impact on breeders' economic activities. — Paul Lawless. [65528/25]

*726. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether removal of genetic indexes by organisations (details supplied) falls under Article 41 official controls; and the recourse breeders have where such removals affect rights under Articles 13 and 14. — Paul Lawless. [65529/25]

*727. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department monitors or records cases where organisations (details supplied) remove genetic indexes; to list all such cases since 2021; and to confirm whether Department-appointed board members have been contacted about such removals. — Paul Lawless. [65530/25]

*728. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to list the peer-reviewed scientific papers relied upon when designing and justifying the sheep improvement scheme genotyped ram action, particularly where the supporting evidence was derived from organisations (details supplied); if his Department assessed the limitations and risk of bias inherent in such internal analyses where independent studies with greater ecological validity that is, real-farm outcomes rather than controlled or index-derived models have shown no consistent or meaningful differences between 1-star and 5-star rams for traits; the reason the national scrapie monitoring scrapie surveillance unit within his Department the competent section with statutory responsibility for scrapie surveillance and risk evaluation did not lead the design, justification or scientific assessment of this task, and why an organisation, rather than the relevant Departmental epidemiological authority, acted as the primary technical source. — Paul Lawless. [65531/25]

*729. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to ensure that onboard electronical monitoring is implemented on all factory ships and any and all other large foreign trawlers that enter Irish waters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [65536/25]

*730. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will take into consideration the importance of reopening a fishery (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [65546/25]

*731. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he can provide further details on the cross-Border pilot Regional Cooperation Programme on tackling bovine TB announced as part of the Shared Island Programme; and if the €6.4 million allocated to it will come out of his Department's TB eradication programme budget. — Martin Kenny. [65748/25]

*732. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether Ireland intends to apply for port listing for our pelagic sector under the newly agreed EU Commission; if, in light of comments made by the executive chairperson of the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority at an Oireachtas committee meeting on 18 November 2025, there has been a failure on the part of his Department to take any action to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [65814/25]

*733. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the delay in issuing the 2024 ACRES payment to a person (details supplied) will be resolved; when they can expect their payment; the reason the application for NPI has not been accepted; and the reason for the eight-month delay in payment. — Albert Dolan. [65926/25]

*734. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has assessed the potential impacts on agricultural land, livestock and watercourses from contamination arising from battery-storage fires; if inter-agency protocols exist between local authorities, the EPA and the Department following such incidents; if he will provide copies of any such protocols; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [65927/25]

*735. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of former secretary general's, retired civil servants, directors of service, retired city/county managers or those of a similar grade in his Department that have subsequently served on State boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [66008/25]

*736. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he would consider directly contacting all EU member states' ambassadors, including all non-coastal states, to convey to them the crises within the Irish fishing and processing sectors; if he would further outline the damage that third country coastal states are doing by fishing above their agreed shares; if he would underline as part of this process the importance that the EU Commission honour the Hague preference agreement that is an integral part of the CFP agreement since its inception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [66059/25]

*737. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66071/25]

*738. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66089/25]

*739. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Ireland intends to apply for port listing for our pelagic sector under the newly agreed EU Commission similar to listings already achieved by Denmark and Latvia; if there has been a failure on the part of his Department to take any action to date (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [66153/25]

*740. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding allocated for the monitoring, reporting or trapping of the Asian hornet that can be applied for by local authorities, beekeeping groups or individual beekeepers across the island. — Peadar Tóibín. [66164/25]

*741. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cattle slaughtered from factory controlled feedlots or related proxy therefore, by quarter, in each of the years 2024 to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [66255/25]

*742. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports his Department is providing, and will provide, to the fishing industry in light of recommended quota reductions for 2026. — Michael Cahill. [66283/25]

*743. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps his Department is taking to ensure the viability of Ireland's sea fishing sector. — Michael Cahill. [66284/25]

*744. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps his Department is taking to ensure that fish caught in Irish waters are processed in Ireland. — Michael Cahill. [66285/25]

*745. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide the Department's annual expenditure on State Claims Agency costs for the years 2020–2025. — Albert Dolan. [66340/25]

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

*746. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of people under the age of 65 currently residing in nursing homes, in tabular form; the primary medical or support needs associated with these individuals; the average cost of providing their care in these settings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [65295/25]

*747. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether a social worker has been appointed to the Dungarvan children's disability network team (CDNT 6) to advocate for children with disabilities. — Conor D. McGuinness. [65616/25]

*748. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department will review the AIM funding for a person (details supplied); the options available to the family in order that their child can remain in pre-school for a full day; the steps her Department is taking to address situations where a child's right to equal participation is compromised due to funding or staffing limitations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [66061/25]

*749. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children currently awaiting first appointment by CDNT; and the waiting time in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [66232/25]

*750. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason the recognition of parents who must avail of surrogacy is treated differently when it comes to maternity or adoptive leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [66279/25]

*751. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childminders who have registered in County Clare to the end of October 2025; the number of people in County Clare who have completed the Children First E-Learning Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [65136/25]

*752. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to ensure that children in afterschool care receive AIMs support; and to consider granting funding to afterschool programmes that require special needs assistants for the children that would avail of SNAs in their mainstream school environment. — Ann Graves. [65196/25]

*753. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide all claims managed by the State Claims Agency for which her Department is liable for the years 2020 to 2025, including the number of claims, the category of claim, the total cost per category, the number of active claims, the number of settled claims and the median payout per category. — Albert Dolan. [65240/25]

*754. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to explain the drivers of the increase in State Claims Agency billing to her Department from approximately €250,000 in 2021 to over €2 million in 2025 (details supplied); and the risk factors, service failures, or litigation trends that account for this escalation. — Albert Dolan. [65241/25]

