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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the level of inflation that was projected by his Department as it prepared Budget 2026, including the decision not to provide an income tax adjustment for workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [64572/25]

2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the details of and timeline for the production of legislation to empower the Revenue Commissioners to implement the proposed new derelict sites tax; if all of the revenue collected will be disbursed to the relevant local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [65023/25]

3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of people that have filed an updated valuation for the LPT that have gone up a band; the average additional cost for those households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [64573/25]

4. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the amount of revenue generated from the rezoned land tax in 2024 and in 2025; the number of land owners who sought exemptions from the tax; the number that were granted; the percentage of the overall land covered by the tax that was granted an exemption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [64997/25]

5. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason no assessment has been carried out by his Department on the effect of the 2026 local property tax revaluation on homeownership affordability and private rental supply, given the confirmed upward movement in valuation bands and the rising financial pressure on households; if he will commit to publishing a full county-level impact assessment before the end of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [64787/25]

6. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he plans to change the rates of capital acquisitions tax or the thresholds at which the rates are paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [65024/25]

**CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

7. To ask the Minister for Finance his assessment of the impact recent international tariff changes are having on the Irish economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [64103/25]

8. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department is considering any review or potential increase of the VAT registration threshold for the self-employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [64580/25]

9. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has met with the Revenue Commissioners to discuss the new derelict sites tax. — Thomas Gould. [63073/25]

10. To ask the Minister for Finance if Dundalk and Drogheda will be included in the Finance Act 2024 to ensure that the living cities initiative can commence in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [57738/25]

11. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has considered increasing the domestic excise duty threshold for Irish brewers from the current 30,000 H.L previously set at 20,000 H.L prior to 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [64556/25]

12. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated value of tax reliefs and changes being provided to SMEs in Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [64517/25]

13. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which the findings of the 'Future Forty' report will shape Ireland's fiscal policy in the coming years, with particular reference to demographic change and global trends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [64370/25]

14. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress he has made divesting State monies from companies which derive profits from their activities in the occupied Palestinian territories. — Matt Carthy. [64395/25]

15. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a graduated VAT system based on business size or turnover was not considered to support small and family-run SMEs; if his Department has examined such an approach to provide meaningful relief for community businesses; the alternative measures being developed to ease the VAT burden on smaller enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [64591/25]

16. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagement there has been with the Central Bank regarding the way in which customers affected by the tracker mortgage scandal can be better assisted by the State; if legislation to outlaw confidentiality agreements between banks and those who win their appeals is being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [63391/25]

17. To ask the Minister for Finance the role disproportionate operating profits in the insurance sector has played in driving up the cost of premiums; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [64575/25]

18. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the review of inheritance tax within his Department; the parameters for this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62396/25]

19. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on the progress being made with regard to the Programme for Government commitments on credit unions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [63917/25]

20. To ask the Minister for Finance the plans to address the continuing high cost of motor insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [64104/25]

21. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number and value of shares held by the NTMA in a corporation (details supplied); the profit that has been made to date from this investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [64574/25]

22. To ask the Minister for Finance when changes will be made to the primary medical certificate criteria, under the terms of Disabled Drivers and Disabled Passengers (Tax Concessions) Regulations 1994 in cases where a person is permanently and severely disabled, but their disability does not come within the criteria in the regulations; if there is a timeline for such changes. — Keira Keogh. [49219/25]

23. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that the governance structures of the National Treasury Management Agency are sufficient to ensure that contributions to the Future Ireland Fund are not needed to cover significant and recurring overruns in core departments; and the financial governance reforms he will introduce specifically to prevent the misuse of public funds, such as the documented conflicts of interest and overspends within the National Treatment Purchase Fund. — Paul Lawless. [64620/25]

24. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual revenue generated for the Exchequer from inheritance tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [64359/25]

25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the monitoring that takes place to ensure recipients of section 481 tax relief comply with the requirements of intellectual property law, do not require performers to waive unwaivable rights to equitable remuneration, and do not impose worse conditions on Irish citizens than apply to peers from elsewhere doing the same work on the same project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [64628/25]

26. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on the take up of the rent tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [64226/25]

27. To ask the Minister for Finance his Department's latest economic forecasts for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [64223/25]

28. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered further the introduction of tax reliefs for gym membership to keep an aging population healthier in light of the demographic challenges outlined in the Future Forty report. — Malcolm Byrne. [64155/25]

29. To ask the Minister for Finance the total Irish receipts or projected receipts from the EU Multiannual Financial Framework; the total Irish contribution or projected contribution to the framework, in each of the years 2019 to 2027, in tabular form. — Cathy Bennett. [64449/25]

30. To ask the Minister for Finance the work that is being carried out to reduce insurance premiums, including public liability insurance premiums; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [63390/25]

31. To ask the Minister for Finance following on from his Department announcing the reduction in tax that applies where an individual invests in Irish funds and life assurance policies, the benefits this will have on the Stock Exchange; and his plans to continue to keep the progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [64555/25]

32. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of people who have been supported under help-to-buy scheme since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [64108/25]

33. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps being taken to improve competition in the insurance sector in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [63660/25]

34. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps being taken to address the situation where banks are maintaining high mortgage interest rates in order to maintain high profits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [64577/25]

35. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reintroduce indexation for capital gains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [64608/25]

36. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered the estimated revenue that would be foregone by the Exchequer in the event of changes to inheritance tax rules relating to childless couples and single individuals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [64360/25]

37. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on the review of the rent tax credit recently published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [64107/25]

38. To ask the Minister for Finance if work will be carried out to simplify the exclusion process whereby farmed land is subject to the residential zoned land tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [55032/25]

39. To ask the Minister for Finance the research carried out by his Department into the potential fiscal and housing market impacts of the new tax reliefs for property developers announced as part of Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [64338/25]

40. To ask the Minister for Finance to consider making M50 toll payments tax deductible for commuters who rely on the motorway for their daily commute; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [64633/25]

41. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on CAT receipts to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [64106/25]

42. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of help-to-buy claims approved in Cork city and Cork county over the past five years; the number of applicants associated with these claims; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [63659/25]

43. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered altering tax rates on energy, electricity and fuel in light of the cost-of-living crisis being experienced by people in the State. — Peadar Tóibín. [63789/25]

44. To ask the Minister for Finance the total estimated amount of public money that will be handed over to property developers for apartments that would have been built anyway from budget day to 2030 accounting for measures related to VAT and enhanced deductions, restricting additionality to only apartments above the number of apartments projected to be built without these measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [64576/25]

45. To ask the Minister for Finance to consider tax breaks on ICT equipment purchased through a scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [64634/25]

46. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Airgeadais an bhfuil aon machnamh déanta ag a Roinn ar bhealaí chun faoiseamh cánach a úsáid chun tacú le teaghlaigh le Gaeilge teach a cheannach nó a thógáil sa Ghaeltacht chun tacú le hiarrachtaí pleanála teanga agus le hinmharthanacht na Gaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [64629/25]

47. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on tax receipts to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [64101/25]

48. To ask the Minister for Finance when the renter's tax credit will be increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [64198/25]

49. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the local property tax band changes; the reason Galway city is the area with the highest percentage of people going up a band, at 15%, compared to a 4% national average; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [64221/25]

50. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will ensure the Irish Strategic Investment Fund is fully divested from all companies, directly and indirectly, involved in illegally occupied Palestinian territories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [64339/25]

51. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has concluded its review into the efficacy of the rent tax credit; if the data shows that the credit has primarily been absorbed by landlords in the form of higher rents rather than offering meaningful, sustained relief to tenants; and if he will commit to increasing the minimum threshold for tax bands to keep pace with the real rate of inflation, particularly for single parents and low to middle income families. — Paul Lawless. [64619/25]

52. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to progressively increase the rent tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [64225/25]

53. To ask the Minister for Finance to confirm his last engagement with the Department of Transport on advancing the new scheme to replace the drivers and disabled passengers scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [64349/25]

54. To ask the Minister for Finance if officials in his Department have met with the Revenue Commissioners to discuss the vacant homes tax and the low payment of same. — Thomas Gould. [63072/25]

55. To ask the Minister for Finance for an overview of Future Forty, the long-term fiscal and economic assessment of Ireland's needs out to 2065 which he published recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [63918/25]

56. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the NTMAs investments in a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [64589/25]

57. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on corporation tax receipts to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [64102/25]

58. To ask the Minister for Finance his Department's strategy to tackle unregulated loan-sharks and regulated high cost credit providers operating within the State. — Conor D. McGuinness. [57717/25]

59. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures being considered to address the projected rise in national debt and potential deficit highlighted in the 'Future Forty' report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [64371/25]

60. To ask the Minister for Finance the future timeline for further reducing the exit tax on Irish-domiciled ETFs from the planned 38% to 33%, as recommended in the Funds Sector 2030 Review; and to provide an update on his Department's considerations for the removal of deemed disposal tax to encourage greater retail participation in diversified investment products. — Paula Butterly. [64156/25]

61. To ask the Minister for Finance the action he is taking to reduce extremely high interest rates being charged to some mortgage holders whose mortgages were sold to non-bank lenders after the crash; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [64340/25]

62. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of times he intends to increase the cost of petrol, diesel and home heating oil until 2030; the cost to consumers of each increase; and the compounded total cost of the increase, by increase and by category. — Matt Carthy. [64394/25]

63. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress of ensuring access to cash; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [62397/25]

64. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on VAT receipts to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [64105/25]

65. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider reviewing the tax credits and allowances available to full-time family carers in order to better reflect the financial pressures associated with long-term caring responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [64590/25]

66. To ask the Minister for Finance his assessment of the performance of the public finances to date in 2025; the prospects for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [64222/25]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*67. To ask the Taoiseach the number of employees currently employed in the Office of the Attorney General; the number of staff per year since 2015, by grade, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70284/25]

*68. To ask the Taoiseach the number of employees currently employed in the office of the Central statistics office; the number of staff per year since 2015, by grade, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70285/25]

*69. To ask the Taoiseach the reason a decision was taken not to include a question on sex characteristics in Census 2027. — Pádraig Rice. [68674/25]

