



DÁIL ÉIREANN

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*1. To ask the Taoiseach the type of training provided to staff within his Department in the use of, or understanding of artificial intelligence; if a programme is planned for all staff on their obligations under the EU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67471/25]

*2. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department will consider the joint proposal from Donegal County Council and Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council for financial support from the Shared Island fund to invest in important community amenities in their council areas. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [66770/25]

*3. To ask the Taoiseach to list all funding schemes, grant programmes and any other financial supports that are currently administered by his Department and its agencies; and the expected launch and closing dates for applications for each scheme in 2026, in tabular form. — Emer Currie. [66937/25]

*4. To ask the Taoiseach the progress in emission reduction targets in areas that are the responsibility of his Department; which measures are particularly successful and which measures are underperforming. — Malcolm Byrne. [67057/25]

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

*5. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding the hostage situation in Nigeria; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [67303/25]

*6. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of Irish citizens who have sought consular assistance from Irish embassies or consulates in Britain in each of the years 2023 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [67325/25]

*7. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if contributions to the World Bank count towards Ireland's official development assistance target; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [67450/25]

*8. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the type of training provided to staff within her Department in the use of, or understanding of artificial intelligence; if a programme is planned for all staff on their obligations under the EU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67463/25]

*9. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of passports issued to persons with addresses in Northern Ireland; for each year from 2015 to 2024, and to date in 2025. — Malcolm Byrne. [67481/25]

*10. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Ireland's current and proposed role in the talks toward a Ukraine peace agreement, including Ireland's participation in the coalition of the willing; the commitments that have been made on Ireland's behalf; and the position the Government intends to take on any final settlement that might include limits on Ukrainian sovereignty, territorial concessions, or changes to the European security order. — Gary Gannon. [67521/25]

*11. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has engaged with members of the diaspora with a construction background who are disincentivised from returning home due to VAT rates applicable on the tools of their trade; if he has engaged with his Cabinet counterparts in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [67549/25]

*12. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a person volunteering with a group (details supplied) can receive funding under the European Solidarity Corps; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [67558/25]

*13. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the details of all overseas aid projects and funding amounts allocated to each of the G20 countries in 2024; the total amount combined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [67594/25]

*14. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the measures she is taking to support International Criminal Court judges subject to sanctions by the USA (details supplied); and for details of her engagements with the US government and its embassy in Ireland on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [67886/25]

*15. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the merits of prioritising leadership in climate change as part of our EU presidency commencing in July 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [67972/25]

*16. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if individuals who are resident in the North of Ireland and have been granted leave to remain are entitled to apply for an Irish passport if they do not have access to a birth certificate, his views on the case of an individual (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [67987/25]

*17. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the details of his engagements with the government of Togo and its embassy regarding a number of human rights abuses; and whether consular assistance is being offered to a number of individuals affected, including an Irish citizen (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [68013/25]

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

*18. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on the merits of raising the issue of aviation emissions as part of the EU emissions trading system as part of our EU presidency commencing in July 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [67973/25]

*19. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of home energy upgrades carried out under the warmer homes scheme to date in 2025, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [68554/25]

*20. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the process in place for individual homeowners, businesses or farms who are producing excess energy, for example through solar panels, to be able to supply that energy into the grid; the extent to which it is being done; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67300/25]

*21. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will provide a copy of the current performance delivery agreement (PDA) between his Department and the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland; the specific performance indicators, reporting obligations, and governance arrangements contained within the PDA relating to the operation of the warmer homes scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [67328/25]

*22. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has a formal service level agreement (SLA) in place with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland specifically governing the administration, quality assurance, contractor performance, and homeowner service standards under the warmer homes scheme; if so, if he will provide the details of this SLA; and if not, the reason such an agreement is not in place. — Michael Murphy. [67329/25]

*23. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether any structured or contractual service-level metrics, such as delivery timeframes, inspection rates, defect remediation requirements, and customer service standards, exist between his Department and the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland in respect of the warmer homes scheme; and if not, the way in which his Department monitors and ensures performance and accountability under the scheme. — Michael Murphy. [67330/25]

*24. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the governance arrangements that existed between his Department and the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland prior to the establishment of the current performance delivery agreement (PDA); and whether any formal agreements, contracts, or service-level frameworks applied to the warmer homes scheme before the PDA was introduced. — Michael Murphy. [67331/25]

*25. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment how compliance with the performance delivery agreement is monitored with respect to the warmer homes scheme; the frequency of reporting by SEAI; the KPIs relating to scheme delivery; and whether any performance concerns have been raised with SEAI in the past three years. — Michael Murphy. [67332/25]

*26. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the performance delivery agreement, or any related agreements between the Department and SEAI, specify consequences or corrective-action mechanisms for underperformance by SEAI or contracted installers under the warmer homes scheme; and if he will provide details of any such provisions. — Michael Murphy. [67333/25]

*27. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will publish the current performance delivery agreement, and any associated service-level or performance-monitoring documents, relating to the warmer homes scheme; and if not, the reason for withholding same. — Michael Murphy. [67334/25]

*28. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will clarify the communication processes in place to ensure that households on the Priority Services Register are made aware of their eligibility for government funded solar PV installation. — Sorca Clarke. [67430/25]

*29. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the land use review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [67452/25]

*30. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the type of training provided to staff within his Department in the use of, or understanding of artificial intelligence; if a programme is planned for all staff on their obligations under the EU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67457/25]

*31. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will provide details of the number of SMEs that have participated in the business energy upgrade scheme since its inception; and a breakdown of the measures supported, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [67622/25]

*32. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his plans to change the rules governing the logbook for salmon or sea trout angling, allowing anglers to retrospectively produce a logbook as was the case previously; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [67681/25]

*33. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the average waiting time for the warmer home scheme currently; the average waiting time for each of the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [67750/25]

*34. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of warmer home schemes completed to date in 2025, by county; the number per county for the past three years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [67751/25]

*35. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the progress made over the past 12 months on each of his Department's Programme for Government commitments, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [67817/25]

*36. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the date on which the Government-approved scheme to provide free 2kWp solar PV systems to Priority Services Register (PSR) households was formally approved; the date on which ESB Networks and energy suppliers were instructed to begin notifications to eligible households; the number of households notified to date; and the number of installations completed under the scheme. — Micheál Carrigy. [67824/25]

*37. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to establish a retrospective or exceptional circumstances mechanism to provide reimbursement or partial compensation to Priority Services Register households who installed solar PV systems at their own expense before receiving notification of their eligibility for the free Government-funded scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [67825/25]

*38. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his attention has been drawn to the work of a charity (details supplied); the actions he will take to ensure they

are supported financially to ensure that they can continue their vital work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [67852/25]

*39. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his attention has been drawn to the funding shortfall for a charity (details supplied); if he could outline any funding options available to them to ensure that they can remain in operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [67855/25]

*40. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will engage with a charity (details supplied) in relation to the long-term funding of their work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [67858/25]

*41. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for a comprehensive overview of all the legislative changes, including secondary legislation, introducing a for-profit mandate to the Electricity Supply Board since 1990. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [67866/25]

*42. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for a comprehensive overview of all the legislative changes, including secondary legislation, unbundling any previously bundled Electricity Supply Board services since 1990. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [67867/25]

*43. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for a comprehensive overview of all the legislative changes, including secondary legislation, underpinning the privatisation or sale of Electricity Supply Board assets or services since 1990. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [67868/25]

*44. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the details of the revenue generated to date by the waste recovery levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [67981/25]

*45. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has carried out an assessment on the costs associated with the programme for Government commitment to invest in waste sorting technology in the material recovery facility network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [68028/25]

*46. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has engaged with any industry stakeholders, including waste management companies, in relation to the Programme for Government commitment to invest in waste sorting technology in the material recovery facility network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [68029/25]

*47. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department intends to introduce a requirement for the publication of annual, material-specific recycling data under the Whole of Government Circular Economy Strategy 2026-2028, in order to improve monitoring of progress towards national and EU recycling targets. — Pa Daly. [68030/25]

*48. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 34 of 15 December 2021, if the €75 payment towards helping people meet the cost of waste disposal in situations of long term incontinence pad use referred to was ever introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [68108/25]

*49. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the recently closed offshore wind auction, Tonn Nua is a minimum cost of all electricity produced or consumed; to provide details of the estimated minimum for electricity consumed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [68130/25]

Chun Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*50. To ask the Minister for Defence if she is aware that 58% of appointments at the rank of commandant in the Army Reserve are vacant; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the equivalent number of vacancies for the Naval Service Reserve is 50% and that there have been no promotions to this rank in over four years, despite qualified candidates having been interviewed; her views on the effects of a lack of senior officers on the revitalisation plan for the RDF arising out of the report of the Commission on the Defence Forces. — Robert Troy. [67344/25]

*51. To ask the Minister for Defence the type of training provided to staff within her Department in the use of, or understanding of artificial intelligence; if a programme is planned for all staff on their obligations under the EU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67459/25]

*52. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of vacancies by rank within Defence Forces School of Music; when each of those vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [67635/25]

*53. To ask the Minister for Defence if a new cadetship recruitment campaign for the army will be launched early in the new year. — Paul Donnelly. [67636/25]

*54. To ask the Minister for Defence her views on whether it was necessary for Defence Forces personnel to draw weapons against protesters targeting planes in Shannon owned by a military which provides logistical support to a country that her Government considers guilty of genocide (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [67999/25]

*55. To ask the Minister for Defence the existing direct entry, lateral entry and re-entry mechanisms for recruitment to the Permanent Defence Force and the Reserve Defence Force; the number of personnel recruited under these mechanisms in 2025; if she intends creating additional entry pathways; the timeline for delivery of each pathway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [68025/25]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*56. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has engaged with the National Transport Authority to explore the provision of a Local Link or BusConnects service connecting Celbridge and Naas General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [67282/25]

*57. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has assessed the impact of the lack of a direct public transport link between Celbridge and Naas General Hospital on older persons, people with disabilities, and those without private transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [67283/25]

*58. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to ensure that future public transport strategies provide adequate connections between north Kildare towns, including Celbridge, and regional healthcare facilities such as Naas General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [67284/25]

*59. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions he will take to address accusations of price inflation by Irish airlines in relation to flights to the destinations of the Irish national football team games in 2025 and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [67287/25]

*60. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans for any new driving test centres and NCT centres in Dublin; the planning permission requirements for same; and the consultation that occurs with local communities before a driving test or NCT centre opens in an area. — Roderic O’Gorman. [67308/25]

*61. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus shelters installed by the National Transport Authority in Dublin, each year since 2018, and including the latest figures to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [67309/25]

*62. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the introduction of enforcement cameras at traffic lights, bus lanes, bus gates and other locations where widespread Garda enforcement of road traffic laws is not viable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [67311/25]

*63. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an overview of the performance of the Route S4 for the past twelve months, detailing the number of journeys cancelled as a proportion of overall journeys. — Shane Moynihan. [67320/25]

*64. To ask the Minister for Transport to carry out a review of the dispatch operator licensing system; to introduce an amendment or regulation clearly prohibiting fares below the taximeter; and to introduce stronger rules ensuring fare parity, transparency, and protection of driver incomes. — Ann Graves. [67341/25]

*65. To ask the Minister for Transport when a driving licence exchange application will be completed (details supplied), in view that it is over 10 weeks since the application was submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [67342/25]

*66. To ask the Minister for Transport the current plans and timelines for upgrading junctions 5 and 6 on the M1 at Balbriggan, in view of their strategic importance for regional development and employment creation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [67345/25]

*67. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has engaged with Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding capacity constraints at Junctions 5 and 6 on the M1; if he will provide details of any discussions or agreements on funding or delivery of upgrade works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [67346/25]

*68. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will assess the implications of An Bord Pleanála’s decision (details supplied) to grant permission for development at Junction 5, despite concerns raised by Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding junction capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [67347/25]

*69. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which investment in Junctions 5 and 6 on the M1 and associated infrastructure upgrades will be prioritised to support the objectives of the Dublin–Belfast Economic Corridor and balanced regional development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [67349/25]

*70. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of services scheduled on a route per month (details supplied), the number of services cancelled, per month, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [67367/25]

*71. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the identification of adjustments to a route timetable (details provided); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [67368/25]

*72. To ask the Minister for Transport the punctuality of a route (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [67369/25]

*73. To ask the Minister for Transport the strategies in place to ensure bus and LUAS services in the greater Dublin area are scaled appropriately to accommodate projected population growth. — Shay Brennan. [67396/25]

*74. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which the National Transport Authority coordinates with Dublin Bus and LUAS operators to plan service capacity expansions and network adjustments in response to urban development and demographic changes. — Shay Brennan. [67397/25]

*75. To ask the Minister for Transport the infrastructure investments which are planned or underway to support increased public transport demand arising from population growth in Dublin suburbs and surrounding areas. — Shay Brennan. [67398/25]

*76. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which emerging technologies and data analytics are being utilised to optimise service scheduling and fleet management in the context of a growing population. — Shay Brennan. [67399/25]

*77. To ask the Minister for Transport the integration of bus and LUAS services in expanding suburban areas, including plans for new routes, extensions or feeder service enhancements. — Shay Brennan. [67400/25]

*78. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which long-term demographic forecasting is incorporated into transport planning to ensure sustainable and efficient public transport services over the next decade. — Shay Brennan. [67401/25]

*79. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are planned policy or funding adjustments aimed at addressing capacity challenges caused by rapid population increases in the Dublin suburban areas. — Shay Brennan. [67402/25]

*80. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of incidences of passengers travelling with no tickets on Irish Rail trains in the past 3 years; the number of fines issued by the rail line, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [67403/25]

*81. To ask the Minister for Transport his views that there is a necessity for ticket inspectors onboard trains given tickets are scanned at departure gates and exit gates in most cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [67404/25]

*82. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans from Irish Rail to turn off the speaker announcements at each stop on the designated quiet carriage on trains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [67405/25]

*83. To ask the Minister for Transport the enforcement powers the National Transport Authority currently has to prevent dispatch operators from undercutting regulated fares; and if these powers are sufficient to protect driver incomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [67407/25]

*84. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will initiate a review of the dispatch operator licence system to ensure that its purpose remains limited to distributing work to drivers, and not to setting or manipulating fares; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [67408/25]

*85. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm whether the NTA has considered imposing additional conditions on dispatch operator licences under Section 20(2) of the Taxi Regulation Act 2013 to prevent fare manipulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [67409/25]

*86. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has reviewed international cases, such as the Australian settlement with a company (details supplied); the lessons which can be applied to protect Irish drivers from similar income erosion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [67412/25]

*87. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider introducing regulations to ensure fare transparency and parity across all dispatch operators, including app-based platforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [67413/25]

*88. To ask the Minister for Transport if flights (details supplied) will be operated from Kerry Airport to Amsterdam Airport Schiphol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [67414/25]

*89. To ask the Minister for Transport if Irish Rail will develop a coordinated communication response when major disruptions occur; if GPS tracking on DARTs is currently being considered to improve real time tracking on noticeboards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [67429/25]

*90. To ask the Minister for Transport the type of training provided to staff within his Department in the use of, or understanding of artificial intelligence; if a programme is planned for all staff on their obligations under the EU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67472/25]