*755. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department receives claim-level reports from the State Claims Agency detailing the category, cause, and cost of claims for which it is liable; and if so, whether she will publish anonymised versions of these reports to allow transparency on the risks driving expenditure. — Albert Dolan. [65242/25]

*756. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department conducts root-cause analysis on claims that give rise to State Claims Agency costs; to identify if they stem from preventable failures for example, health and safety, service provision, accommodation standards, or administrative errors; and the actions taken as a result. — Albert Dolan. [65244/25]

*757. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the vacancy staff rate for Children's Disability Network Teams based in CHO9 as of 30 September 2025. — Tom Brabazon. [65271/25]

*758. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of student placements, by discipline that were offered for CDNTs within CHO9 in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Tom Brabazon. [65272/25]

*759. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the status of the establishment of the new board of the Adoption Authority of Ireland; the expected timeline for its appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [65293/25]

*760. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to address the childcare capacity shortage in Dungarvan, County Waterford given that a large number of children are missing out on early years education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [65373/25]

*761. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the percentage of sponsored CHICK's across community creche setting versus private operators.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [65378/25]

*762. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total funding allocated to early learning and school age care from 2011 to 2025, by year; and the percentage of that yearly funding by modified GNI. — Emer Currie. [65379/25]

*763. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the actions being taken by her Department to address shortfalls in child services identified by various working groups (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [65406/25]

*764. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if access and inclusion model support will be reviewed and increased for a person (details supplied).; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [65407/25]

*765. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE dietitians, by grade posts that were filled at north Tipperary children's disability network team in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [65456/25]

*766. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to introduce a pay gap portal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [65475/25]

*767. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the way in which the invitation list for feedback on the pay gap portal was decided. — Jen Cummins. [65476/25]

*768. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if an organisation (details supplied) will be included in her Department's review of their draft gender pay gap portal. — Jen Cummins. [65477/25]

*769. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review the administrative requirements under the national childcare scheme regarding hourly attendance checks, in cases where creches operate on a fixed-rate billing model; if she will ensure families and providers are not penalised for discrepancies between claimed hours and actual attendance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [65533/25]

*770. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of concerns among Tusla staff in relation to changes being brought in from January 2026 which will see social care workers completing assessments on children, which only social workers are qualified to carry out, if she is aware of issues being raised with these changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [65560/25]

*771. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when transitional respite arrangements will be put in place for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [65572/25]

*772. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will take steps to improve the working conditions of early years workers, recognising the valuable contribution they make to the lives of our youngest children and acknowledging the retention crisis facing the sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [65868/25]

*773. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE social workers, by grade posts, that were filled at north Kildare CDNT in the years 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [65880/25]

*774. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the 2025 and 2026 capital budget allocation for her Department, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [65881/25]

*775. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the additional funding that has been allocated towards the assessment of needs for children since the 3 April 2025 in order that no child has to wait over three years for an assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [65951/25]

*776. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current number of vacant posts within the children disability network teams in County Kerry; the recruitment strategies in place to fill these roles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [65960/25]

*777. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if consideration will be given to opening applications for core funding early, as some childcare providers who have not increased their fees for a number of years are struggling to remain open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [65991/25]

*778. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of former secretary general's, retired civil servants, directors of service, retired city/county managers or those of a similar grade in her Department that have subsequently served on State boards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [66004/25]

*779. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the actions her Department is taking in response to reports from early-years childcare operators that rising costs are placing unsustainable pressure on services, resulting in over 150 creches withdrawing from the Government scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [66026/25]

*780. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps her Department will take to address the warnings from childcare operators that parents' bills could rise to €1,400 per month due to support funding not keeping pace with costs, leading to fears of closures across the sector (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [66027/25]

*781. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the way in which a community group can establish a family resource centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [66036/25]

*782. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE speech and language therapists employed; the number of approved WTE speech and language therapists positions; the number of children under 18 waiting to be seen; the length of time they are waiting to be seen, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [66056/25]

*783. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE occupational therapists employed; the number of approved WTE occupational therapists

positions; the number of children under 18 waiting to be seen; the length of time they are waiting to be seen, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [66058/25]

*784. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of occupational therapists currently employed by the HSE in the southeast region; the number of OT’s approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [66062/25]

*785. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the amount her Department and any body under her aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66072/25]

*786. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the amount her Department and any body under her aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66090/25]

*787. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to facilitate the opening of a respite care centre 24 hours per day, 7 days of the week (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [66159/25]

*788. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of legal cases parents have taken against the HSE due to assessment of needs not being delivered within the statutory six months, in each of the years 2020 to 2025; the legal costs for the HSE associated with this, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [66230/25]

*789. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide the Department’s annual expenditure on State Claims Agency costs for the years 2020–2025. — Albert Dolan. [66342/25]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*790. To ask the Minister for Health to recognise student nurses as essential workers during placement; provide fair financial support or pay for the hours worked to ensure that no student is forced into unsafe levels of combined work simply to survive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [65231/25]

*791. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the implementation of the new transport support scheme to replace the motorised transport grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [66033/25]

*792. To ask the Minister for Health the age intervals at which developmental checks of newborns and infants should be offered by public health nurses; the examinations done at each of these intervals; the intervals which are P1, P2 and P3 checks; if services up to P3 checks are being offered to children in Adamstown, Clondalkin, Palmerstown, Lucan, Rowlagh, Rathcoole, Newcastle, Saggart, Citywest, Brittas, Fettercairn, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [66264/25]

*793. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of children who received developmental checks carried out within 72 hours, at three months, at six months, at 12 months, at 24 months, at

48 months, across the state, in the Dublin midwest, by year from 2020 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [66265/25]

*794. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a detailed list of all addiction rehabilitation services currently available in the State; the name and location of each facility; the bed capacity; whether it caters for male, female, or mixed gender clients, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [65139/25]