*91. To ask the Minister for Transport as to what proportion of the public transport fleet now operates on non-fossil fuel energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67474/25]

*92. To ask the Minister for Transport the passenger-protection systems or supports the NTA currently requires from operators in non-fault incidents. — Shane Moynihan. [67483/25]

*93. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of buses currently deployed on the NX service in each direction (Navan-Dublin and Dublin-Navan); the average age and age profile of the buses used on the NX service; the number of bus breakdowns that have occurred on the NX service to date in 2025; the number of these breakdown occasions a replacement bus was provided, and within what timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [67485/25]

*94. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is considering any legislation to tackle or increase sanctions on the issue of drivers without motor insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [67491/25]

*95. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the implementation of the new transport support scheme to replace the motorised transport grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [67494/25]

*96. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the rules and regulations in place to prevent the misuse of disabled parking spaces on private premises, such as shopping centres and car parks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [67508/25]

*97. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide information on the rationale for not proceeding with EU JTF community facilities EV charging scheme applications (details supplied) through Westmeath County Council. — Robert Troy. [67535/25]

*98. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has directed the Road Safety Authority to publish on a monthly basis; the number of learner drivers who fail to show up for their scheduled driving test appointment; by driving test centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [67546/25]

*99. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to address the long delays in the Road Safety Authority providing figures requested via Parliamentary Questions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [67547/25]

*100. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will investigate allegations of price gouging on airline tickets to the soccer world cup play offs, with flight prices to Prague increased by more than 3.5 times their original cost; the measures he will take to prevent such gouging; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [67559/25]

*101. To ask the Minister for Transport the average waiting time for applicant’s waiting on an Irish language driving test invitation, by county, as of 30 November 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [67588/25]

*102. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of applicant’s waiting on an Irish language driving test invitation, by county, as of 30 November 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [67589/25]

*103. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of English language driving testers, by county, as of 30 November 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [67590/25]

*104. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of Irish language driving testers, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [67591/25]

*105. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of applicants waiting on Irish language driving test invitations, who are waiting longer than applicants waiting for an English language driving test invitation. — Conor D. McGuinness. [67592/25]

*106. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 179 and 180 of 23 September 2025, the body or organisation responsible for delivering the improved sharing of parking data on a single national data platform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [67602/25]

*107. To ask the Minister for Transport the expected timeline for the completion of the work underway to improve the sharing of parking data on a single data platform, including what specific types of parking information and services will be included on this platform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [67603/25]

*108. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will attend a meeting (details supplied) regarding commuting times from Navan to Dublin. — Peadar Tóibín. [67611/25]

*109. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus stops installed in County Kildare for each year from 2022 to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [67614/25]

*110. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the current status of the Mallow relief road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [67617/25]

*111. To ask the Minister for Transport if the preferred option of a technically viable drainage scheme that would prevent flooding at Ballycar, contained within the report undertaken by consultant engineers RPS for Iarnród Éireann and stakeholder representatives from Clare County Council, the Office of Public Works, the Geological Survey Ireland and the National Parks & Wildlife Services, has been costed; if that project is included for delivery in the NDP 2026–2030 Department’s Sectoral Investment Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [67625/25]

*112. To ask the Minister for Transport when the car park at Heuston station was last remarked and or resurfaced; and when is this car park next scheduled for remarking and or resurfacing. — Paul Donnelly. [67640/25]

*113. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost of renting a temporary stop-go lighting system as a result of the delayed repair of the N65 road between Killimor and Portumna, County Galway (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [67647/25]

*114. To ask the Minister for Transport to issue a detailed progress report in respect of an urgent matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [67649/25]

*115. To ask the Minister for Transport the provisions in place to provide a catch-up fund for counties like Wexford, to meet the gap in funding and the true cost of maintaining the roads; and if the county will see an increase to the 2026 budget having seen a reduction in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [67690/25]

*116. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions he has taken to engage with Irish airlines that engage in significant price hikes for flights to locations of international events including European fixtures for teams from an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [67712/25]

*117. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will investigate the possibility of additional car parking spaces at Muine Bheag train station. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [67714/25]

*118. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost to increase the number of Dublin Bus safer journey teams to six and to have them available for the duration of 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [67734/25]

*119. To ask the Minister for Transport if Irish Rail will carry out a social and print media advertisement campaign early in 2026, reminding drivers of the serious consequences that will apply for vehicles that strike a level crossing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [67735/25]

*120. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of drivers currently employed by Bus Éireann for the delivery of PSO services in Cork city, and the number considered a full cohort and the additional drivers needed, by route, for timetable fixes. — Thomas Gould. [67759/25]

*121. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of complaints made by the public in Cork City to Bus Éireann pertaining to buses, the nature of the complaint; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [67860/25]

*122. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of fines issued to Bus Éireann by the NTA in the Cork area; the nature of the fine; the amount paid to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [67862/25]

*123. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider amending the current funding model and allocating emergency funding for secondary roads in rural Wexford (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [67875/25]

*124. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will overhaul the system that holds online databases for elective vehicles in order that there could be a cross reference of vehicles that are taxed and on the road, but may not be insured, to help An Garda Síochána with roads policing and also victims of road traffic incidents which involved uninsured drivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [67883/25]

*125. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding engagement he has had with the taxi industry in relation to concerns related to fixed fares for a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [67884/25]

*126. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to implement the policy of backdated driving license renewal applications for applicants that require a medical certification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [67922/25]

*127. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the delay in driving license renewal applications for applicants that require a medical certification, and due to specific case examination, these applicants do not obtain a full year on their license as their license is unfairly

backdated to the date of their medical report rather than the date of their previous license expiry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [67923/25]

*128. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration could be given to introducing automation in the verification of driving license applications details for applicants who require a medical certification in order to increase the efficiency of these applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [67924/25]

*129. To ask the Minister for Transport to publish the latest statistics, as of the most recent reporting date, for the total number of electric vehicles on Irish roads, broken down by, battery electric vehicles (BEVs), plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs), and hybrid (non-plug-in) vehicles; and if he will provide historical totals for each category for each year since 2020. — Michael Murphy. [67939/25]

*130. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a full breakdown of new private car registrations and first-time licences in 2024 and to date in 2025, showing the number and percentage share of BEVs, PHEVs, non-plug-in hybrids, petrol, and diesel vehicles; and to set out the year-on-year changes between 2024 and 2025. — Michael Murphy. [67940/25]

*131. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a regional and county-level breakdown of BEV and PHEV registrations/licences for 2024 and to date in 2025; and to publish historical county-level data from 2020 onwards, in order to identify the geographical pattern of full electric versus plug-in hybrid uptake. — Michael Murphy. [67941/25]

*132. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the composition of the national electric vehicle fleet by use category (private household, business/lease, commercial, and other categories), broken down separately for BEVs and PHEVs; and any trends in fleet composition from 2020 to date in 2025. — Michael Murphy. [67942/25]

*133. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to set internal or indicative targets for the proportion of BEVs versus PHEVs within the national EV fleet for 2030; if modelling or projections exist for the expected BEV/PHEV split; and how these projections align with charging infrastructure deployment, grid capacity planning, and decarbonisation targets. — Michael Murphy. [67943/25]

*134. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department factors the differing infrastructure requirements of BEVs and PHEVs into national charging-strategy planning; and whether forecasts of BEV growth relative to PHEVs have informed the roll-out of public charging points to date. — Michael Murphy. [67944/25]

*135. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of cars to pass through each toll bridge in the country in each of the past ten years and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [67952/25]

*136. To ask the Minister for Transport the average number of cars using the M50 per day; and the way in which these figures compare with previous years. — Peadar Tóibín. [67955/25]

*137. To ask the Minister for Transport when active travel applications will be open for the 2026 Safe Routes to School Programme, for schools and local authorities to apply for such funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [67957/25]

*138. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has engaged with Bus Éireann recently to receive an update on their recruitment process for additional drivers in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [67960/25]

*139. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a timeframe for the reopening of the Western rail corridor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [67966/25]

*140. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a timeframe for full double-tracking of the rail line between Athenry and Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [67967/25]

*141. To ask the Minister for Transport to expedite the Killarney Bypass project due to the fact the town is choked with traffic on a daily basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [67968/25]

*142. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to providing a TFI local link bus in an area in Kildare north (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [68014/25]

*143. To ask the Minister for Transport to confirm that funding is being made available to progress the N52 Tullamore to Kilbeggan road project; to provide a timeline for the completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [68033/25]

*144. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding allocation in 2026 for the N2 Ardee to Castleblayney road scheme; the estimated date for completion of this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [68061/25]

*145. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding allocation in 2026 for the N2 Clontibret to the Border road scheme; the estimated date for completion of this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [68062/25]

*146. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on taxi regulation matters (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [68094/25]

*147. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department would consider a scheme to allow rail access to the centre of Naas town (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [68107/25]

*148. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has any direct powers or policy making influence regarding the setting of parking charges in commercially run shopping centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [68109/25]

*149. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on his Department’s work on road safety, funding and new policy as it relates to pedestrian safety and wellbeing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [68117/25]

*150. To ask the Minister for Transport the reviews or checks have been undertaken by the NTA and/or his Department to ensure the implementation by local authorities of I.S. EN 17210:2021 which sets out functional requirements for the accessibility and usability of the built environment. — Roderic O’Gorman. [68118/25]

*151. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 279 of 4 November 2025, to provide details on meetings between the National Transport Authority to work with An Garda Síochána and Dublin City Council on the deployment of traffic management cameras in the past three months; and to provide dates and locations for the operational sites planned in the near future. — Roderic O’Gorman. [68119/25]

*152. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road traffic accidents recorded on the N25 between Waterford and Cork for the years 2022 to 2024, and to date in 2025, to include the number of road fatalities on that part of the N25 for these years. — Liam Quaide. [68122/25]

*153. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road traffic accidents recorded on the N25 between the Rincrew roundabout, North Youghal and Cork city for the years 2022 to 2024, and to date in 2025, and to include the number of road fatalities on that part of the N25 for those years. — Liam Quaide. [68123/25]

*154. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 220 of 25 November 2025 the name of the foreign licence record file created on his Department’s national vehicle and driver file (NVDF) on receipt of a penalty point offence where a foreign licence number is supplied; the number of foreign licence holders held on this record file; the procedure when a foreign licence number is not supplied; and if Gardai have instant access to real-time and complete data held on this foreign licence record file on the NVDF via their mobility device at roadside checkpoints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [68131/25]

*155. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has given consideration to mandating algorithm transparency for any taxi phone app; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [68134/25]

*156. To ask the Minister for Transport to review the current regulation around taxi dispatchers to mandate any taxi trip booked does not fall below the metered rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [68135/25]

*157. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to ensure that the Taxi Regulation Act 2013 protects taxi drivers from the introduction of ‘fixed pricing’ and ensures that companies cannot offer taxi fares below the regulated taxi meter. — Darren O’Rourke. [68141/25]

*158. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to ensure that the taxi industry and taxi drivers in particular are supported as the fixed pricing policy of taxi companies comes into effect. — Darren O’Rourke. [68142/25]

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

*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the measures being undertaken by his Department to ensure greater competition in the Irish banking and financial services sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67298/25]

*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of persons who have claimed the rent tax credit each year since its introduction, and to date in 2025. — Malcolm Byrne. [67299/25]

*161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated cost of extending the reduced VAT rate of 9% applied to electricity and gas to also cover home heating oil; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [67318/25]

*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether consideration will be given to reform of the deemed disposal rule and exit tax on investment funds. — Shane Moynihan. [67324/25]

*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the type of training provided to staff within his Department in the use of, or understanding of artificial intelligence; if a programme is planned for all staff on their obligations under the EU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67462/25]

*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his Department's plans to monitor the planned reduction in the VAT rate on hospitality; his expectations and what will he be measuring; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67478/25]

*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the cost in budget 2026 had personal income tax band increases been linked to consumer price inflation. — Malcolm Byrne. [67479/25]

*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total sums paid into the Exchequer as a result of the carbon tax each year since its introduction, including 2025; and a similar breakdown on the way in which this income was spent on retrofitting and climate resilience measures. — Malcolm Byrne. [67480/25]

*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if there are plans for incentives or grants to expand the cycle to work/bike to work scheme to make it more accessible to employers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [67536/25]

*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the applicable VAT rate for tools related to the construction sector for those moving to the state; if he has considered revising such in order to encourage and facilitate the return of members of the diaspora; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [67553/25]

*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will seek EU funding to cover the costs of purchasing two additional mobile x-ray scanner trucks for the Revenue Commissioners. — Paul Donnelly. [67638/25]

*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether he will accept recommendations made by Dublin City Council to extend the existing boundary for the Living City initiative, as constituents residing at a location one street outside the current boundary (details supplied) have attempted to apply and been rejected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Máire Devine. [67707/25]

*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will confirm whether Budget 2025, as presented, complies with the national and EU fiscal rules, including the expenditure benchmark and structural balance requirements; if he will provide his Department's own assessment of compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [67753/25]

*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the long-term fiscal risks identified by his Department in relation to rising recurrent spending, falling windfall corporation tax receipts, and age-related expenditure, in the context of IFAC's warning that the State is 'budgeting like there is no tomorrow'; and if he will publish any departmental risk-management plans. — Ken O'Flynn. [67754/25]

*173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the proportion of recent windfall corporation tax receipts that has been allocated to permanent spending commitments since 2020; if he will provide a breakdown by year; and if he will clarify the Department's policy on safeguarding against the use of temporary revenues for long-term spending. — Ken O'Flynn. [67755/25]

*174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the amount returned to the exchequer by company and amount, by way of dividend by commercial semi-state companies in 2024 and to date in 2025. — Aidan Farrelly. [67764/25]

*175. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider scrapping the VAT and customs duties imposed on tools belonging to skilled trades people who are returning to Ireland from non-EU countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [67977/25]

*176. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 368 of 18 November 2025, to provide a further breakdown of the number of properties and multi-property owners owning over 100 properties, by 100 to 199, 200 to 299, 300 to 399, 400 to 499, 500 to 599, 600 to 699, 700 to 799, 800 to 899, 900 to 999, and 1000 or more, excluding AHBs and local authorities, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [67984/25]

*177. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if Ireland supports each of the elements of the 'Compromiso de Seville', the outcome document from this summer's financing for development conference; how the Government is working to implement the commitments made, in particular, the commitment to (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [68021/25]

*178. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether Ireland supports the establishment of a UN convention on taxation; in particular, how Ireland is supporting the issue of taxing high net worth individuals, and the establishment of a global asset registry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [68022/25]

*179. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reasoning for the decision in Budget 2026 to retain the 9 per cent VAT rate for domestic gas and electricity but not to apply a corresponding reduced VAT rate to home heating oil, especially for households that do not have access to the gas network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [68128/25]

*180. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his plans to offset the higher VAT rate on home heating oil for households that do not have access to the gas network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [68129/25]

*181. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 430 of 11 September 2023, if any work has been carried out by his Department on the potential

of reducing the VAT rate applied to non-alcoholic beverages in hospitality sector from standard 23% to 13.5% to bring it in line with rate of other non-alcoholic beverages; and if not, if he will commit to further investigating the potential of this measure, particularly given Belgium's recent budgetary proposal to reduce non-alcoholic beverages to a lower VAT rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [68144/25]