*795. To ask the Minister for Health the current level of demand for addiction treatment and rehabilitation services in Ireland; the number of individuals entering treatment annually; the main substances involved; the regional variations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [65140/25]

*796. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for admission to residential addiction rehabilitation services; the measures being taken to address capacity constraints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [65141/25]

*797. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated to addiction rehabilitation services in 2025; the projected increase in funding under the forthcoming National Drugs Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [65142/25]

*798. To ask the Minister for Health the number of addiction rehabilitation facilities that provide gender-specific programmes or services for women with children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [65143/25]

*799. To ask the Minister for Health the current demand for addiction treatment and rehabilitation services for women in Ireland; the number of women who accessed residential and community-based addiction services in each of the past three years; the number of facilities that provide gender-specific programmes or services for women with children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [65144/25]

*800. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential addiction rehabilitation beds available specifically for women, including those that cater for women with children; the locations of these facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [65145/25]

*801. To ask the Minister for Health if a person with a diagnosed psychiatric disorder can make an advanced directive or decision to the right to taper their medication; if so, the process to do so; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [65150/25]

*802. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) can be expedited. — Robert Troy. [65152/25]

*803. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [65153/25]

*804. To ask the Minister for Health if additional physical space would be provided to the rheumatology outpatient department at Cork University Hospital as the current lack of adequate infrastructure is creating significant challenges for both patients and staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [65180/25]

*805. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that will be taken to address the growing waiting lists for treatments at the rheumatology outpatient department at Cork University Hospital, as the staff are restricted in the services they can provide due to a lack of designated space to administer their care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [65181/25]

*806. To ask the Minister for Health if a designated space could be provided to the rheumatology outpatient department at Cork University Hospital in the hospital itself or in another location to deal with the growing waiting list, to ensure adequate facilities are in place for MDT consultations, patient education and administrative work; to enhance the efficiency of services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [65182/25]

*807. To ask the Minister for Health if a neonatal intensive care nurse (details supplied), whose specialty allowance is being taken back, has grounds for appealing this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [65186/25]

*808. To ask the Minister for Health the steps her Department and the HSE are taking to address the severe staffing deficit in consultant pathology posts at University Hospital Waterford, in light of the confirmation that only six of the required 18 WTE surgical pathologists are in post; the reason recruitment campaigns have repeatedly failed; the measures being implemented to ensure sufficient qualified personnel are available to sustain both diagnostic and coronial post-mortem services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [65214/25]

*809. To ask the Minister for Health the alternative arrangements being developed by the HSE to ensure continuity of coronial post-mortem services for the south-east region from 1 January 2026, given that consultant pathologists at UHW will no longer provide this service; the hospitals or facilities being considered to take overflow or reassigned cases; the planned impact on transport timelines and bereaved families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [65215/25]

*810. To ask the Minister for Health the status of engagement between her Department, the HSE and the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration regarding the withdrawal of coronial post-mortem provision at University Hospital Waterford; the outcomes of any meetings held since November 2024 when the issue was formally notified; the responsibilities being assumed by each Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [65216/25]

*811. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the HSE intends to ensure that the modern mortuary facilities at University Hospital Waterford continue to be utilised for coronial post-mortems after January 2026; whether external pathologists could be deployed or contracted to operate on-site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [65217/25]

*812. To ask the Minister for Health the impact on diagnostic and surgical pathology waiting times at UHW arising from the workload pressures described in the HSE response; whether the unmet requirement for 18 WTE diagnostic pathologists has affected cancer pathways, turnaround times, or patient outcomes; and the plan to bring the service into compliance with safe staffing levels; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [65218/25]

*813. To ask the Minister for Health the national strategy being developed to address the shortage of appropriately qualified autopsy pathologists, as highlighted in the response relating to UHW; whether the HSE intends to develop dedicated autopsy pathology posts separate from diagnostic roles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [65219/25]

*814. To ask the Minister for Health the actions her Department and the HSE are taking to ensure coroners, funeral directors and bereaved families in Waterford, Wexford, Kilkenny, Carlow and Tipperary are fully informed about the changes to post-mortem arrangements from January 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [65220/25]

*815. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether CORU's recently published standards for training and practice in psychotherapy represents a decrease in standards, as the proposed regulation would see the removal for personal therapy in training, the elimination of mandatory clinical supervision during training, a dramatic reduction in clinical training hours, the removal of any minimum timeframe for training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [65226/25]

*816. To ask the Minister for Health if the full-time care package for a person (details supplied) promised by the HSE will be put in place immediately; if the disposable sheets and pads required will be provided by the HSE; and if a positive response will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [65232/25]

*817. To ask the Minister for Health to ensure applications for European health insurance cards for travelling can be done by way of a paper form, as well as online, to facilitate persons who are not computer literate and may not have access to a computer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [65236/25]

*818. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 679 of 23 September 2025, whether the ongoing development of radiation oncology services is in line with the National Plan for Radiation Oncology, considering that it is now 2025 and that this plan notes that there will be a need for a further phased increase to 38 linear accelerators by 2015. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [65237/25]

*819. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 679 of 23 September 2025, to clarify that there is a distinction between 'ongoing development programmes' and 'replacement programmes', in the context of radiation therapy equipment. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [65238/25]

*820. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the waiting lists for home support in each CHO area for 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [65239/25]

*821. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to extend the public fertility scheme to same-sex couples who are currently excluded from the scheme; the timeline for any such changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [65252/25]

*822. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists and physiotherapists, by grade posts filled at Coolock primary care centre in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Tom Brabazon. [65269/25]

*823. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the establishment of the Traveller mental health specialist group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [65280/25]