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

*182. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the type of training provided to staff within his Department in the use of, or understanding of artificial intelligence; if a programme is planned for all staff on their obligations under the EU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67468/25]

*183. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation when a facility in County Cork (details supplied) will be reopened to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [67587/25]

*184. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the amount the OPW collected in rent fees from external cafes/restaurants within OPW heritage sites in 2025; when the contract with each of these services expire; and how are rent fees for these services arranged, by location in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [67630/25]

*185. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his plans to ensure the urgent delivery of a dedicated 'changing place' toilet facility within the Leinster House campus to ensure that any disabled guests or visitors to Leinster House have access to accessible, clean and appropriate toilets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [68023/25]

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

*186. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the protections in place to protect people, from being made redundant, who have a medical condition that prevents them from working in the workplace but are working satisfactorily and productively from home. — Ann Graves. [67376/25]

*187. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the type of training provided to staff within his Department in the use of, or understanding of artificial intelligence; if a programme is planned for all staff on their obligations under the EU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67461/25]

*188. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the vacancies by job title currently at the corporate enforcement authority; the estimated timeframe for filling each of those vacancies, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [67631/25]

*189. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the 2025 budget allocation for the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [67632/25]

*190. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will conduct an urgent review of a company's model (details supplied) to determine if the relationship between the franchisor and the franchisees/subcontractors constitutes de facto employment; and the steps which will be taken to ensure workers in similar models are afforded full employee rights and protections for example, redundancy and minimum notice in the event of future corporate insolvencies. — Paul Lawless. [67662/25]

*191. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment in view of recent high-profile receiverships affecting franchise networks, if his Department plans to introduce dedicated franchise legislation in Ireland, similar to that in other jurisdictions (e.g., Australia or certain US States), which would mandate a Franchise Disclosure Document (FDD) and establish a code of conduct to ensure fair contractual terms and transparency. — Paul Lawless. [67664/25]

*192. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will address the concerns regarding remote work and rural communities, raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [67668/25]

*193. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide a schedule of payments made to online personalities in respect of paid partnership arrangements for social media content by Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland in 2024 and to date in 2025; if he will provide a breakdown by amount; name of online account, and/or personality that received payment and the promotion concerned; and if he will also provide details of any payments withheld and or returned to the Bodies. — Aidan Farrelly. [67765/25]

*194. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the action his Department will take to protect consumers in terms of price gouging arising from dynamic pricing used by airlines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [67861/25]

*195. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the total amount of money spent on promoting County Wexford as a tourist destination to date in 2025; the nature and extent of this promotion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [67871/25]

*196. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment which applicants were successful in receiving funding under the strategic tourism festival investment scheme 2026-2028; the amounts granted to each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [67937/25]

*197. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the engagement he has had with an association (details supplied) that seeks to encourage businesses to pass on the planned VAT rate reduction to customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [67969/25]

*198. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the engagement he has had with an association (details supplied) that seeks to encourage businesses to pass on the planned VAT rate reduction to customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [67970/25]

*199. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the engagement he has had with an association (details supplied) that seeks to encourage businesses to pass on the planned VAT rate reduction to customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [67971/25]

*200. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide Ireland's full indicator-level scores under the Blavatnik Index of Public Administration for 2024, disaggregated by theme; and to outline which underlying domains contributed most to Ireland's overall ranking. — Ken O'Flynn. [68043/25]

*201. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which public bodies that are commencing design for new buildings for projects in receipt of exchequer funding in excess of €10 million in the case of non-residential buildings, or in excess of €60 million in the case of residential buildings, should produce or procure a validated Whole Life-Cycle Greenhouse Gas Emissions assessment from 1 September 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [68120/25]

*202. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the basis for his response to Parliamentary Question No. 253 of 19 June 2025 that the EU Omnibus proposal is "better regulation and not deregulation" in circumstances (details supplied) where the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, has stated that the Omnibus package is intended to deliver deregulation; if his Department accepts that the purpose of the Omnibus is deregulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [68136/25]

*203. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has conducted any regulatory impact assessment of the Omnibus proposals; and if so, if the Government will publish them; the concerns he has identified for workers and communities in company value chains, as well as impacts on the environment and climate action arising from deregulatory changes at EU level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [68137/25]

*204. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment in reference to the response to a parliamentary question, the reason he and his Department did not meet with business or civil society as key stakeholders regarding the Omnibus on the Corporate Sustainability and Due Diligence Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [68138/25]

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

*205. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a school (details supplied) will be fully developed and end its current prefabrication status; if there are any plans to incorporate the school meals scheme at the school in the absence of existing facilities; if there are any plans for traffic safety/calming measures in the vicinity of the school in the absence of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [67270/25]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 645 of 4 November 2025, whether schools will be instructed or required by the NCSE to redeploy special needs assistants (SNAs) from their mainstream SNA allocation in order to meet above-SERC needs in autism classes under the new SNA review guidelines; whether the previous above-SERC SNA review process for autism classes has been discontinued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [67273/25]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to review the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [67281/25]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special needs assistant posts funded in the State; the number of vacancies at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67294/25]

*209. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the potential development of a special school at Bunclody, County Wexford. — Malcolm Byrne. [67295/25]

*210. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the development of a new standalone building at a school (details supplied); to outline how she plans to address the current shortage of places in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67296/25]

*211. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the application for a special education class at a school (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [67297/25]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of preliminary determinations of eligibility letters issued by the NCSE for 2024 and to date in 2025; the number of final determinations made; and the process by which a final determination is made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [67307/25]

*213. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the plans to update the Department’s school planning areas, particularly where significant amounts of development have changed since the school planning areas were last updated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [67313/25]

*214. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); if she will provide an update on this person’s PME scheme application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [67351/25]

*215. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider allocating funding for employment of a youth officer in each of the Gaeltacht language planning areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [67353/25]

*216. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if it is the policy of her Department to not permit young people over the age of 18 years-of-age to attend special schools; if so, the reason this differs from mainstream schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [67372/25]

*217. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the EWS application for a school (details supplied); to provide a timeline on the assessment of the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [67393/25]

*218. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a project (details supplied) will receive stage 2 approval for the extension required; when outstanding stage one payments will be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [67416/25]

*219. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if approval will be granted for the required four modular classrooms and a modular technology engineering room for a school (details

supplied) to allow it to cater for current students and to cater for the increasing enrolment in September 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [67417/25]

*220. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if consideration will be given to finding a proper AI detection system in order that second-level senior certificate cycle projects can be graded fairly, and any cheaters identified and excluded from the process. — Ann Graves. [67426/25]

*221. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige cén cineál caiteachais a bheadh i gceist aici a chur ar fáil don mhaoiniú a fhaigheann scoileanna a bhfuil stádas Scoile Gaeltachta acu; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aindrias Moynihan. [67432/25]

*222. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 553 of 12 November 2025, if there is financial assistance available for parents/guardians who cannot afford the cost of transition year in certain schools. — Ann Graves. [67433/25]

*223. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the role of the board of management regarding holding principals to account in secondary schools. — Ann Graves. [67434/25]

*224. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures being taken by her Department to ensure schools are protected from noise pollution from Dublin Airport. — Darren O'Rourke. [67445/25]

*225. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth in the case of Elevate 25, carried out by DAA, the number of other State-owned companies that provide funding to schools; and if this will become more prominent in the years ahead. — Darren O'Rourke. [67446/25]

*226. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the obligations placed on schools that receive funding from State-owned companies (details supplied). — Darren O'Rourke. [67447/25]

*227. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the redress scheme for survivors of historical child sexual abuse in primary and secondary schools. — Séamus McGrath. [67454/25]

*228. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the type of training provided to staff within her Department in the use of, or understanding of artificial intelligence; if a programme is planned for all staff on their obligations under the EU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67460/25]

*229. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the online supports that are made available by her Department to students with additional learning needs. — Malcolm Byrne. [67475/25]

*230. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the range of supports available to students with additional learning needs upon leaving second level education. — Malcolm Byrne. [67476/25]

*231. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the assessments, particularly independent research, has been carried out or commissioned into mobile phone use by students in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67477/25]

*232. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on whether there will be a sufficient number of school places in Gorey, County Wexford at primary and post-primary level over the next decade given home building growth and projected population increases. — Malcolm Byrne. [67482/25]

*233. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if funding be granted for urgent electric works at a location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [67484/25]

*234. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding an ASA application (details provided); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [67488/25]

*235. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school place could be offered to a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [67492/25]

*236. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will urgently review the decision to provide only an 8-classroom permanent school building for a school (details supplied); the reason her Department has not approved a 16-classroom school building, given that both current and projected enrolment figures on record with the Department clearly demonstrate sustained oversubscription for junior infant places year-after-year; whether her Department will now proceed with approval for a 16-classroom school as a Phase 2 development in order to meet the growing demographic needs of the school community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [67511/25]

*237. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide details in relation to the approval of additional education provision at schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [67519/25]

*238. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the proposals there are to increase education provision in schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [67520/25]

*239. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to re-enter talks as a matter of urgency in relation to the school secretaries and caretakers pay entitlements dispute; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [67537/25]

*240. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the deep energy retrofit programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [67538/25]

*241. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a school (details supplied) will be retrofitted as part of the deep energy retrofit programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [67539/25]

*242. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for additional accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [67540/25]

*243. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for additional accommodation; the status of temporary accommodation for the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [67541/25]

*244. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an application for additional accommodation by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [67542/25]

*245. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the interactions her Department has had with the HSE in terms of the delivery of increased funding for SLT and OT services for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [67548/25]

*246. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if an educational facility (details supplied) is required to attain examinations centre status in order for students to submit coursework for Leaving Certificate 2026 in light of the recent guidance in the Coursework Rules & Procedures 2025-2026 issued by the State Examinations Commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [67616/25]

*247. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the application by a school (details supplied) under the summer works scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [67624/25]

*248. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way the National Convention on Education will ensure that underrepresented voices; e.g. students with special educational needs, marginalized communities, rural stakeholders and so on; are included meaningfully in its deliberations. — Jen Cummins. [67642/25]

*249. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps which will be taken to guarantee geographical diversity within the National Convention on Education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [67643/25]

*250. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a detailed working plan and timeline for the National Convention on Education. — Jen Cummins. [67644/25]

*251. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plan for when the National Convention on Education recommendations are submitted to ensure they are implemented by the Department of Education and Youth. — Jen Cummins. [67645/25]

*252. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a monitoring body or follow-up committee will track progress on implementation, including regular updates to the Oireachtas and public. — Jen Cummins. [67646/25]

*253. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if it is permissible for a public school to require a monetary payment deposit to maintain an application open for the school; if this has been communicated to schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [67651/25]

*254. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will address the concerns raised by a parent (details supplied) who's child has so far failed to secure an infant place in their local schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [67652/25]

*255. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when assistive technology will be provided to a child (details supplied) in County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [67653/25]

*256. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the procedures for allocating the number of posts of responsibility and the remuneration for principalship and deputy principalship within special schools, as at present only the number of teachers employed directly by the board is recognised by the Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [67654/25]

*257. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures being taken to ensure that every child with additional needs is guaranteed a suitable school placement, given the severe shortage of places in special schools in County Mayo.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [67655/25]

*258. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the plans to expand special school capacity in County Mayo; and the timeline and resources that have been allocated for additional classrooms and staff. — Paul Lawless. [67656/25]

*259. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps her Department will take to address the growing demand for special school places in County Mayo. — Paul Lawless. [67657/25]

*260. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the analysis that has been carried out to project the demand for special school places over the next five years, and if the Minister will publish that projected analysis. — Paul Lawless. [67658/25]

*261. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the procedures for allocating the number of posts of responsibility and the remuneration for principalship and deputy principalship within special schools, as at present only the number of teachers employed directly by the Board is recognised by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [67659/25]

*262. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will review a case (details supplied) where a family has applied for their child to attend over 20 primary schools and has yet to be accepted to one but has been rejected from 14 so far; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [67673/25]

*263. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the progress made to date regarding an additional accommodation project under the School Capital Programme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [67674/25]

*264. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether funding has been sanctioned in the capital budget, or any other budget, for the building of the new educational campus (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [67713/25]

*265. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the ESD to 2030 funding call for schools 2025, for which applications closed in October; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [67715/25]

*266. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the talks regarding school secretaries and caretakers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [67717/25]

*267. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the detailed delivery plan, including timelines and key milestones, for the full modular build comprising of 14 classrooms and associated facilities to address the accommodation crisis at a school (details supplied); the expected date for the completion of the design and planning stage; and the projected date for delivery and occupation of the new accommodation. — Michael Murphy. [67732/25]

*268. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of a new school building project for a post-primary school in Naas (details supplied), first promised by Minister Jan O'Sullivan in November 2015. — Michael Collins. [67733/25]

*269. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position on an extension for a school (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [67747/25]

*270. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position on additional accommodation for a school (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [67748/25]

*271. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a special school place will be provided for a child (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [67749/25]

*272. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the difficulty faced by a school (details supplied) in securing an adequate number of French teachers permanently; if she agrees that a frequent change of temporary teacher creates a chaotic learning environment; the assistance that her Department will provide to the school to secure the appropriate number of permanent staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [67756/25]

*273. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps she will take to secure emergency funding for a situation generating issues of major concern for a school (details supplied) in County Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [67760/25]

*274. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to name the 80 further school building projects that will progress to construction in 2026 and 2027. — Malcolm Byrne. [67762/25]

*275. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide details of the 80 schools that will progress to construction in 2026 and 2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [67770/25]

*276. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the progress made with (details supplied) regarding the pension entitlements and employment conditions of school secretaries and caretakers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [67845/25]

*277. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason for the breakdown in discussions in relation to pay parity and pensions for caretakers and secretaries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [67877/25]

*278. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated cost of the major project at a school (details supplied). — Michael Collins. [67926/25]

*279. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on moves to resolve the school secretaries' and caretakers' dispute. — Malcolm Byrne. [67938/25]

*280. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the application for incremental credit made by a person (details supplied); and when the application will be processed and correspondence issued to the person. — Shane Moynihan. [67976/25]

*281. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will ensure that the second classroom at the ASD unit at a school (details supplied) will be opened in early 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [67986/25]

*282. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [67996/25]

*283. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [67997/25]

*284. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [67998/25]

*285. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of the new school building projects for a school (details supplied), which were granted planning permission in May 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [68000/25]

*286. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if full capital funding has been allocated for the construction of new buildings for a school (details supplied), and if she will outline the total estimated cost for the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [68001/25]

*287. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the tendering process for contractors for the new school buildings in Rush will commence; and if the projects have progressed to the design and procurement stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [68002/25]

*288. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [68003/25]

*289. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [68004/25]

*290. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to use data from the school admissions pilot to forecast demand and prioritise capacity expansion, including new builds or extensions, in oversubscribed growth areas such as Maynooth, Kilcock and Celbridge; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [68015/25]

*291. 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. — Emer Currie. [68020/25]

*292. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will address concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the dearth of places for autistic children in primary

schools in south Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [68095/25]

*293. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she can provide the rationale for the current system where a certain Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (TEG) level is an entry requirement for State-funded teacher training colleges, but not privately run colleges; if she will consider implementing a standardised TEG level requirement for all teacher training colleges; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [68099/25]