*824. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant nephrologists at Cork University Hospital in the years of 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Seamus Healy. [65334/25]

*825. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant psychiatrist posts filled, based at each primary care centre within CHO5 in the years of 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Seamus Healy. [65335/25]

*826. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE family support worker and community development worker posts that were filled at mid-western regional drugs and alcohol task force in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Seamus Healy. [65336/25]

*827. To ask the Minister for Health the access which is available for young adults to mental health services in Gorey and North County Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [65340/25]

*828. To ask the Minister for Health the access which is available for young adults to mental health services in Arklow and South County Wicklow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [65341/25]

*829. To ask the Minister for Health the current HSE policy on providing elective, non-medical circumcision procedures in public hospitals, and the decision pathway used to approve or decline such requests. — Ken O'Flynn. [65347/25]

*830. To ask the Minister for Health the number of elective, non-medical circumcisions performed in public hospitals in each of the past five years, by hospital, and the number of theatre sessions allocated for these procedures. — Ken O'Flynn. [65348/25]

*831. To ask the Minister for Health whether any national clinical guidelines exist for the provision of non-medical circumcision in public hospitals, and if so who approved those guidelines, when they were approved, and whether the HSE reviewed their budget or theatre-time implications. — Ken O'Flynn. [65349/25]

*832. To ask the Minister for Health whether public hospitals are authorised to offer non-medical circumcision without a medical indication, and the oversight or audit process in place to track such procedures. — Ken O'Flynn. [65350/25]

*833. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to the HSE of providing non-medical circumcision in public hospitals in each of the past five years, including consultant time, theatre use, anaesthesia, and post-operative care. — Ken O'Flynn. [65351/25]

*834. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria used to determine whether a procedure without medical indication may be carried out in a public hospital, and whether this includes cultural or religious requests, and if so how the HSE ensures these procedures do not displace medically necessary care. — Ken O'Flynn. [65352/25]

*835. To ask the Minister for Health whether any risk or capacity assessment has been carried out on the effect of elective, non-medical procedures on waiting lists for paediatric surgery, urology, ENT, orthopaedics, and other pressure areas. — Ken O'Flynn. [65353/25]

*836. To ask the Minister for Health whether public hospitals are required to report the volume of elective non-medical procedures they perform, and whether the Department receives regular reviews of the total theatre time assigned to these procedures. — Ken O’Flynn. [65354/25]

*837. To ask the Minister for Health if the workforce plan proposed by the management of a nursing home (details supplied) to identify the number and grading of staffing required to safely increase the available beds to 38 has been completed; if the HSE has hired the requisite number of staff provided for in the plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [65370/25]

*838. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the consideration within her Department towards the inclusion of caplacizumab on the drug reimbursement scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [65371/25]

*839. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the consideration within her Department towards the inclusion of selpercatinib (also pralsetinib) on the drug reimbursement scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [65372/25]

*840. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the updated position of the HSE regarding an extra funding application that was submitted by a school (details supplied) to the HSE, in view of the fact that the funding provided to the school has not increased since 2002 despite a 400% increase in student numbers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [65385/25]

*841. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant in emergency medicine and emergency medicine registrars based within the accident and emergency department of Wexford General Hospital in 2023 and to date in 2025, by year, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [65403/25]

*842. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE paediatric occupational therapists posts, that were filled at Enniscorthy primary care centre in 2023 and to date in 2025, by year, by grade, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [65404/25]

*843. To ask the Minister for Health if she has reviewed the joint statement from groups regarding changing the reimbursement arrangements for high-protein oral nutritional supplements (ONS) (details supplied); if she is aware that the expert view has warned that such changes would undermine evidence-based nutrition support for vulnerable patients; if high-protein ONS will remain available to all patients for whom they are clinically indicated without proposed additional restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [65429/25]

*844. To ask the Minister for Health her Department’s plan to deregulate the use of a medication (details supplied) in an effort to help reduce drug deaths; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [65431/25]

*845. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Programme for Government commitment to reduce hospital car parking charges; if she is aware of a 25% increase in car parking fees in November 2025 at Sligo University Hospital (SUH); the amount of revenue generated through parking charges within the car park at SUH in 2024 and to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [65462/25]

*846. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE clinical geneticists, genetic counsellors and genetic resource associates that have been recruited by the HSE, in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [65470/25]

*847. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric gastroenterologists based at University Hospital Limerick in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [65471/25]

*848. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — Robert Troy. [65472/25]

*849. To ask the Minister for Health the process for service users applying to both the PRSI wig grant and the HSE grant wig allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [65474/25]

*850. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline on the establishment of a national genomic medicine centre to process genetic tests nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [65478/25]

*851. To ask the Minister for Health if the number of clinical practice tutors for radiography students have increased in line with the increase in university places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [65481/25]

*852. To ask the Minister for Health the measures in place to ensure that clinical practice tutors for radiography students are supported in their role; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [65482/25]

*853. To ask the Minister for Health the process in place for those seeking timely reconstruction surgery post-cancer treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [65483/25]

*854. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a designated pathway in place for timely breast reconstruction surgery post-cancer treatment in the public system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [65484/25]

*855. To ask the Minister for Health if GP visits for patients on chemotherapy treatment needing regular blood tests, who would otherwise have to travel long distances to their treating hospital, are covered for patients under the medical card scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [65485/25]

*856. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for scoliosis surgery that have died. — Peadar Tóibín. [65500/25]

*857. To ask the Minister for Health the number of scoliosis surgeries cancelled by CHI each year; and the reason given for the cancellations. — Peadar Tóibín. [65501/25]

*858. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who have been removed from the scoliosis surgery waiting list without their parents' knowledge. — Peadar Tóibín. [65502/25]

*859. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who were wrongly removed from the scoliosis surgery waiting list. — Peadar Tóibín. [65503/25]

*860. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who simply fell off the scoliosis surgery waiting list when they turned 16 years-of-age, and no longer fell under the scope of CHI; and the number of those children who have passed away. — Peadar Tóibín. [65504/25]

*861. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons under the care of Midleton, Youghal, Cobh and Glenville adult mental health teams who have been transferred to continuing care settings or high-support hostels since February 2021, excluding former residents of a centre (details supplied); and the name and locations of those services. — Liam Quaide. [65532/25]

*862. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a procedure given they have been waiting since March 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [65534/25]

*863. To ask the Minister for Health if the access criteria for IVF through the HSE will be reviewed to make treatment available to more women; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [65535/25]

*864. To ask the Minister for Health if adult ADHD services are currently operational within CHO7; the locations in which they are based; the staffing levels assigned; and the number of patients assessed or treated by the service in the past 12 months. — Gary Gannon. [65574/25]

*865. To ask the Minister for Health the actions being taken to ensure consistency between what HSE management reports as available ADHD services and what clinicians and community adult Mental health teams report is actually available on the ground in CHO7. — Gary Gannon. [65575/25]

*866. To ask the Minister for Health the specific funding allocated to the roll out of adult ADHD services in CHO7 since 2022; the way in which funding has been spent, by year and by expenditure category. — Gary Gannon. [65576/25]

*867. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff recruited to deliver adult ADHD services in CHO7; the training provided to these staff; and the number of patients who have accessed the service since the funding allocation commenced. — Gary Gannon. [65577/25]

*868. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in processing an application for a person (details supplied) under the Northern Ireland Planned Healthcare Scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [65608/25]

*869. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently address the long wait time for urgent knee replacements for a person, as outlined in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [65610/25]

*870. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE provides car safety harnesses or grants for car safety harnesses for children with disabilities and/or additional needs, such as ASD, as is done in other European countries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [65615/25]

*871. To ask the Minister for Health if she can ensure that person (details supplied) is transferred to a more suitable residential care facility as a matter of urgency. — Robert Troy. [65654/25]

*872. To ask the Minister for Health the number of midwifery-led clinics operational in Galway currently; and the WTE staff levels in each clinic; and hours each clinic is operational for, in tabular form. — Louis O'Hara. [65656/25]

*873. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultants in respiratory medicine based at Galway University Hospital in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Louis O'Hara. [65657/25]

*874. To ask the Minister for Health the locations within CHO2 where HSE substance misuse teams are located; and the number of WTE staff, by job title working in each of those teams, in tabular form. — Louis O'Hara. [65658/25]

*875. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE speech and language therapists posts that were based at Loughrea primary care centre in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Louis O'Hara. [65659/25]

*876. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE physiotherapists based at Gort health centre in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Louis O'Hara. [65660/25]

*877. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE nurses based at Portiuncula University Hospital as of 10 November 2025; and if she will provide the same figures as of 10 November 2023, in tabular form. — Louis O'Hara. [65661/25]

*878. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dietitians based at Athenry primary care centre in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Louis O'Hara. [65662/25]

*879. To ask the Minister for Health if blister-packing of medications by pharmacists will be charged for in the near future (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [65697/25]

*880. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently expedite assistance for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [65701/25]

*881. To ask the Minister for Health the full projected impact of the proposed rise in the health-insurance levy for 2026; the expected increase in annual costs for adult and child policyholders; the total number of policyholders affected; the financial effect on families on modest incomes; the basis on which her Department approved the rise; whether any assessment was carried out on the effect on hospitals that rely on privately insured patients; and whether her Department examined options to reduce the levy or to introduce offsetting measures for policyholders. — Ken O'Flynn. [65723/25]

*882. To ask the Minister for Health the expected impact of the increase in stamp duty on health insurance policies from 1 April 2026; the number of adult and child policyholders affected on advanced and non-advanced plans; the average additional cost per policy per year; the projected extra revenue for the risk equalisation fund; and whether any assessment has been carried out on the effect on families on modest incomes who already face premium increases from insurers. — Ken O'Flynn. [65736/25]

*883. To ask the Minister for Health the main cost drivers behind the need for a supplementary estimate for the health budget in 2025, by acute hospitals, primary care, agency staffing, and temporary schemes; the specific management or efficiency measures introduced to control these

costs; and the means by which the Department will ensure that further overspends in 2026 do not lead to new charges or indirect increases in costs for patients and health insurance customers. — Ken O'Flynn. [65737/25]

*884. To ask the Minister for Health the approved whole-time equivalent staffing levels for Arbour House, St Finbarr's Hospital, for each year 2023, 2024 and 2025, broken down by role, and the number of posts that remain unfilled in each year. — Ken O'Flynn. [65758/25]

*885. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of service users assigned to each addiction counsellor in Arbour House in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Ken O'Flynn. [65759/25]

*886. To ask the Minister for Health the number of service users waiting for an initial assessment in Arbour House who have been waiting more than 12 weeks, more than 24 weeks and more than 36 weeks. — Ken O'Flynn. [65760/25]

*887. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved 2024 HSE development posts that are currently filled by temporary staff and by agency staff, broken down by staff grade; the reasons these figures were not included in the HSE's reply (details supplied). — Ken O'Flynn. [65766/25]

*888. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time taken for an applicant for a 2024 HSE development post to complete the clearance process before being placed on payroll; the number of applicants currently in clearance for more than 3 months, 6 months, and 12 months; and the operational reasons for these delays. — Ken O'Flynn. [65767/25]

*889. To ask the Minister for Health the impact of the 2024–2025 HSE employment control measures on the staffing targets approved for 2024; the number of posts for which recruitment was paused or deferred as a result; and the expected timeline to lift remaining restrictions in order to fill all outstanding development posts. — Ken O'Flynn. [65768/25]