*294. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she can provide the rationale for the current system where a certain Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (TEG) level is an entry requirement for State-funded teacher training colleges, but not privately run colleges; if she will consider implementing a standardised TEG level requirement for all teacher training colleges; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [68100/25]

*295. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware that a serious problem is developing in Kildare town and in some surrounding catchment areas where existing primary schools have currently reached or are approaching maximum capacity; if she accepts that as a consequence securing infant places for families moving into the area to occupy recently constructed homes is proving highly problematic; if she will identify where specific responsibility rests to address this problem; the timeframe in which it will be resolved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [68126/25]

*296. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if he will consider and resolve problems raised in correspondence (details supplied) concerning funding and supports for special education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [68127/25]

*297. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if assistance can be given to parents who missed a deadline (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [68143/25]

*298. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps the Government will take to address the shortage of special educational places in Mayo given the unprecedented demand for the 2026-2027 school year; and if she will commit to urgently sanctioning the necessary capital investment and staffing required for special education places. — Paul Lawless. [68169/25]

*299. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she or her officials will engage directly with a school (details supplied) in Castlebar County Mayo to discuss the lack of available special educational places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [68170/25]

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

*300. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the replacement scheme for the basic income for artists will both open for applications and commence; whether there will be any restrictions on existing participants in applying again; and to provide detail about the operation of the new scheme. — Paul Murphy. [67326/25]

*301. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to review a matter (details supplied); to ensure a fair operating platform for all business in Kerry; and that they would not be

at a disadvantage due to a lack of high speed broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [67377/25]

*302. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme can fund the purchase of land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [67442/25]

*303. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if reliable fast fibre broadband will be provided in Listowel town (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [67443/25]

*304. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the type of training provided to staff within his Department in the use of, or understanding of artificial intelligence; if a programme is planned for all staff on their obligations under the EU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67458/25]

*305. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the progress Ireland has made in becoming part of the eIDAS programme in Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [67487/25]

*306. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he intends to provide capital funding to long established arts centres that require capital works and structural repairs to their buildings or to improve accessibility or improve amenities for patrons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [67667/25]

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

*307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can provide information on the current oversight guidelines for estate agents in allocating bids on housing; if there are any regulations in existence for transparency on how properties are sold via estate agents; if there are any forthcoming regulations on improving transparency on how properties are sold via estate agents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [67272/25]

*308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the proposals to update regulations on planning exemption, following the consultation in August 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [67310/25]

*309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the transfer of land from Horse Racing Ireland to the Land Development Agency at Leopardstown Racecourse which is zoned for public housing. — Roderic O'Gorman. [67314/25]

*310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 126 of 5 November 2025, to review the correspondence (details supplied); to address the issue raised therein; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [67365/25]

*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to review the social housing thresholds in County Mayo, in view of the fact that some individuals are unable

to access the housing list despite only being over the threshold by a small amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [67415/25]

*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans to increase the income threshold of €30,000 for the mortgage to rent scheme in Mayo, to reflect current economic conditions and inflation. — Paul Lawless. [67418/25]

*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of individuals that have applied for the mortgage to rent scheme across the State; the number which have been successful; and to provide a breakdown for each for the past five years, in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [67419/25]

*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the alternative solutions that are in place for families facing repossession; and who are at risk of eviction when they cannot qualify for the mortgage to rent scheme. — Paul Lawless. [67420/25]

*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to conduct an immediate review of eligibility criteria for the mortgage to rent scheme to prevent homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [67421/25]

*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to consider raising the income threshold for the mortgage to rent scheme to €35,000 without delay. — Paul Lawless. [67422/25]

*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to conduct a full review of the mortgage to rent eligibility criteria and engage with money advice and budgeting service and approved housing bodies to assess demand and impact. — Paul Lawless. [67423/25]

*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reasons why Part 4 of the Electoral Reform Act 2022 was recently repealed by the European Union (Political Advertising) Regulations 2025; the substantive differences between the provisions of those Regulations and the previous Part 4 of the 2022 Act; to summarise the interactions he had with Ministerial colleagues or with European institutions in advance of the coming into force of these Regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [67428/25]

*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the housing supports in place for male victims of domestic violence who owned the family home, continue to pay the mortgage due to the fact children remain in the family home, and had to flee the home due to violence and whose wife was never on the mortgage. — Ann Graves. [67436/25]

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for affordable housing schemes in County Galway; the location for same and the criteria to apply for said housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [67439/25]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for affordable housing at a location (details supplied); the criteria potential buyers will need to meet to be eligible to purchase; the way in which the process will work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [67440/25]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the planning guidelines for solar farms as detailed in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [67451/25]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the type of training provided to staff within his Department in the use of, or understanding of artificial intelligence; if a programme is planned for all staff on their obligations under the EU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67466/25]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his Department's current projections on potential slowing of the Atlantic meridional overturning circulation; Ireland's preparedness for any potential impacts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67473/25]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to schemes such as the town and village renewal grant, if local authorities may use, or support applicants to use, such schemes to bring vacant or derelict residential units or voids back into productive use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [67513/25]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline all current funding streams, capital supports, and operational supports made available by his Department to local authorities for the purpose of returning vacant or derelict local authority homes to use voids, including approvals, drawdown mechanisms, turnaround targets, and auditing arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [67514/25]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department maintains any form of benchmarking, comparative performance assessment, league table, or KPI-based ranking of local authorities in respect of their management of vacant/void social housing units, including turnaround times, cost per unit, and annual throughput; and if such information exists, if he will publish it; and if not, the reason such comparative evaluation is not undertaken. — Albert Dolan. [67515/25]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority dwellings classified as void, by each local authority in each of the past five years; the number returned to use annually; the average cost of remediation per dwelling; the mean and median turnaround time; the value of Departmental funding drawn down for this purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [67516/25]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has examined the feasibility of aligning private-sector vacant property grants with local authority programmes for returning voids to use; and if not, if such alignment will now be considered. — Albert Dolan. [67517/25]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has carried out any analysis comparing the cost, speed, and long-term maintenance outcomes of returning void social housing units to use versus alternative interventions such as acquisition, leasing, or new build; and if he will publish any such analysis to inform future policy choices. — Albert Dolan. [67518/25]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the National Planning Statement for planning for rural housing will be published (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [67543/25]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update and timeline for publication of the updated wind energy guidelines. — Ryan O'Meara. [67544/25]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the proposed new fire station in Dunleer, County Louth, in view of funding being redirected towards the firefighter centre of training in Dundalk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [67648/25]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason there is no financial support for a household wishing to avail of mains water in a town instead of using their own private supply; if this is a more climate friendly and efficient way to help people get their own water; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [67650/25]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to consult with Met Éireann to resolve internal conflicts around responsibility to alert the public to potential flood risks and to set up an effective, efficient and clear, publicly available flood forecasting system to allow people in high risk flood zones to take steps to protect their properties and families to the best of their ability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [67682/25]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which the equalisation fund for each local authority is calculated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [67683/25]

*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason for reduction in equalisation funding for Galway County Council for 2026 given the council's difficult financial position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [67684/25]

*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the equalisation funding for the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 for each local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [67685/25]

*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason Galway County Council consistently receives a lower allocation of equalisation funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [67686/25]

*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the LPT baseline assigned to Galway County Council; the way this baseline is determined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [67687/25]

*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is difficulty or delays accessing documents dated prior to 2006 held by Tailte Éireann due to asbestos contamination in a building storing them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [67691/25]

*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider introducing a flexible controlled burning scheme for upland areas, allowing farmers to apply

for permission to burn heather outside the current statutory window, in order to reduce fire risk and protect biodiversity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [67703/25]

*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the staffing levels and legal expertise available in disability access offices within local authorities; if additional resources will be allocated to ensure timely responses and compliance with accessibility obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [67724/25]

*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will respond to issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [67880/25]

*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason Mayo County Council has delivered only 3% of its 2025 social housing target to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [67927/25]

*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which Mayo County Council will meet its cumulative Housing for All target of 730 units by 2026, given that only 3% of this year's target has been delivered to date and only 304 units were delivered against a target of 395 in 2022-2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [67928/25]

*347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will direct Mayo County Council to publish a quarterly dashboard of housing delivery progress, including commencements, completions, and pipeline projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [67929/25]

*348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of households on the social housing waiting list and transfer list in County Mayo for 2025 and the past five years; the way these compared to the 1,311 households recorded in April 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [67930/25]

*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has identified staffing shortages and internal bottlenecks in Mayo County Council's planning office as a cause of the 43% fall in new housing completions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [67931/25]

*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of Mayo County Council's current derelict and vacant homes activation strategy; the targets for bringing such homes back into use and the level of compulsory purchase order activity undertaken in 2025 and in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [67932/25]

*351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to allow the use of private waste water treatment systems for developments in locations where there is inadequate or no public infrastructure provided by Irish Water; if large scale housing projects and such developments as nursing homes will be included for consideration; his plans to provide financial support for domestic and commercial developments of this kind to assist in meeting the rigorous standards that may be required by Irish Water; if he will ensure that funding is made available for housing developments in particular to assist with such costs and to prevent

an uneven divide between sites serviced by public infrastructure and those developed with the use of private treatment systems; and if he will give a timeline indicating the indicative date for implementation of the new measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [67975/25]

*352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the guidelines in place for battery storage units, to protect communities, similar to the guidelines that have been in place for wind energy; if he is aware of local resident's concerns when planning for such facilities are sought; the safeguards which are in place for communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [68008/25]

*353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to conduct an environmental impact assessment in terms of the revised exempted development provisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [68009/25]

*354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will publish the first consolidated national report on homes delivered under the Town Centre First policy, including the number of units delivered in each local authority area; and if this data has already been compiled. — Ken O'Flynn. [68046/25]

*355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage given the Government's commitment to supporting sustainable rural enterprises and the economic value of the Natura 2000 network; if his Department has signed the master licence agreement with the European Commission (DG Environment) to implement the commercial licensing scheme for the Natura 2000 logo in Ireland, as established by the Commission Decision of 4 June 2021; and if not, the specific timeline for signing this agreement and establishing the necessary national sub-licensing mechanism to allow compliant Irish businesses to use the logo for commercial purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [68089/25]

*356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to develop a construction specific funding model for the AHB sector to allow the sector to increase its direct delivery capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [68097/25]

*357. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will meet with landowners prevented from cutting turf at bogs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [68098/25]

*358. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the analysis carried out by the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB) on behalf of the Minister found that the Accommodation Recognition Payment (ARP) is having a significant impact on the private rental market; if data supporting this finding will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [68115/25]

*359. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the findings of the analysis carried out by the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB) for the Minister on the impact of the Accommodation Recognition Payment (ARP) has had on the private rental market will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [68116/25]

*360. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered giving the LDA greater borrowing powers; if he will outline any other borrowing models that

have been considered by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [68164/25]

*361. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline each metric his Department is using to monitor the impact of the Planning and Development Act 2024's provisions; the breakdown of any data available on the impact of enacted provisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [68166/25]

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

*362. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider correspondence from a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [67959/25]

*363. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans for an emergency winter support for residents on disability allowance and similar schemes to offset the deficit created by the withdrawal of the 2025 cost of living measures. — Shay Brennan. [67374/25]

*364. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the timeline for the introduction of the cost of disability payment. — Shay Brennan. [67375/25]

*365. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the financial supports in place for male victims of domestic violence whose domestic abuse payment cease soon. — Ann Graves. [67437/25]

*366. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the type of training provided to staff within his Department in the use of, or understanding of artificial intelligence; if a programme is planned for all staff on their obligations under the EU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67470/25]

*367. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of first-time pandemic unemployment payment overpayment letters that were issued in Q3 and Q4 2025; the reason these were issued now; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [67489/25]

*368. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider making rent supplement available to people living in accommodation provided by voluntary housing bodies (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [67551/25]

*369. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the approximate cost of extending child benefit for a period of six months and one year respectively, in the event of the death of a qualifying child based on available data from 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [67583/25]

*370. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his attention has been drawn to the 5% pension increase recently granted to former Irish Rail staff; when this increase is due to be implemented; if his Department has assessed the impact of this increase on the eligibility of affected pensioners for Social Protection supports such as the medical card, fuel allowance and other secondary benefits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [67612/25]

*371. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the numbers of people who remain in receipt of the employment support scheme for people with disabilities, a predecessor of the wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [67623/25]

*372. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of WTE staff by grade and gender working in the National Community Welfare Contact Centre as of 25 November 2025, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [67634/25]

*373. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the immediate and dedicated income support which has been provided to former franchisees (details supplied) and subcontractors who are currently unable to apply for the insolvency payments scheme; and the process by which they can secure an urgent needs payment or other welfare support without compromising any future claims against the receiver. — Paul Lawless. [67663/25]

*374. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will arrange for a definitive answer to be provided to a person (details supplied) who has been in touch with his Department over the past several months seeking to determine her eligibility for a State pension (contributory); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [67665/25]

*375. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to confirm if a person (details supplied) who was entitled to claim the bereaved partners pension received an interim payment while the legislation was being drafted; the way in which this interim payment was facilitated by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [67727/25]

*376. To ask the Minister for Social Protection 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 cannot qualify for carer's allowance. — Barry Ward. [67757/25]

*377. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a schedule of projects and costs incurred in respect of her engagement of a company in 2024 and to date in 2025 (details supplied). — Aidan Farrelly. [67766/25]

*378. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of and amount in overpayments made, by heading, to persons in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will clarify whether a collection agency was utilised or individual to recover overpayments. — Aidan Farrelly. [67767/25]

*379. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of fraud investigations into payments made by her department in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the number of those that resulted in enforcement action and or criminal conviction and the amount recovered. — Aidan Farrelly. [67768/25]

*380. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his attention has been drawn to concerns of various NGOs and charities supporting elderly people in relation to the negative impact that the most recent budget had on elderly people that rely on state supports including the state pension and fuel allowance; the actions he will take to address these concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [67805/25]

*381. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made over the past 12 months on each of his Department's Programme for Government commitments, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [67816/25]

*382. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the schools within Dublin 5, Dublin 13 and Dublin 17 that have availed of the school meals scheme for the 2025 to 2026 school year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [67849/25]

*383. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when workers will be informed of the charges under which the 'My Future Fund'; and if workers will not be informed till after the scheme commences on 1 January 2026. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [67863/25]

*384. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it is proposed to charge a fixed fee to administer members' auto enrolment accounts, which may be in breach of Section 104 of the Pensions Act; if his Department think that Section 104 does not apply and that it can therefore discriminate against low-paid members. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [67864/25]

*385. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which his Department plans to ascertain members' investment preferences before contributions are received to the auto-enrolment scheme on 1 January 2026, as required under Section 70 of the Act. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [67865/25]

*386. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current number of disablement benefit recipients who also receive constant attendance allowance (CAA); the number of disablement benefit recipients that have a level of disablement assessed at 50% or above; the reason the number of recipients of CAA appears disproportionately low compared to the total number of disablement benefit recipients; if his Department is actively reviewing the criteria or processes to ensure eligible individuals are not being excluded from receiving CAA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [67921/25]