*890. To ask the Minister for Health the performance targets set by her Department for the HSE regarding recruitment timelines for both replacement vacancies and newly funded service development posts; the monthly metrics used to monitor progress toward these targets; the current national performance against each target; and the expected timeframe to eliminate the reported gap of 6,852 funded WTE posts as of September 2025. — Ken O'Flynn. [65793/25]

*891. To ask the Minister for Health to examine the case of a person (details supplied) in need of follow-up treatment; her views on whether this is acceptable; the steps the HSE should take to assist this person; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [65795/25]

*892. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive a haematology appointment in Letterkenny University Hospital; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [65797/25]

*893. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients awaiting an outpatient haematology appointment in Letterkenny University Hospital to date; and the length of time waiting for an appointment, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [65798/25]

*894. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patient files the HSE has registered as lost from 2018 to 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [65801/25]

*895. To ask the Minister for Health the total cost of unused PPE from the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [65802/25]

*896. To ask the Minister for Health the case for additional funding for low vision aids for a region (details supplied); if she will provide emergency funding to each of the counties mentioned to the end of 2025; and if she will ensure that the funding for each of these counties is increased going forward. — Robert Troy. [65805/25]

*897. To ask the Minister for Health if the orthopaedic Department of Tullamore Hospital is currently operating at full capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [65806/25]

*898. To ask the Minister for Health if Tullamore Hospital is currently prevented for outsourcing work to clear the orthopaedic waiting list, which holds 297 people; if, as a result, patients are prevented from using available services, such as the National Treatment Purchase Fund, to have surgeries completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [65807/25]

*899. To ask the Minister for Health when a person will finally get an assessment in order that they can be seen by CAMHS (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [65871/25]

*900. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the specific measures being taken at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda in preparation for the winter 2025-2026 season; whether any additional acute and step-down bed capacity will be provided; whether any additional emergency department surge capacity will be provided; whether any additional staffing allocations are planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [65873/25]

*901. To ask the Minister for Health the number of permanent job offers that Naas General Hospital offered newly graduated physiotherapists in 2024 and 2025; and of the new job offers, the number that were accepted, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [65876/25]

*902. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant epileptologists based at Beaumont Hospital in the years of 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [65877/25]

*903. To ask the Minister for Health the number of permanent job offers that Naas General Hospital offered newly graduate occupational therapists in 2024 and 2025; and of the new job offers, the number that were accepted, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [65878/25]

*904. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting to access CT scans in counties Cavan and Monaghan, by county and by period of time waiting, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [65892/25]

*905. To ask the Minister for Health if the free pharmacist blister packing service will be available in January 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [65900/25]

*906. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1825 of 4 November 2025, if she will insure that the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people that are incapable of safely and effectively managing their medication regimen, will not be impacted by the ceasing of free dispensing of prescription medication in blister packs in January 2026 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [65924/25]

*907. To ask the Minister for Health if there is an established set of criteria put in place to assist pharmacies when assessing eligibility to receive free dispensing of prescription medication in blister packs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [65925/25]

*908. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite a respite bed/short-term bed in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [65928/25]

*909. To ask the Minister for Health the amount that has been received from the cumulative savings through reduced medicine reimbursements and pharmacy fee remuneration since 2009; the way in which those funds have been allocated within the health budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [65953/25]

*910. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider reviewing the current pension payment schedule for nurses, which is paid monthly, to explore the possibility of issuing pension payments twice a month (every two weeks) in the line with the fortnightly pay cycle of working nurses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [65957/25]

*911. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE employed WTE infection prevention and control clinical nurse specialist posts that were filled in the Kerry area in the years of 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [65963/25]

*912. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dental hygienists and senior dental nurses posts that were filled within the Kerry dental services form for the years 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [65964/25]

*913. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant plastic surgeons based at University Hospital Kerry in the years 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [65965/25]

*914. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE audiologists by grade that were based within the primary care services in County Kerry for 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [65966/25]

*915. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any proposals or plans to change the number of ambulances based in Kenmare community nursing unit; the number of ambulances currently using it as their full-time base; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [65985/25]

*916. To ask the Minister for Health to give favourable consideration to increasing the number of GP cards being issued to the public; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [65990/25]

*917. To ask the Minister for Health the number of former secretary general's, retired civil servants, directors of service, retired city/county managers or those of a similar grade in her Department that have subsequently served on State boards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [65996/25]

*918. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for equipment for children with disabilities by CHO, RHO and CDNT; the number approved; and the average waiting time for a decision, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [66013/25]

*919. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the rollout of the National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders; the number of multidisciplinary teams currently operational; the timeline for the full implementation of the 16 teams envisaged under the Model of Care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [66016/25]

*920. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the review of the Model of Care for eating disorders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [66017/25]

*921. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children currently waiting for eating disorder treatment services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [66018/25]

*922. To ask the Minister for Health if she is considering structured day services that would bridge the gap from inpatient care to outpatient care for adolescents recovering from eating disorders (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [66031/25]

*923. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on the waiting list for the audiology service, including the routine adult waitlist, in tabular form; the average waiting time to be seen; the number of WTE staff working in the service; the number of vacancies, if any; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [66041/25]

*924. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider a reimbursement scheme or a support mechanism for women who used the private sector to seek a diagnosis for endometriosis due to the lack of services prior to the endometriosis framework being implemented. — Paul Lawless. [66064/25]

*925. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will consider a reimbursement or support mechanism for women who had to pay privately due to lack of public care; the immediate supports that can be introduced for those already impacted, beyond the promises of the national endometriosis framework; and how the State intends to recognise and address the profound emotional, reproductive, and financial harm caused by decades of neglect. — Paul Lawless. [66065/25]

*926. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2919 of 29 July 2025, to quantify the costs presented further (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [66066/25]

*927. To ask the Minister for Health the total expenditure on contracting out radiotherapy treatment for public patients to private providers to date in 2025, by hospital, in tabular form; and to provide a cost breakdown, by reason (details supplied). — Pádraig Rice. [66067/25]

*928. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to mitigate the expected costs of outsourcing radiotherapy to private providers as a result of ageing machinery and expected breakdowns in Cork and Galway in the next four years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [66068/25]

*929. To ask the Minister for Health the amount her Department and any body under her aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66081/25]

*930. To ask the Minister for Health the amount her Department and any body under her aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66099/25]

*931. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons for the introduction of a charge for blister packaging by pharmacists from January 2026; if she acknowledges that many of the people who rely on this service live with serious medical conditions and have very limited income; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [66130/25]

*932. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider introducing financial supports or exemptions for patients who rely on blister packaging because of complex medical conditions, cognitive difficulties or disability, given that any additional charge would disproportionately impact those on low incomes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [66131/25]

*933. To ask the Minister for Health if she will engage with the pharmacy sector to ensure that any changes to blister packaging provision do not reduce medication safety for vulnerable patients who depend on organised dosing systems; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [66132/25]

*934. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department carried out any assessment of the financial or clinical impact of introducing a blister pack charge, particularly for older people and people with disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [66133/25]

*935. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of Section 39 funding made available to organisations in CHO2 each year from 2007 to 2025, with the corresponding number of organisations to benefit from said funding in each year, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [66148/25]

*936. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding which has been set aside for Section 39 organisations in 2025 and in Budget 2026. — Claire Kerrane. [66149/25]

*937. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which Section 39 funding is distributed to organisations in CHO2; the way in which the level of funding awarded is determined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [66150/25]

*938. To ask the Minister for Health if she will restore pre-2008 funding to Section 39 organisations in recognition that current funding does not meet today's running costs for many organisations doing so much good work in communities. — Claire Kerrane. [66151/25]

*939. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that many Section 39 organisations providing services to older people in communities are unable to cover their running costs with stagnant funding when running costs have increased, and are depending on donations and charity events to assist with covering costs; if she is aware of the pressure this puts on organisations, without which older people would not have these services and supports in their communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [66152/25]

*940. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a surgery date for an operation in Mayo University Hospital. — Paul Lawless. [66156/25]

*941. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department or the HSE will provide current funding for a service (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [66166/25]

*942. To ask the Minister for Health the current and known upcoming vacancies at Cavan and Monaghan Hospital group per centre (Cavan and Monaghan separately); the dates on which the vacancies arose or will arise; the dates when vacancies are expected to be filled, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [66170/25]

*943. To ask the Minister for Health the official opening hours of the minor injuries unit at Monaghan Hospital; whether there is a check-in policy that prevents access for patients within those hours (i.e. last operating hour); the means by which the differential between opening hours and check-in times is communicated to the public; whether patients with urgent injuries can access care throughout the official opening hours regardless of check-in time; if there are proposals to amend the opening, operating and/or check-in hours at the MIU; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [66174/25]

*944. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently review long covid among HSE workers (details supplied), the long-term consequences; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [66180/25]

*945. To ask the Minister for Health the public-health risk assessments completed since 1 January 2020 concerning communicable-disease risks among persons arriving into the State, including tuberculosis, measles, polio and hepatitis; and to provide the date of each assessment, the body or officer that carried out each assessment, the findings, the actions taken, and any guidance issued by her Department arising from those assessments. — Ken O’Flynn. [66184/25]

*946. To ask the Minister for Health that the recently published standards and criteria for counsellors and psychotherapists by the Counsellors and Psychotherapists Registration Board of CORU (the Board) are subject to a lawful, proportionate, and transparent regulatory process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [66220/25]

*947. To ask the Minister for Health if she will direct each HSE community healthcare organisations and hospital group to provide information with regard to HSE clinicians undertaking overseas training or observer ships related to complex termination of pregnancy care where such training overseas has been approved and undertaken from 2020 to date in 2025; if she will direct that such information will include associated expenses managed in accordance with standard HSE travel and training policies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [66222/25]

*948. To ask the Minister for Health the vacancy in clinical posts in Cherry Orchard primary care centre, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [66223/25]

*949. To ask the Minister for Health if she will report on the HSE delays in ophthalmology routine surgical waitlists at Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital; the number of vacant consultant ophthalmologist posts in St. James's Hospital and the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital; if blepharoplasty surgery is eligible for NTPF; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [66260/25]

*950. To ask the Minister for Health her response to the HIQA review on urgent and emergency healthcare services in HSE midwest; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [66261/25]

*951. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the Department's annual expenditure on State Claims Agency costs for the years 2020–2025. — Albert Dolan. [66361/25]

*952. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists currently employed by the HSE in the southeast region; the number of OT's approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [66553/25]

*953. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE occupational therapists employed; the number of approved WTE occupational therapists positions; the number of children under 18 waiting to be seen; the length of time they are waiting to be seen, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [66554/25]

*954. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE speech and language therapists employed; the number of approved WTE speech and language therapists positions; the number of children under 18 waiting to be seen; the length of time they are waiting to be seen, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [66555/25]

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

*955. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the upcoming situation facing adult educators who will have to draw down the dole for the Christmas period closure of their classrooms; if he will engage with FET colleges on the matter; and his plans to resolve this shortfall for those impacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [66014/25]

*956. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of student places each for medicine, dentistry, veterinary science and pharmaceuticals and life sciences in Irish Universities, by college, in each of the past five years, in tabular form; the number of international students studying each of these subjects in each of these colleges in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [65191/25]