*387. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the consideration given to an individual's outgoings when it comes to calculating eligibility for means-tested disability payments (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [67993/25]

*388. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to introduce legislation that provides for a specific timeframe following which, a previous determination of incomes ceased to apply when the applicant disputes the Department's findings and suffers financial hardship (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [68016/25]

*389. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of individuals who received the carers support grant in June 2025 and who are not also in receipt of carer's allowance or carer's benefit. — Louise O'Reilly. [68017/25]

*390. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a school (details supplied) which is part of the DEIS programme since 2022 will be entitled to avail of the hot school lunch provision under the school meals scheme; if he accepts a disparity exists between this school and others in the locality which have students from similarly disadvantaged backgrounds but have provision for hot school meals under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [68139/25]

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

*391. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if it has been brought to his attention that applications for Long-Stay Family Reunification Visas are currently taking in excess of 24 months to process; the measures he intends to introduce to bring processing times back in line with the advertised six month standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [68449/25]

*392. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of firearm certificates issued, broken down by county, between 2020 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [67274/25]

*393. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of firearm certificates refused, broken down by county, between 2020 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [67275/25]

*394. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether a company is currently operating an International Protection Accommodation Service (IPAS) centre, either at a location (details supplied), or at any other location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [67321/25]

*395. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason for the delays in publishing a report (details supplied), given the length of time he has had it; and to consider the impact this is having on the much-delayed inquest into a person's death in prison; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [67323/25]

*396. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on the merits of creating legislation that would limit the ability of professional photographers to take photos at funerals; if any research has been carried out by his Department in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [67366/25]

*397. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to assist in a case where the citizenship division has not issued a woman with their invitation for their graduation ceremony for a fourth time since 2024, even though they were informed that they have. — Conor D. McGuinness. [67371/25]

*398. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he will support legislation to summarily dismiss any application for asylum received from persons who had arrived in Ireland via the United Kingdom, or to prohibit any such individuals from submitting an application, since by definition they are in breach of the Dublin Convention and are not entitled to asylum in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [67427/25]

*399. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the supports in place for male victims of domestic violence in Fingal, County Dublin. — Ann Graves. [67435/25]

*400. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the type of training provided to staff within his Department in the use of, or understanding of artificial intelligence; if a programme is planned for all staff on their obligations under the EU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67467/25]

*401. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of drivers caught or suspected of not having motor insurance per annum from 2020, to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [67490/25]

*402. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to ensure continuity of support following the expiry of the accommodation recognition payment scheme in March 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [67534/25]

*403. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when full opening hours will resume at a facility (details supplied); when the carpark adjacent to the facility will be reopened; if he will commit to ensuring full access for members at the earliest opportunity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [67562/25]

*404. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total amount spent on leasing a facility (details supplied) for the accommodation of migrants in each of the years prior to the government’s purchasing of the property. — Peadar Tóibín. [67604/25]

*405. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount paid for the purchase of a facility (details supplied) in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [67605/25]

*406. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount spent on the accommodation of persons seeking international protection and refugees in each of the past fifteen years and to date in 2025. — Peadar Tóibín. [67606/25]

*407. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he considered how the equity of care between unaccompanied children seeking international protection and Irish resident children in the care system will be dealt with in the International Protection Bill 2025. — Gary Gannon. [67618/25]

*408. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration how unaccompanied children seeking international protection will be cared for and accommodated in the implementation of the EU Pact on migration and asylum. — Gary Gannon. [67619/25]

*409. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the actions being taken to address the lengthy waiting times for Irish residence permit registration appointments at the Burgh Quay registration office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [67621/25]

*410. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of each category of Garda driving and motorcycle courses for Garda personnel held in Garda headquarters; the number of Gardaí per class; the length of time each course runs for, in the years of 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [67639/25]

*411. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to extend Valerie’s Law to include domestic violence and coercive control. — Jen Cummins. [67700/25]

*412. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if an update will issue regarding a person (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [67702/25]

*413. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to the campaign of an organisation (details supplied); the actions he will take to engage with this group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [67720/25]

*414. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures his Department and An Garda Síochána are taking to address the prevalence of racist attacks; the supports available to victims of such assaults, including financial assistance for medical and dental treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [67721/25]

*415. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of electronic devices collected by An Garda Síochána for technical examination in the course of criminal prosecutions both from suspects and witnesses/complainants; the length of time between collection and when analysis was begun; and when the device was returned to its owner, from 1 January 2020 to 30 November 2025, by district, offence name, by year, in tabular form. — Máire Devine. [67728/25]

*416. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of recorded drone incursions at each prison in the State in the past five years, broken down by year and by institution, and the types of contraband recovered from those incidents. — Ken O'Flynn. [67737/25]

*417. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total quantity and classification of contraband recovered following drone incursions into prisons since 2020, including drugs, weapons, mobile phones, SIM cards, and other prohibited items. — Ken O'Flynn. [67738/25]

*418. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current security technology in place in each prison to detect, deter, or disable drone incursions; the date each system was installed; and the planned upgrades for 2026. — Ken O'Flynn. [67739/25]

*419. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current staffing levels assigned to perimeter security in each prison; the standard operating procedures for responding to drone incursions; and the number of times these procedures were activated in the past three years. — Ken O'Flynn. [67740/25]

*420. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of criminal investigations initiated as a result of drone-related contraband entering the prison system since 2020; the number of arrests; the number of charges; and the number of convictions secured. — Ken O'Flynn. [67741/25]

*421. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has conducted any assessment of links between drone-delivered contraband and organised criminal groups; and if he will outline the findings of any such assessments. — Ken O'Flynn. [67742/25]

*422. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the estimated financial impact on the prison system arising from drone-related contraband since 2020, including security responses, detection equipment, staff overtime, drug-treatment interventions, and property damage. — Ken O'Flynn. [67743/25]

*423. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will publish the most recent internal risk assessment relating to drone incursions into prisons, including risk ratings, mitigation measures, and outstanding vulnerabilities identified. — Ken O’Flynn. [67744/25]

*424. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has examined international counter-drone models used in the UK, Canada, or the Netherlands for prison protection; and if he will provide details of any pilot projects or procurement considerations underway. — Ken O’Flynn. [67745/25]

*425. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether additional statutory powers are required by the Prison Service or An Garda Síochána to disable or intercept drones approaching prison facilities; and if he will outline any planned legislative proposals. — Ken O’Flynn. [67746/25]

*426. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of reported burglaries and related offences to date in 2025 in Coolock, Raheny, Howth and Clontarf Garda stations, in tabular form. — Cian O’Callaghan. [67758/25]

*427. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of probationer Gardaí allocated to Kildare and Wicklow following the November 2025 passing out ceremony; if he will also provide the station at which they are deployed. — Aidan Farrelly. [67763/25]

*428. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of a citizenship application of a person (details supplied) who has been waiting for a response for almost a year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [67859/25]

*429. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount of full-time and part-time Garda stations in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [67873/25]

*430. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current metrics used on prison overcrowding for example, occupancy rate, number of prisoners sleeping on mattresses; and the immediate measures being taken to address any ongoing overcrowding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67889/25]

*431. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current number of residents in International Protection Accommodation Service (IPAS) centres in Mayo; the number who have received status and require transition to community housing or other alternative types of housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [67934/25]

*432. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the details of any agreements or arrangements in place with Mayo County Council which identifies residents granted status in IPAS centres and left in emergency accommodation due to the shortage of social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [67935/25]

*433. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of IPAS residents in Mayo which are expected to move onto the local social housing waiting list in 2025–2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [67936/25]

*434. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason siblings under the age of 18 are not allowed visit a sibling in a prison (details supplied); if this is the case in

all prisons; if so, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [67945/25]

*435. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [67962/25]

*436. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to an issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [67963/25]

*437. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of English-language students in Ireland, distinct from the overall number of persons with a stamp 2 permission; if his Department maintains a breakdown of persons in English-language programmes by school or organisation; the importance of maintaining accurate data on stamp 2 visa holders, higher education students and English-language students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [67989/25]

*438. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of people living in IPAS accommodation with status, broken down by county, and household size, including number of adults and children per household; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [68026/25]

*439. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of households with status, including the number of children who have been transferred to alternative IPAS accommodation, since 4 July 2025; if his Department or the International Protection Accommodation Service has engaged with local authorities on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [68027/25]

*440. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if funding for the refurbishment of the former Wicklow district courthouse in Wicklow town is provided for in the revised Department sectoral plan which was compiled following the review of the National Development Plan; if he can provide a cost of refurbishing the building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [68101/25]

*441. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps he is taking to reduce the processing time for Join Family Visa applications, which are currently reported to take in excess of 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [68151/25]

*442. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps he is taking to implement the Private Security Authority Strategic Plan 2026-2028, including ensuring sufficient resources, expanding licensing, enforcing compliance against unlicensed providers, and raising public awareness; and if his Department will commit to publishing regular updates so the public can track progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [68154/25]

*443. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the Private Security Authority has sufficient staffing, financial, and technological resources to meet the objectives of its Private Security Authority Strategic Plan 2026-2028; if additional resources will be allocated; and the way in which his Department plans to support the PSA in modernising and streamlining regulatory functions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [68155/25]

*444. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the specific strategies being developed to raise public awareness of the risks posed by unlicensed private security providers; how the Private Security Authority will measure the effectiveness of its communications strategy; the enforcement actions planned to ensure compliance with licensing requirements over the next three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [68156/25]

*445. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way in which the Private Security Authority plans to engage with private security industry stakeholders to strengthen professional standards; the mechanisms that will be in place to ensure industry cooperation in compliance initiatives; the way in which this collaboration will contribute to improved public safety outcomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [68157/25]

*446. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the Department or the PSA will publish periodic reports on the implementation of the Strategic Plan; the key performance indicators will be used to assess success; and how members of the public will be kept informed of progress in licensing, compliance, and regulatory improvements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [68158/25]

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

*447. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline all grants and funding supports available to farmers for the repair or restoration of farm buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [67269/25]

*448. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the forestry grants and funding schemes that are currently open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [67290/25]

*449. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Greyhound Racing Ireland has commissioned any analysis of the economic and financial significance of the Irish greyhound racing industry or similar reports since a report was published in 2021 (details supplied); and if so, the cost of such analyses, and if he will make a statement. — Sorca Clarke. [67291/25]

*450. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the litigation, if any, Greyhound Racing Ireland is currently engaged in or defending; when this litigation commenced; and the subject matter of this litigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [67292/25]

*451. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the planned support measures for the tillage sector as announced in Budget 2026. — Malcolm Byrne. [67301/25]

*452. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports in place for the development of vertical farming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67391/25]

*453. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of sheep farmers in the State; the number of organic sheep farmers; the supports that will be available to organic and

non-organic sheep farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [67431/25]

*454. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress which has been made regarding securing a market for sheep wool; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [67453/25]

*455. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the type of training provided to staff within his Department in the use of, or understanding of artificial intelligence; if a programme is planned for all staff on their obligations under the EU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67455/25]

*456. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will intervene to resolve a long-running issue affecting a payment (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [67522/25]

*457. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions his Department will take to close puppy farms. — Tom Brabazon. [67561/25]

*458. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to have an agriculture attaché to the Irish embassy in Singapore; the locations currently where agriculture attaché are located at Irish embassies worldwide, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [67637/25]

*459. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will engage with stakeholders including NPWS, Teagasc, county councils, and the fire service to develop a multi-year fire prevention plan for the Comeragh Mountains, addressing the increased risk posed by heavy heather growth and rising tourist numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [67704/25]

*460. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review the impact of current burning restrictions under the Wildlife Act 1976 on upland farmers, particularly in relation to CAP payment eligibility, and consider introducing a regulated application process similar to the EIA legislation for hedgerow removal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [67705/25]

*461. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures being taken to address the encroachment of bracken on upland areas (details supplied) which is reducing biodiversity and farming viability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [67706/25]

*462. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 801 of 12 November 2025 if he will confirm the money allocated to each project application in 2025 under the equine technical support scheme, the percentage rate of funding; the unsuccessful applications, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [67718/25]

*463. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a tender process was initiated one year earlier than expected for the studbook services contracts; the number of applicant bidders for each lot; the score each bidder received in each lot; the names and qualifications of each member of the evaluation panel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [67719/25]

*464. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a feasibility study of the development works proposed for Kilkenny greyhound stadium was carried out and submitted to his Department prior to the granting of one million euros of taxpayer's money to the private owners of this stadium in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [67781/25]

*465. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Rásaíocht Con Éireann carried out an investigation into complaints of animal cruelty at a licensed kennel in the west of Ireland (details supplied), if an investigation has been carried out; if his Department has received the results, if so, the outcome of this investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [67782/25]

*466. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a report on a matter (details supplied) will be finalised; the timeline in which he intends to publish the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [68124/25]

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

*467. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on a complaint regarding the breach of core funding rules by a service provider (details supplied); the length of time this complaint took to be concluded at Stage 1 and Stage 2; the length of time the complaint has been at Stage 3; the timeline for the full resolution of the complaint; the precise steps that will be taken to ensure that parents are refunded the monies they are owed in the event that the complaint is upheld; to specifically confirm the steps that will be taken to ensure that parents are refunded in the event that the service provider refuses to repay them itself and does not do so within the prescribed timeframe; the resources currently allocated to resolving this complaint including the number of staff members considering it and the hours spent reviewing it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [67277/25]

*468. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of funded speech and language therapist and occupational therapist posts that are currently in place in the Irish health and disability systems; the number of posts that are currently vacant; and the measures to ensure those posts are filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67293/25]

*469. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the options available to a family resource centre desperately in need of more space, which owns its own site and is seeking funds to build on it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [67317/25]

*470. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on an assessment for autism for a person (detail supplied); if the full range of services required arising from the assessment are in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [67319/25]

*471. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to provide the Clonmel Children's Disability Network Team with its own dedicated space as the service currently shares a building with CAMHS and primary care with insufficient therapy room space; if the lack of therapy space is contributing to the difficulties recruiting therapists; if a request for additional space has been sought from the CDNT manager over the past five years; the

current status of this request; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [67360/25]

*472. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the children on the open case load of the Clonmel CDNT team with an age breakdown; the number of children on the open case load who have not received any therapies; the breakdown of children waiting for therapies by age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [67362/25]

*473. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children who had been referred to the Clonmel CDNT team by the primary care team and subsequently referred back to the primary care team; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [67363/25]

*474. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of people with disabilities in receipt of home support hours in each LHO area as of 1st November 2025 or latest date available; the number of people currently on the waiting list for same in each LHO area; the number waiting 0-3 months, 3-6 months, 6-12 months, and the number waiting 12 months plus, in tabular form. — Martin Daly. [67378/25]

*475. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of people with disabilities in receipt of personal assistance hours in each LHO area as of 1st November 2025 or latest date available; the number of people currently on the waiting list for same in each LHO area; the number waiting 0-3 months, 3-6 months, 6-12 months, and the number waiting 12 months plus, in tabular form. — Martin Daly. [67379/25]

*476. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of residential places for people with a disability currently being provided as of 1st November 2025 or latest date available; broken down by CHO area, in tabular form. — Martin Daly. [67380/25]

*477. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of new emergency places provided to people with a disability as of 1st November 2025; broken down by local health office, in tabular form. — Martin Daly. [67381/25]