*957. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [65305/25]

*958. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department is working with community organisations, libraries, or Age Friendly Ireland to provide targeted digital literacy training and support, in order that older people can confidently use online services if they wish to, rather than being forced to because there's no alternative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [63872/25]

*959. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science as part of the body of work being undertaken by his Department on the provision of Irish-medium education at third level, if he will consider conducting a survey of teaching staff in Irish universities who are proficient in the Irish language and interested in teaching through Irish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [65405/25]

*960. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if assistance can be offered to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [65547/25]

*961. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a university can terminate a student due to poor attendance, despite them passing all examinations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [65897/25]

*962. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his Department's position on the recent announcement of Dundalk Institute of Technology's agreement with Queen's University Belfast. — Maeve O'Connell. [65988/25]

*963. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the new agreement between Dundalk IT and Queen's University Belfast will have any impact on the fees charged to current or future students of Dundalk IT. — Maeve O'Connell. [65989/25]

*964. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of former secretary general's, retired civil servants, directors of service, retired city/county managers or those of a similar grade in his Department that have subsequently served on State boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [66007/25]

*965. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66080/25]

*966. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66098/25]

*967. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the procedures in place for determining verification of full-time status of programmes for the purpose of eligibility for the SUSI grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [66171/25]

*968. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware that discrepancies appear to exist between SUSI's classification of what constitutes a full-time third level course and ATU's official designation of the same course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [66172/25]

*969. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a SUSI grant application and subsequent appeal by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed on the basis that verifiable factual errors in identifying the course concerned were included by the awarding authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [66173/25]

*970. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans in place to develop national standards and certified qualifications for legal interpreters, in line with the requirements of EU Directive 2010/64/EU, to ensure that all interpreters working in legal settings have a verifiable and consistent level of competency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [66228/25]

*971. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagement his Department has had with the Department of Justice to establish a State-accredited national qualification and training programme for legal interpreters, to ensure that a verified supply of qualified professionals is available for the justice system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [66229/25]

*972. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide the Department's annual expenditure on State Claims Agency costs for the years 2020–2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [66360/25]

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

*973. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the breakdown of the funding given to each organisation under the NEIC initiative since its formation, in tabular form. — Gary Gannon. [65933/25]

*974. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of former secretary general's, retired civil servants, directors of service, retired city/county managers or those of a similar grade in his Department that have subsequently served on State boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [66010/25]

*975. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66085/25]

*976. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the amount his Department and any body under his aegis have spent on the services of a company (details supplied), by year and organisation in the years 2020 to 1 November 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [66103/25]

*977. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide the Department's annual expenditure on State Claims Agency costs for the years 2020–2025. — Albert Dolan. [66365/25]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH, I
gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉ CÉADAOIN, 26 SAMHAIN, 2025**
**QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 2025**

Chun an Taoiseach: To the Taoiseach.

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

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

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— Cormac Devlin. [50001/25]

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— Richard Boyd Barrett. [63464/25]

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

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

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

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

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30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the programme plan for his Department's new disability unit for 2025-2027. — David Cullinane. [65604/25]

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32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the programme plan for his Department's new disability unit for 2025-2027. — Jennifer Whitmore. [65784/25]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the plan for a new disability unit in his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [65832/25]

34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the programme plan for his Department's new disability unit for 2025-2027. — Cian O'Callaghan. [65858/25]

35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the programme plan for his Department's new disability unit for 2025-2027. — Conor D. McGuinness. [65862/25]

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

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

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

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

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

41. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his recent meeting with the UK prime minister. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [65778/25]

42. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the British prime minister. — Peadar Tóibín. [65833/25]

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

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

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

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

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

48. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on his Department's plans to coordinate a range of actions aimed at regulatory reform. — Cian O'Callaghan. [63906/25]

49. To ask the Taoiseach his Department's plans to coordinate a range of actions aimed at regulatory reform. — James O'Connor. [65261/25]

50. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on his Department's plans to co-ordinate a range of actions aimed at regulatory reform. — Ruth Coppinger. [65601/25]

51. To ask the Taoiseach his Department's plans to coordinate a range of actions aimed at regulatory reform. — Paul Murphy. [65781/25]

52. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the National Security Strategy. — Tom Brabazon. [58233/25]

53. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the national security strategy. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [65331/25]

54. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the national security strategy. — Ruth Coppinger. [65603/25]

55. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the national security strategy. — Albert Dolan. [65712/25]

56. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the national security strategy. — Darren O'Rourke. [65716/25]

57. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the national security strategy. — Paul Murphy. [65782/25]

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

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

60. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [65332/25]

61. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — David Cullinane. [65605/25]

62. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Albert Dolan. [65711/25]

63. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Darren O'Rourke. [65717/25]

64. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [65783/25]

65. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Cian O'Callaghan. [65859/25]

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

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

68. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Séamus McGrath. [64216/25]

69. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Paul McAuliffe. [64218/25]

70. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [65264/25]

71. To ask the Taoiseach when the next meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Housing will take place. — Mark Ward. [65417/25]

72. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [65780/25]

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

74. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at COP30 in Belém. — Albert Dolan. [65713/25]

75. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at COP30 in Belém. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [65719/25]

76. To ask the Taoiseach if consideration has been given to developing public information or civic education materials outlining the institutional, economic and constitutional realities associated with Irish unification, to ensure any future debate is evidence-based. — Michael Murphy. [62803/25]

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

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

79. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Malcolm Byrne. [65714/25]

80. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [65718/25]

81. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-Ordination will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [63915/25]

82. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [65602/25]

83. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [65779/25]

84. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [65860/25]

85. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cork city taskforce will be established. — Séamus McGrath. [64215/25]

86. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cork city taskforce will be established. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [64217/25]

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

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