*478. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children as of 1st November 2025 or latest date available that were awaiting a first assessment from the HSE under the Disability Act 2005; broken down by local health office, in tabular form. — Martin Daly. [67382/25]

*479. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of people as of 1st November 2025 or latest date available on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list; the number waiting less than 4 months, 4-12 months, and the number waiting more than 12 months; the numbers for each category waiting aged 0-17 years (both CDNT and Primary Care Services); and those aged 18 and above; broken down by local health area, in tabular form. — Martin Daly. [67383/25]

*480. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of people for each local health area as of 1st November 2025 or latest date available, on the speech and language therapy initial treatment waiting list; the number waiting less than 4 months, 4-12 months, and the number waiting more than 12 months; the numbers for each category waiting aged 0-17 years (both CDNT and Primary Care Services) and those aged 18 and above, in tabular form. — Martin Daly. [67384/25]

*481. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of people for each local health area as of 1st November 2025 or latest date available, on the speech and language therapy further treatment waiting list; the number waiting less than 4 months, 4-12 months, and the number waiting more than 12 months; and the numbers for each category waiting aged 0-17 years (both CDNT and Primary Care Services) and those aged 18 and above, in tabular form. — Martin Daly. [67385/25]

*482. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the options available to an existing family resource centre, under the national forum to buy a premises as a permanent home in order to develop; the funding which is available; if an existing vacant building can be purchased; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [67441/25]

*483. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the type of training provided to staff within her Department in the use of, or understanding of artificial intelligence; if a programme is planned for all staff on their obligations under the EU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67456/25]

*484. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the actions her Department is taking to increase childcare capacity in Dublin Bay North, given the growing number of parents who cannot secure a crèche place despite applying well in advance of birth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [67503/25]

*485. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current supports and planned measures to expand the number of early learning and childcare places nationally and within Dublin Bay North in order to address long waiting lists and capacity pressures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [67504/25]

*486. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps her Department is taking to reduce the reliance of parents on childminders, where families are unable to access a crèche place despite early applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [67505/25]

*487. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the way in which her Department will ensure that parents on maternity leave are not required to spend significant time seeking childcare places due to capacity shortages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [67506/25]

*488. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total amount of funding provided by Tusla to an organisation (details supplied); to outline the oversight and safeguarding checks carried out on staff working for organisations that receive Tusla funding in order to protect vulnerable young people, to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [67510/25]

*489. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to examine the case of a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [67557/25]

*490. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on the assessment of need appointment for a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [67560/25]

*491. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE behavioural therapist posts that was filled at Blakestown children's disability network team in the years of 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [67633/25]

*492. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when a decision will be made on the ten family resource centres to be included in the national forum and annual funding as per Budget 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [67699/25]

*493. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason a service (details supplied) is being closed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [67815/25]

*494. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of unannounced inspections carried out on subcontracted private childcare providers in each of the past three years; the inspection outcomes, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [67847/25]

*495. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average waiting time for assessment of needs in County Wexford; the steps which are being taken to reduce waiting times in County Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [67874/25]

*496. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a list of agencies under her Department's remit who currently receive training on recognising and responding to gender based violence; if this training is mandatory; the core competencies covered in existing training programs; and to provide a list of any agencies who don't receive the latter. — Sorca Clarke. [67878/25]

*497. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will request TUSLA to provide details of the number of persons for each year between 2021 to date in 2025, who they have referred back and made a query on, to the International Protection Office in circumstances where TUSLA believe the person is not entitled to child services because TUSLA believes they are an adult, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [67890/25]

*498. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she can direct TUSLA to provide, for each year between 2021 to date in 2025, the total number of cases which have been issued against TUSLA where the question of age assessment has been an issue germane to the proceedings; the amount of damages paid in each respective proceedings; and the full legal costs associated with each proceeding, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [67892/25]

*499. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will address matters and concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); if another service will be put in place if this facility closes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [67961/25]

*500. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 160 of 12 November 2025, if she will provide a copy of the independent external review of the draft Childminding Regulations which was carried out by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [67974/25]

*501. 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. [67978/25]

*502. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware that Pobal is withholding the 3% pay increase as agreed in Building Momentum; if this is acceptable to her; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [67979/25]

*503. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of Pobal's failure to pay a 2% wage increase due in March 2025 to grade 2 early years specialist; if she has engaged with Pobal to resolve this given it is an important Department initiative; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [67980/25]

*504. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the building blocks extension scheme will open again for 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [68007/25]

*505. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a copy of the independent external review of the draft Childminding Regulations which was carried out by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [68018/25]

*506. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the expected publication date for the annual mother and baby institutions payment scheme report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [68019/25]

*507. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware that a childcare provider in Louth (details supplied) has left the Core Funding system; if additional support can be provided to the operator to ensure they remain within the system and continue to provide early years care to the cohort of families that currently use the service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [68104/25]

*508. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the plans for any reforms to ensure that rural based early years services remain within the Core Funding system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [68105/25]

*509. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of early years services in Louth that are currently supported through the core funding model; the number of services in the county that left the core funding system in the years 2022 to 2024, and to date in 2025, respectively; if she will provide the names of the services that have left the system in each of the years in question, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [68106/25]

*510. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the cost of residential disability services provided by for-profit companies; and for a breakdown of costs for child and adult services separately, for each of the years 2021 to 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Liam Quaide. [68110/25]

*511. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the details of contracts signed in 2024 and 2025 with for-profit companies providing residential placements for adults and young

people with disabilities; the duration of contracts agreed; the cost per placement and the names of the private companies providing these services. — Liam Quaide. [68111/25]

*512. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the comparative cost per placement of residential services commissioned through private outsourcing and by Section 38, Section 39 and direct HSE services for the years 2024 and to date in 2025. — Liam Quaide. [68112/25]

*513. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when a report by the Special Rapporteur on Child Protection will be published; if she Minister has received the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [68113/25]

*514. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the financial cost to the state of legal defences taken on cases where families have taken the State to court for failing to provide their child with an assessment of need, for the years 2021 to 2024, and to date in 2025. — Liam Quaide. [68114/25]

*515. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will request the Disability Unit in her Department to evaluate a situation (details supplied). — Seán Ó Fearghail. [68527/25]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*516. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on diagnostic scan waiting lists at the end of Quarter 3 2025. — David Cullinane. [67268/25]

*517. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the addition of spinal muscular atrophy to the heel prick test for newborn babies; the actions she is taking to ensure no further delays to its introduction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [67289/25]

*518. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff employed in the health service under employment visas or permits; and the percentage that this represents of overall staff. — Malcolm Byrne. [67302/25]

*519. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the results/rollout of ongoing the PRAISE-U (PRostate Cancer Awareness and Initiative for Screening in the European Union) study; if there will be any efforts to bring in a free prostate cancer screening service similar to the existing BreastCheck and CervicalCheck programmes for breast and cervical cancers following the results of this study; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [67316/25]

*520. To ask the Minister for Health when spinal muscular atrophy will be fully implemented as part of the newborn screening heel-prick programme; the timeline for the introduction of these screenings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [67322/25]

*521. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical card can be urgently provided to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [67327/25]

*522. To ask the Minister for Health the services and organisations that will be supported by a project (details supplied); the amount each service or organisation will receive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [67335/25]

*523. To ask the Minister for Health the circumstances under which the National Gender Services requires parents to attend assessments of adult patients. — Paul Murphy. [67336/25]

*524. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of the National Gender Service's initial assessments for which the attendance of parents is requested. — Paul Murphy. [67337/25]

*525. To ask the Minister for Health the National Gender Service's current advice for GPs whose patients are being prescribed HRT by EU telehealth services. — Paul Murphy. [67338/25]

*526. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2647 of 29 July 2025, if any further professional bodies have been asked for representatives for the HSE gender programme; and the professions which are currently represented. — Paul Murphy. [67339/25]

*527. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the involvement of trans-representative groups in the HSE gender programme. — Paul Murphy. [67340/25]

*528. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding adding spinal muscular atrophy to the national heel prick test (details supplied). — Ann Graves. [67350/25]

*529. To ask the Minister for Health the action she will take to ensure a person (details supplied) receives the diagnostic testing they need promptly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [67352/25]

*530. To ask the Minister for Health when newborn screening for spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) will commence; the reasons for the more than two-year delay since the decision to add SMA to the national heel-prick programme; and if he will provide a definitive implementation date. — Erin McGreehan. [67355/25]

*531. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has reviewed the latest European data showing that most EU countries implemented SMA newborn screening within 10-18 months, with 80% of European babies already screened by September 2025; and how Ireland's ongoing delay is being justified in that context. — Erin McGreehan. [67356/25]

*532. To ask the Minister for Health the remaining operational, laboratory, or procurement barriers to the implementation of SMA newborn screening; the work underway to resolve these; and the expected timeline for completion. — Erin McGreehan. [67357/25]

*533. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has assessed the clinical risk posed by continued delays in SMA newborn screening, given that infants diagnosed after symptom onset face irreversible neuromuscular deterioration and poorer lifelong outcomes; and to publish any related risk assessments. — Erin McGreehan. [67358/25]

*534. To ask the Minister for Health the governance structures in place to oversee the introduction of new conditions to the national newborn screening programme; and the way in which accountability is being ensured in relation to the delayed implementation of SMA screening. — Erin McGreehan. [67359/25]

*535. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on South Tipperary primary care waiting lists for OT, SLT, psychology and physiotherapy; the breakdown of therapists available on primary care teams across South Tipperary, by primary care team location; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [67361/25]

*536. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients being seen by an organisation (details supplied) in Clonmel; the frequency of clinics in Clonmel; the numbers waiting for mental health supports in South Tipperary; the plans to increase the frequency of clinics in South Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [67364/25]

*537. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on the occupational therapy first time assessment waiting list for each local health area as of 1st November 2025 or latest date available; the number waiting less than 4 months, 4-12 months, and more than 12 months; and the number for each wait category aged 0-4 years, 5-17 years, 18-64 years and 65 plus years, in tabular form. — Martin Daly. [67386/25]

*538. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for adults special care needs GA waiting list for routine dental care in each hospital, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [67394/25]

*539. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for children GA waiting list for routine dental care in each hospital, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [67395/25]

*540. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatient surgeries cancelled at University Hospital Limerick during the years 2020 to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [67424/25]

*541. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outpatient surgeries cancelled at University Hospital Limerick during the years 2020 to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [67425/25]

*542. To ask the Minister for Health the status of future plans for the former health centre located in Kilsheelan, County Tipperary; the reason the building has remained vacant for over twelve months; if she will engage with the local community regarding proposals for its reuse, including its potential development as a centre for circular economy initiatives or as a small-scale residential facility for older persons; and if she will ensure that this publicly owned asset is brought back into productive use for the benefit of the local community. — Michael Murphy. [67438/25]

*543. To ask the Minister for Health the type of training provided to staff within her Department in the use of, or understanding of artificial intelligence; if a programme is planned for all staff on their obligations under the EU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67465/25]

*544. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No.185 of 9 July 2025, the costs of electricity and gas for the same period for each hospital, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [67486/25]

*545. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children travelling to Britain for paediatric haematopoietic stem cell transplant surgery, by year, from 2015 to date in 2055. — Marie Sherlock. [67495/25]

*546. To ask the Minister for Health the cost to the State of sending a child to a British hospital for paediatric haematopoietic stem cell transplant surgery. — Marie Sherlock. [67496/25]

*547. To ask the Minister for Health the supports which are available to families from the HSE having to travel to Britain for paediatric haematopoietic stem cell transplant surgery. — Marie Sherlock. [67497/25]

*548. To ask the Minister for Health the actions her Department has taken to encourage CHI to adopt the findings and advice of the repatriation of paediatric haematopoietic stem cell transplant services to Ireland: a Health Technology Assessment – February 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [67498/25]

*549. To ask the Minister for Health to publish all correspondence between her Department and CHI relating to the implementation of the findings and advice of the repatriation of paediatric haematopoietic stem cell transplant services to Ireland: a Health Technology Assessment – February 2023. — Marie Sherlock. [67499/25]

*550. To ask the Minister for Health the financial supports and logistical supports which are available to families upon the death of a child family member at a health facility abroad, for whom that child had been referred to treatment by health services in Ireland. — Marie Sherlock. [67500/25]

*551. To ask the Minister for Health the financial supports and logistical supports which are available to families upon the death of an adult family member at a health facility abroad, for whom that adult had been referred to treatment by health services in Ireland. — Marie Sherlock. [67501/25]

*552. To ask the Minister for Health the precise process following the publication of a HIQA health technology assessment report that makes specific findings and advice to the HSE and her Department, relating to the consideration and implementation or otherwise, of those findings and advice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [67502/25]

*553. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Clare will have her full home care hours re-instated as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [67512/25]

*554. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant orthopaedic surgeons with a special interest in knee and replacement surgery at Beaumont Hospital in 2024 and to-date in 2025 that are only dealing in the treatment of public patients; and the average waiting time to see a consultant orthopaedic surgeon for the first time as an outpatient at the hospital, in tabular form. — Ann Graves. [67528/25]

*555. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE clinical specialist radiographers posts that were filled at CHI Temple Street in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Ann Graves. [67529/25]

*556. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who were scheduled for scoliosis treatment or surgery in either Britain or the US for the period of January 2025 to November 2025; and the number who are scheduled for such treatment or surgery in either Britain or the US over the next three months. — Ann Graves. [67530/25]

*557. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has provided any resourcing or staffing to HSE to support expanded infectious disease screening at ports of entry. — Ann Graves. [67531/25]

*558. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE secretaries filled working within the neurology department of Beaumont Hospital in the years of 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Ann Graves. [67532/25]

*559. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on case of child (details supplied); and if CAMHS services will engage with the child's parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [67533/25]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the results of a pilot project (details supplied); if her Department has further plans to extend this pilot in other areas across the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [67545/25]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can be transferred to a suitable facility in Cork city closer to family; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [67554/25]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application to the Dental Council (details supplied); the reason for the delay in processing same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [67556/25]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health the oversight her Department has of the approach taken by a hospital (details supplied) in allocating patients for treatment based on teaching and training availability; the measures which are in place to ensure that patient access to accident and emergency care, secondary care and specialist dental services is maintained in line with service demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [67580/25]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health to provide confirmation on the proposed reorganisation of a youth services facility in Cork (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [67581/25]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health if she will address concerns that women are still waiting an average of six months for a mammogram at the BreastCheck Eccles Unit, Dublin 7; if she is aware that the majority of women seeking to access this service either have or had breast cancer; if she will clarify whether the results of mammogram testing at this location are generally shared with local HSE health services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [67582/25]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health the reason medication (details supplied) is not free and available to stage 4 cancer patients; if she will take steps to improve access to these medicines for persons who cannot afford to pay for them as happens in the UK's NHS; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [67593/25]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount spent by her Department or the HSE on leasing a facility (details supplied) in each of the past ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [67595/25]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons a facility (details supplied) has not reopened; if there are any building issues; when the facility will be allowed to reopen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [67613/25]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health when a facility (details supplied) will officially open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [67615/25]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health for an update regarding consideration of the shingles vaccine for inclusion in the national immunisation schedule for those aged 65 and over; if her Department has undertaken any further assessment of the cost-effectiveness of adding the vaccine since the HIQA review in 2024; and if she will outline any planned timelines for revisiting this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [67620/25]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the reason a person (details supplied) who made an appeal to the treatment abroad scheme on 16 June 2025 has yet to receive an update; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [67626/25]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE radiographers, by grade that were filled at National Orthopaedic Hospital in the years of 2024, and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [67627/25]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health the average ambulance turnaround time within the accident and emergency department of the Mater Hospital; the steps being taken to reduce the turnaround time for ambulances; in each of the first 11 months of 2025, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [67628/25]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health the number of operating theatres currently at Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown; if each of those operating theatre are in full use at present. — Paul Donnelly. [67629/25]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who has been waiting over 24 months for a knee operation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [67680/25]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the rollout of National Clinical Practice Guideline Screening and Management of Domestic Violence in Pregnancy and the Early Postnatal Period; the number of staff that has received training to date; if GPs are included in this programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [67688/25]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a child (details supplied) has not been placed on the waiting list for surgery abroad. — Sean Fleming. [67689/25]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health her plans for urgent prioritisation of SMA newborn screening implementation, delayed since the Ministerial announcement in 2023, with a clear time-bound commitment indicating when screening will finally commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [67692/25]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health the number of funded speech and language therapist and occupational therapist posts that are currently in place in the Irish health and disability systems; the number of posts that are currently vacant; and the measures to ensure those posts are filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67693/25]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people for each local health area as of 1st November 2025 or latest date available, on the speech and language therapy initial treatment waiting list; the number waiting less than 4 months, 4-12 months, and the number waiting more

than 12 months; the numbers for each category waiting aged 0-17 years (both CDNT and Primary Care Services) and those aged 18 and above, in tabular form. — Martin Daly. [67694/25]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people as of 1st November 2025 or latest date available on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list; the number waiting less than 4 months, 4-12 months, and the number waiting more than 12 months; the numbers for each category waiting aged 0-17 years (both CDNT and Primary Care Services); and those aged 18 and above; broken down by local health area, in tabular form. — Martin Daly. [67695/25]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people for each local health area as of 1st November 2025 or latest date available, on the speech and language therapy further treatment waiting list; the number waiting less than 4 months, 4-12 months, and the number waiting more than 12 months; and the numbers for each category waiting aged 0-17 years (both CDNT and Primary Care Services) and those aged 18 and above, in tabular form. — Martin Daly. [67696/25]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department recognises the severe consequences of maintaining the dental treatment services scheme at its current level which is clearly underfunded; the other area of healthcare that expects practitioners to deliver treatment at a loss; if she plans for dentists to continue participating under such conditions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [67697/25]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health the reimbursement costs for all procedures under the dental treatment services scheme; the average actual costs of same treatments; if her Department has reviewed the average laboratory costs in relation to the payments made to dentists under the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [67698/25]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 896 of 20 September 2023, if she will outline all other medical procedures which medical card holders in CHO7 are not able to avail of at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [67701/25]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health if adequate medical equipment could be provided to facilitate a dental operation for a full-time care hoist patient (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [67708/25]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the eligibility criteria for the long-term illness scheme, with particular reference to the exclusion of chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL) from the list of qualifying conditions; if she will outline the basis on which CLL continues to be excluded, despite its nature as a long-term clinical illness; and if she will consider updating or expanding the list of eligible conditions to ensure that patients with CLL are not left without appropriate supports. — Martin Daly. [67709/25]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health the supports, schemes or financial assistance currently available to patients diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukaemia, given that they are not eligible for the long-term illness scheme; and if she will outline any alternative pathways through which such patients can access necessary medication and ongoing treatment supports. — Martin Daly. [67710/25]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health the reason newborn babies are not screened for spinal muscular atrophy (SMA); when SMA will be included in the newborn screening programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [67711/25]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of surgeries carried out by the HSE, outside of the NTPF, in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2025. — Peadar Tóibín. [67716/25]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has assessed the health impacts of delays in providing accessible bathroom facilities for disabled and elderly citizens; the interdepartmental coordination that exists to prevent such situations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [67725/25]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health the progress of the Working Group on the National Hearing Care Plan; if she has received the report from the Working Group that was due by end of Q2 2025 as per Terms of Reference; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [67726/25]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons prescribed the weight loss drug ozempic, by county from 2023 to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Conor Sheehan. [67730/25]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons prescribed the weight loss drug mounjaro, by county, from 2023 to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Conor Sheehan. [67731/25]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE adult physiotherapists by grade that are filled at a location (details supplied) in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form, the average waiting time for a first physiotherapy appointment at this centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [67736/25]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health to advise the up-to-date position regarding land to the rear of the rear carpark at Monaghan Hospital, previously believed to be in the ownership of the Hospital/HSE but for some time now in disputed title; when she expects a final determination as to the title and the result; if she is still committed to extending the existing rear carpark at the hospital providing badly needed additional carparking spaces for existing service users and with the prospect of additional services locating at Monaghan Hospital in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [67761/25]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a schedule by hospital and HSE of the number of instances in which they utilised a debt recovery agency and or debt recovery individual to collect outstanding fees from a person in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025. — Aidan Farrelly. [67769/25]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health when screening will begin for Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), as part of the newborn screening programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [67826/25]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health the number of families of children with a moderate or severe intellectual disability who have requested psychiatric assistance from CAMHS in Donegal and have not received support in the years 2023 to date in 2025, due to the absence of a CAMHS Mental Health Intellectual Disability Service (MHID) in the county, by tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [67846/25]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE physiotherapists by grade that were filled at a location (details supplied) in 2024 and to date in 2025, if this number will be increased

during the first half of 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [67848/25]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses in County Wexford; the number of vacant positions for public health nurses County Wexford; when P2 and P3 developmental checks will be provided throughout the constituency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [67872/25]

*602. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 428 of 18 May 2023, the progress which has been made since the completion of the remedial works in 2023 (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [67876/25]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Meath will receive an appointment in the Mater Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [67881/25]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Meath will receive an appointment in Beaumont Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [67882/25]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health how her Department intends to ensure national consistency in cancer care outcomes under a system where funding decisions will be largely devolved to HSE regions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [67887/25]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health whether workforce needs for oncology, radiology and specialist nursing were incorporated in the regional funding allocations for 2026; and the projected staffing increases for each region. — Erin McGreehan. [67888/25]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment. — Tony McCormack. [67898/25]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health the regional breakdown of funding allocated to the National Cancer Strategy for 2026 under the new devolved HSE regional budgeting model; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [67901/25]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health the methodology used to determine the level of funding provided to each HSE region for the implementation of the National Cancer Strategy in 2026; the criteria applied in determining regional allocations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [67902/25]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health the projected expenditure by region in 2026 on rapid access clinics for breast, lung and prostate cancers; and the expected impact of this funding on waiting times and early-diagnosis capacity. — Erin McGreehan. [67903/25]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health the funding specifically ring-fenced in 2026 for radiotherapy, surgical oncology and chemotherapy services in each HSE region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [67904/25]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health if performance targets will be introduced for each region in respect of the implementation of the National Cancer Strategy in 2026; the nature of

these targets; and the way in which they will be monitored and enforced. — Erin McGreehan. [67905/25]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health the additional resources being allocated in 2026 to address existing regional variations in cancer outcomes, including survival rates, early detection rates and treatment access; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [67906/25]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health whether any region will face a reduced allocation for cancer services under the new devolved budgeting model; and if so, the rationale for such reductions and the impact assessment undertaken. — Erin McGreehan. [67907/25]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which patient-level needs, such as demographic growth, deprivation levels, and projected cancer incidence, were factored into determining each region's allocation for 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [67908/25]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding in 2026 specifically assigned to support the implementation of new or updated NCCP clinical guidelines and pathways; and the way in which this funding is distributed and monitored across regions. — Erin McGreehan. [67909/25]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health whether additional capital funding is being provided to any HSE region in 2026 for the development or expansion of cancer services infrastructure, including diagnostic, radiotherapy or surgical facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [67910/25]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2018 of 4 November 2025, the number of counselling sessions provided by a service (details supplied), by unplanned pregnancy calls and post-abortion clients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [67918/25]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 134 of 7 May 2025, the criteria used to classify calls to a service (details supplied) in the previously referenced categories of "Counselling" "Information" and "Listening support"; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [67919/25]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health the measures she is taking to support those with a dual diagnosis of substance use disorder and another mental illness; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [67920/25]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health if she will address the urgent need for improved facilities and additional dedicated space for the rheumatology outpatient department at Cork University Hospital; the plans in place to provide a designated area for multidisciplinary consultations, patient education, and administrative work to ensure patient confidentiality and efficient service delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [67925/25]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide the most recent national data regarding the number of people on waiting lists for glaucoma treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [67946/25]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide the most recent national data regarding the number of people on waiting lists for cornea and refractive surgery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [67947/25]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide the most recent national figures regarding the number of people on waiting lists for age-related macular degeneration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [67948/25]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide the most recent figures regarding the number of people on waiting lists for diabetic retinopathy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [67949/25]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide the most recent figures regarding the number of people on waiting lists for dry eye disease, or ocular surface disease; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [67950/25]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide the most recent figures regarding the number of people on waiting lists for retinal detachment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [67951/25]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [67956/25]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health the action needed to be taken to register a death (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [67965/25]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health if she will arrange an appointment with the HSE (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [67982/25]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated waiting times for required appropriate plastic surgery, surgical intervention, for patients in University Hospital Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [67983/25]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health if a drug (details supplied) can be made available under the HSE drugs scheme given the very high monthly cost of €7,600 which is out of reach, given this drug provides lifesaving treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [67985/25]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the continued failure to approve and purchase the drug selipercatinib as a targeted treatment for medullary thyroid cancer and small cell lung cancer for patients in Ireland; the number of patients undergoing treatment for these forms of cancer who would benefit from such treatment; the cost of providing it; if she will ensure the approval and funding are provided to facilitate the provision of this treatment in Ireland; and if not, if she will amend the criteria for the treatment abroad scheme to allow such patients to receive this medication elsewhere in the European Union or in the United Kingdom; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [67988/25]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health whether she intends to progress legislation to provide for assisted dying in line with the Report of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Assisted Dying; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [67990/25]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health if a reply will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [67991/25]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Donegal is on the urgent or routine adult audiology waiting list; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [67994/25]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for adult audiology appointments in County Donegal per category for 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [67995/25]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health if she will address an issue (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [68010/25]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health the number of babies born alive after an abortion procedure at 24-weeks' gestation or later; the number of these cases which involved babies diagnosed with major congenital anomalies; the number of babies born alive after abortion earlier than 24-weeks' gestation; the number of them which had been diagnosed with major congenital anomalies, from 2022 to date in 2025, by year, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [68011/25]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health the number of abortion cases in which feticide was carried out in each of the years from 2019, to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [68012/25]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health if private practice will take place in the new HSE surgical hubs; if private work has been conducted in the South Dublin Surgical Hub since it opened in February; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [68031/25]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to Early Onset Parkinson's Disease in Ireland's call for community-based exercise supports (details supplied); if she has any plans to fund these measures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [68032/25]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health to specify the projected date by which duplicate financial reporting requirements between the HSE and voluntary hospitals will be eliminated, and to confirm whether interim milestones have been set for the removal of parallel reporting structures pending full IFMS deployment. — Ken O'Flynn. [68034/25]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the annual estimated cost of maintaining parallel financial systems in voluntary hospitals, including software licences, staffing time and manual reporting processes, and to set out the projected savings associated with eliminating these duplicated systems. — Ken O'Flynn. [68035/25]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health to publish the monthly IFMS compliance metrics for statutory sites, including the percentage of sites achieving full utilisation, and to provide the projected compliance rate for voluntary hospitals once deployment begins. — Ken O'Flynn. [68036/25]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the savings originally projected in the 2015 business case for the Integrated Financial Management System, to identify the year in which

those savings were expected to be realised, and to confirm whether these projections have since been revised. — Ken O’Flynn. [68037/25]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm whether participation in the Integrated Financial Management System will be made an explicit condition of annual service-level agreements and the release of Exchequer funding to voluntary hospitals. — Ken O’Flynn. [68038/25]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm whether her Department or the HSE has carried out any governance risk assessment relating to voluntary hospitals that have not yet been integrated into the Integrated Financial Management System, and to state whether any such assessment will be published. — Ken O’Flynn. [68039/25]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the factors delaying the finalisation of the Integrated Financial Management System rollout schedule for voluntary hospitals, and to provide the expected completion date for full deployment. — Ken O’Flynn. [68040/25]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the staffing and ICT resources required to support IFMS deployment to voluntary hospitals, and to provide the total estimated cost of these supports. — Ken O’Flynn. [68041/25]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health the real-time financial oversight mechanisms that will apply to voluntary hospitals once IFMS is deployed, and to set out how this data will be used to strengthen governance, auditing and expenditure control. — Ken O’Flynn. [68042/25]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a detailed breakdown of the 2025 overspend in acute hospitals, primary care, agency staffing and high-tech drugs, disaggregated by hospital group and HSE region. — Ken O’Flynn. [68047/25]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health the specific management and expenditure-control measures that will be implemented in 2026 to prevent further overspends, including targets for reduced agency use and revised approval protocols. — Ken O’Flynn. [68048/25]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the 2025 agency-staffing cost increase between wage inflation, volume increases, and grade mix; and her Department’s projected agency expenditure for 2026. — Ken O’Flynn. [68049/25]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing levels per 100,000 population for medical, nursing and midwifery, health and social care professionals and administrative grades in each HSE region; and if the south-west region is above or below the national average for each staff category. — Ken O’Flynn. [68050/25]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health to set out the current national policy governing circumcision procedures in public hospitals where there is no medical indication; and to specify the clinical, administrative and ethical basis for authorising such procedures. — Ken O’Flynn. [68051/25]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm which public hospitals provide circumcision procedures without medical indication; and the number of such procedures carried out in each of the past five years, by hospital. — Ken O’Flynn. [68052/25]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm whether non-medically indicated circumcision procedures in public hospitals are funded publicly, funded privately, or subject to co-payment; and the charging and accounting treatment applied. — Ken O’Flynn. [68053/25]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health the governance structures, approval mechanisms and oversight processes that apply when theatre capacity, anaesthetists and surgical teams are allocated to non-medically indicated procedures. — Ken O’Flynn. [68054/25]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has carried out any assessment of the impact of non-medically indicated circumcision procedures on surgical waiting lists, day-case capacity and resource allocation, and to publish any findings. — Ken O’Flynn. [68055/25]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health the number of theatre slots allocated annually for non-medically indicated circumcision procedures in each of the past five years, broken down by hospital group. — Ken O’Flynn. [68056/25]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will establish a formal reporting process to identify approved posts that remain unfilled for more than six months; and the expected timeline for introducing such a system. — Ken O’Flynn. [68057/25]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health to publish her Department’s methodology for calculating the financial impact of long-term vacancies on agency spend, overtime costs and service capacity; and to confirm whether a standardised template will be introduced for HSE regions. — Ken O’Flynn. [68058/25]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health the policy and operational basis on which the HSE seeks retrospective recovery of specialist-qualification allowances from staff who received the allowance in good faith; and if a formal appeals or waiver mechanism exists for such cases. — Ken O’Flynn. [68059/25]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health if she will instruct the HSE to suspend retrospective recovery of specialist-qualification allowances in cases involving administrative error pending a full review of the issue. — Ken O’Flynn. [68060/25]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health if she will address the concerns regarding the recent publication of the Standards and Criteria for Counsellors and Psychotherapists by CORU, raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [68063/25]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health when national reporting for chronic pain expenditure, activity and outcomes will be introduced; and the steps her Department is taking to ensure that the HSE provides full and standardised national data for all hospital groups and community services. — Ken O’Flynn. [68064/25]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health the current national waiting times for chronic pain assessment and treatment at primary, secondary and tertiary levels; and the longest wait recorded in each hospital group. — Ken O’Flynn. [68065/25]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent consultants in pain medicine, by hospital group; and the number of unfilled or approved posts currently vacant. — Ken O’Flynn. [68066/25]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health the number of community-based chronic pain programmes in operation nationwide; and the way in which the findings of the iPainCentre pilot have informed national service planning. — Ken O’Flynn. [68067/25]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health the current vacancy figures for occupational therapy posts in Cork, by network and grade; and the expected timeline for filling these posts. — Ken O’Flynn. [68068/25]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health her Department’s formal targets for reducing occupational therapy waiting times in Cork; and when waiting times in each network are projected to fall below 12-weeks. — Ken O’Flynn. [68069/25]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocation for occupational therapy services in Cork for 2026, including development posts, replacement posts and planned waiting-list initiatives. — Ken O’Flynn. [68070/25]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists who left HSE posts in Cork in 2024, and to date in 2025; and the recorded reasons for exit. — Ken O’Flynn. [68071/25]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health the current vacancy rate across the South South-West Hospital Group and Cork Kerry Community Healthcare, by hospital and specialty, including the number of approved posts versus filled posts. — Ken O’Flynn. [68072/25]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff recruited in 2024 and to date in 2025 in the South South-West Hospital Group and Cork Kerry Community Healthcare under the Department’s recruitment and retention initiatives, including graduate retention, targeted campaigns and agency conversions. — Ken O’Flynn. [68073/25]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health the national spend on chronic pain services in each of the past five years; and when full and consistent reporting for chronic pain services will be in place across all hospital groups and community healthcare organisations. — Ken O’Flynn. [68074/25]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health to publish the current waiting times for chronic pain assessment and treatment in each hospital group, including the longest waits recorded, and the actions planned to reduce these delays. — Ken O’Flynn. [68075/25]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of consultants in pain medicine working in the HSE; the number of approved posts that remain vacant, and the steps planned in 2025 and 2026 to strengthen the workforce for chronic pain services. — Ken O’Flynn. [68076/25]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health to list all community-based chronic pain programmes funded by the HSE; the budget for each; and the date on which the evaluation of the iPainCentre pilot will inform national service planning. — Ken O’Flynn. [68077/25]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of unfilled occupational therapy posts in Cork, by network and grade; and the expected dates for filling these posts. — Ken O’Flynn. [68078/25]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health the targets set for reducing occupational therapy waiting times in Cork; and the date by which each network is expected to reach a waiting time of under 12 weeks. — Ken O’Flynn. [68079/25]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding assigned to occupational therapy services in Cork for 2026, including new posts, replacement posts and resources for waiting list work. — Ken O’Flynn. [68080/25]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff who left occupational therapy posts in Cork during 2024 and 2025; and the recorded reasons for their exit. — Ken O’Flynn. [68081/25]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant community health posts in Cork, by discipline and whole-time equivalent; and the expected recruitment timeline for each. — Ken O’Flynn. [68082/25]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health the current vacancy rate in the South South-West Hospital Group and Cork Kerry Community Healthcare, by service and grade; and the number of approved posts and filled posts as of the most recent reporting period. — Ken O’Flynn. [68083/25]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health to publish the current waiting times for occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech and language therapy in Cork, broken down by network; the number of unfilled posts across these services; and the targets and timeline for bringing waiting times below 12-weeks in 2026. — Ken O’Flynn. [68084/25]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health the vacancy rate across all community health disciplines in Cork, including occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, social work and social care work; the number of approved posts versus filled posts; and the recruitment timelines for 2026. — Ken O’Flynn. [68085/25]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff recruited in 2024 and 2025 within the South South-West Hospital Group and Cork Kerry Community Healthcare; the number of staff who left during the same period; the number of posts currently dependent on agency workers; and the actions planned for 2026 to increase permanent staffing and reduce reliance on agency contracts. — Ken O’Flynn. [68086/25]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health if she will reverse the proposed changes to phased dispensing under the new community pharmacy agreement, which are due to come into operation on 1 January 2026; if her Department or the HSE assessed the impact of these changes on vulnerable patients to safely manage their medications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [68087/25]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health if she will suspend implementation of the proposed changes to phased dispensing under the new community pharmacy agreement pending full consultation with frontline clinicians; if she will undertake a risk impact assessment, specifically examining effects on vulnerable groups; if she will commit to co-designing revised criteria for phased dispensing with GPs, pharmacists, disability services, and patient groups (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [68088/25]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for an updated neurosurgical robot used in deep brain stimulation surgery (details supplied); if an immediate decision will

be made given the urgent need for additional capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [68090/25]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE employees who do not have contracts of employment with the HSE, and to account for why no contracts are in place for those employees. — Marie Sherlock. [68091/25]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE employees who do not have access to the public service pension, and to account for why no access is in place for those employees. — Marie Sherlock. [68092/25]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health if she is satisfied that the HSE is fully compliant with employment law with respect to the employment and payment of its staff. — Marie Sherlock. [68093/25]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the internal investigation being undertaken by the NAS into unacceptable conduct at work and the leaked recording of same in early 2025; her expectation of when that investigation will be completed; the action taken if wrongdoing is found; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [68102/25]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health if she has confidence in the NAS internal inquiry into unacceptable conduct at work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [68103/25]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health if the wording on a pension rebatement form can be reviewed (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [68121/25]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health if she plans to provide specific funding for the delivery of the Collaborative Tuberculosis Strategy for Ireland: 2024–2030 to the HSE as the HSE’s current mandate in the matter is for the strategy to be ‘delivered within existing resources’ which is insufficient to the task. — Seán Crowe. [68173/25]

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

*700. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures being taken to improve access to higher education for students in north and mid-Cork; and if he will consider increased supports for rural students. — John Paul O’Shea. [67285/25]

*701. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps are being taken to expand lifelong learning, night courses and upskilling opportunities in further education centres across County Cork, particularly for workers in agriculture, manufacturing and the SME sector. — John Paul O’Shea. [67286/25]

*702. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to review the case of a person (details supplied); the reason this person was refused the special rate of SUSI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [67305/25]

*703. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to review the case of a person (details supplied); if there is any avenue available to seek a review or appeal of the decision in question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [67343/25]

*704. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of auto-enrolment pension scheme compliance for each university and technological university; the staff grades or contract types covered by such schemes; the staff grades or contract types not covered by such schemes or otherwise excluded; whether each university has communicated with all staff grade regarding participation; the outstanding arrangements to be made, and when these will be made, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [67354/25]

*705. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of clinical psychologist places in universities and institutes available across the State; and the number of clinical psychologist graduates from 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [67448/25]

*706. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of clinical psychologist graduates which did not continue with that career following graduation for the years 2020 to 2025; and the number of these graduates who went on to work within the HSE following their graduation for the years 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [67449/25]

*707. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the type of training provided to staff within his Department in the use of, or understanding of artificial intelligence; if a programme is planned for all staff on their obligations under the EU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67464/25]

*708. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 1178 of 18 November 2025, his plans to provide additional student assistance funding to the Higher Education Authority for the remainder of the current 2025-2026 academic year; and if he will provide the additional allocations for each of the five Technological Universities, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [67586/25]

*709. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if an Irish citizen living outside the State returning home to attend the leaving certificate cycle, can avail of the rate of student fees of an Irish resident for third level education; the requirements which must be met to avail of these fees and not international fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [67660/25]

*710. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports to be provided to graduate medicine students who receive no SUSI grant, no Government support, and no access to student loans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [67819/25]

*711. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the uptake of apprenticeships across the country in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [67820/25]

*712. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the commitments his Department can give to increasing investment in research, supporting early-career researchers, and ensuring Ireland remains competitive in EU and global innovation programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [67821/25]

*713. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the implications of a recent decision (details supplied); if the cost of construction is the barrier to the delivery of affordable student accommodation; the steps the Government is taking to support the construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [65785/25]

*714. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he will take to upskill workers as part of Ireland's renewable energy transition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [66531/25]

*715. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures he is taking to improve access to graduate entry medicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [67899/25]

*716. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider extending SUSI grant to part-time postgraduate students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [67900/25]

*717. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is pursuing any strategy to ring fence funding to attract skilled workers back from abroad to fill the shortfall in skills needed to meet the housing demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [67933/25]

*718. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are grants available for the promotion and running of Irish night classes in adult education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [68140/25]

*719. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of Contracts of Indefinite Duration (CID) that have been awarded to staff at University College Galway from 2020 -2025; and the number of CID contracts currently under review, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [68163/25]

*720. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the establishment of Research Ireland and its role in strengthening Ireland's research and innovation ecosystem, including new programmes such as the Research Talent Call and New Frontiers Research Programme. — Willie O'Dea. [67814/25]

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

*721. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the position regarding applications from Cork County Council for Rural Regeneration and Development Fund support for towns and villages in Cork north-west and if he will ensure that shovel ready projects in these areas receive priority consideration in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [67278/25]

*722. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his Department's strategy to expand connected hubs and remote-working infrastructure, including the potential for new hubs in Cork north-west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [67279/25]

*723. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the position regarding funding for the implementation of language plans in the Múscaí gaeltacht; the progress to date on supporting local Údarás projects; and whether additional resources will be allocated to strengthen Irish-language use in Gaeltacht areas, schools and community settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [67280/25]

*724. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if changes can be made to the payment for Mná Tí to expand to other items as required by Mná Tí rather than only those outlined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [67444/25]

*725. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the type of training provided to staff within his Department in the use of, or understanding of artificial intelligence; if a programme is planned for all staff on their obligations under the EU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [67469/25]

*726. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if Ros Muc and Ceantar na nOileáin will be considered for funding through the empowering communities programme, given that they are both categorised as 'disadvantaged' or 'very disadvantaged' by the Pobal HP Deprivation Index; if the Minister will outline when decisions will be made on funding for the upcoming year; and the number of areas in the state which will be selected as part of the programme in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [67507/25]

*727. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the capital funding programmes under his Department, including the Community Centres Investment Fund, the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund and the LEADER Programme, that are open to applications from family resource centres seeking to acquire, construct, or refurbish permanent buildings; the typical levels of funding available; the application requirements for each scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [67550/25]

*728. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when the interim review of the current LEADER programme cycle will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [67596/25]

*729. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will clarify whether any conditions under the community centres investment fund restrict a successful applicant group from applying for other funding streams, including LEADER, within a two-year period; if he will confirm whether any such restriction applies only to reapplying to the community centres investment fund itself or whether it precludes a group from seeking funding for separate and unrelated projects under different programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [67729/25]

*730. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht considering the reduction of regeneration funding in Limerick with the completion of the programme and specifically the phasing out of Economic Social Intervention Funding, if he will

allocate additional funding for a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [68096/25]

*731. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the current total value of the Dormant Accounts Fund; the projected size of the Dormant Accounts Fund for each of the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [68132/25]

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gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉ CÉADAON, 3 NOLLAIG, 2025**
**QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 2025**

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

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

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

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

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

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

6. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his recent meeting with the UK prime minister. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [65778/25]

7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the British prime minister. — Peadar Tóibín. [65833/25]

8. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his recent meeting with the British prime minister. — Liam Quaide. [67526/25]

9. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his recent meeting with Prime Minister Keir Starmer. — Shane Moynihan. [67573/25]

10. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his recent meeting with the British prime minister. — Ivana Bacik. [67607/25]

11. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent meeting with British Prime Minister Keir Starmer. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [67792/25]

12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the British prime minister. — Peadar Kirby. [67808/25]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. To ask the Taoiseach his Department's plans to coordinate a range of actions aimed at regulatory reform. — James O'Connor. [65261/25]

20. 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]

21. To ask the Taoiseach his Department's plans to coordinate a range of actions aimed at regulatory reform. — Paul Murphy. [65781/25]

22. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on his Department's plans to coordinate a range of actions aimed at regulatory reform. — Liam Quaide. [67527/25]

23. To ask the Taoiseach his Department's plans to coordinate a range of actions aimed at regulatory reform. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [67793/25]

24. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the national security strategy. — Tom Brabazon. [58233/25]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the national security strategy. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [65331/25]

26. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the national security strategy. — Ruth Coppinger. [65603/25]

27. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the national security strategy. — Albert Dolan. [65712/25]

28. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the national security strategy. — Darren O'Rourke. [65716/25]

29. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the national security strategy. — Paul Murphy. [65782/25]

30. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on progress of the national security strategy. — Ryan O'Meara. [65888/25]

31. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the national security strategy. — Ivana Bacik. [67608/25]

32. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the national security strategy. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [67794/25]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the national security strategy. — Peadar Tóibín. [67809/25]

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

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [65332/25]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — David Cullinane. [65605/25]

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Albert Dolan. [65711/25]

38. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Darren O'Rourke. [65717/25]

39. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [65783/25]

40. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Cian O'Callaghan. [65859/25]

41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next. — Séamus McGrath. [65887/25]

42. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — James O'Connor. [67601/25]

43. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [67609/25]

44. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [67810/25]

45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Séamus McGrath. [64216/25]

46. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Paul McAuliffe. [64218/25]

47. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [65264/25]

48. To ask the Taoiseach when the next meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Housing will take place. — Mark Ward. [65417/25]

49. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [65780/25]

50. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [67523/25]

51. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Shane Moynihan. [67578/25]

52. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — John Connolly. [67579/25]

53. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Ryan O'Meara. [67843/25]

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

55. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at COP30 in Belém. — Albert Dolan. [65713/25]

56. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at COP30 in Belém. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [65719/25]

57. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the Conference of Parties Summit in Brazil. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [67524/25]

58. 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]

59. 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]

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

61. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Malcolm Byrne. [65714/25]

62. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [65718/25]

63. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [67525/25]

64. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-Ordination will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [63915/25]

65. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [65602/25]

66. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [65779/25]

67. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [65860/25]

68. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cork city taskforce will be established. — Séamus McGrath. [64215/25]

69. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cork city taskforce will be established. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [64217/25]

70. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Paul McAuliffe. [67575/25]

71. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Catherine Ardagh. [67576/25]

72. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Tom Brabazon. [67577/25]

73. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of his Department’s annual report for 2024. — Ryan O’Meara. [65889/25]

74. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the G20 in South Africa. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [66790/25]

75. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — John Connolly. [67574/25]

76. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [67675/25]

77. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Aindrias Moynihan. [67676/25]

78. To ask the Taoiseach which Cabinet committee oversees agriculture; and when it will next meet. — Michael Cahill. [67677/25]

79. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Ryan O'Meara. [67844/25]

80. 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]