*70. To ask the Taoiseach the steps being taken to understand the complex issues (details supplied) related to the addition of new questions on sexual orientation and gender in Census 2027; if research will be carried out to inform how the Central Statistics Office interprets and analyses the subsequent census data. — Pádraig Rice. [68675/25]

*71. To ask the Taoiseach whether the office of the DPP has current contracts or plans for contract renewals with (details supplied) and whether concerns have been raised over their links with the Israeli Defence Forces. — Sinéad Gibney. [67992/25]

*72. To ask the Taoiseach the position regarding any ongoing engagement his Department is having with an organisation (details supplied). — Barry Ward. [69547/25]

*73. To ask the Taoiseach whether contributions from the State or from employers towards the My Future Fund pension scheme will be reckonable as income for the purposes of assessing the eligibility of an individual or household for any means-tested services or schemes operated by his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70029/25]

*74. To ask the Taoiseach the average time over the past six years it has taken to produce a stamped final bill in his Department from the time when his Department has received government approval for the general scheme and the heads of a bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70281/25]

*75. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a schedule of all funding and grant aid provided by heading and subhead to Kildare, Wicklow and Meath local authorities in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the amount returned and or not expended over the same period. — Aidan Farrelly. [70317/25]

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

*76. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she or her Department is aware of the abduction of a number of children from a school in Nigeria (details supplied) twinned to a

school in County Down; if she will provide an update on the situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [69036/25]

*77. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of two applications by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [69432/25]

*78. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will offer diplomatic assistance to support efforts to secure the safe return of those who remain missing following the abduction of students and staff from St. Mary's Catholic Primary and Secondary Schools in Papiri, Niger State, Nigeria. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [69910/25]

*79. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether contributions from the State or from employers towards the My Future Fund pension scheme will be reckonable as income for the purposes of assessing the eligibility of an individual or household for any means-tested services or schemes operated by her Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70022/25]

*80. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the average time over the past six years it has taken to produce a stamped final bill in her Department from the time when her Department has received government approval for the general scheme and the heads of a bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70273/25]

*81. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will provide a schedule of all funding and grant aid it has provided by heading and subhead to Kildare, Wicklow and Meath local authorities in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the amount returned and or not expended over the same period. — Aidan Farrelly. [70309/25]

*82. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will provide a schedule by Irish embassy and consulate, to include the amounts expended by event in respect of venue hire, food, drinks and alcohol in 2024 and to date in 2025; and if she will provide same for events hosted within this jurisdiction to include event. — Aidan Farrelly. [70349/25]

*83. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will provide a schedule by Irish embassy and consulate to include the amount expended by event in respect of the engagement of an external events management company. — Aidan Farrelly. [70350/25]

*84. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the funding Ireland will provide to UNFPA in 2026, in support of Ireland's commitments to gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights as part of our development cooperation agenda; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [70375/25]

*85. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the funding that will be provided to UNFPA supplies, the agency's thematic programme dedicated to expanding access to family planning, in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [70376/25]

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

*86. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will acknowledge that salmon stocks have not recovered in the twenty years since the compulsory drift net buyout,

despite assurances given to fishermen in Cong, County Mayo and nationally that rivers would become abundant with fish; if he will commission an independent review into the reason those promises have failed and whether the policy requires reassessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [69997/25]

*87. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason that twenty years after the compulsory drift net buyout in Mayo and nationally, salmon stocks have not recovered to the levels promised by Inland Fisheries Ireland and Government scientific advisers at the time; and if he will account for the economic and social damage caused to fishing families and local shops in communities such as Cong, County Mayo, given that the same ecological pressures identified by fishermen then, predation, poor river maintenance, and marine overfishing, remain unaddressed today; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [70000/25]

*88. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if those on a disability pension, who are often excluded from grant schemes are included for example in the warmer homes scheme. — Shay Brennan. [70072/25]

*89. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the European Energy Investment Treaty; Ireland's position in relation to this treaty; if it is a matter that can be addressed in the context of our upcoming EU presidency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70154/25]

*90. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to outline and provide detailed information on the grants available for community organisations for energy upgrades; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [70164/25]

*91. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views in relation to the European Union's emissions trading system; the way in which Ireland operates within that system; the effects it will have on Ireland in the event that Ireland does not make our targets within the statutory timeframes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70245/25]

*92. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment her views in relation to the European Union's emissions trading system; the way in which Ireland operates within that system; the effects it will have on Ireland in the event that Ireland does not make our targets within the statutory timeframes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70245/25]

*93. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on the findings of the Joint Research Centre that single-use packaging, particularly cartonboard, performs better than reusable packaging in several environmental impact categories; and whether this evidence, which influenced changes to the EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation regarding mandatory reuse targets will be reflected in Ireland's approach to environmental levies and packaging legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [69099/25]

*94. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment given the current regulatory impact analysis exploring measures to reduce the consumption of single-use cups for beverages, if he has considered a case study (details supplied) where the implementation of such a levy has not been successful in reducing the consumption of single-use cups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [69100/25]

*95. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will extend the statutory notice period by which the ESB must notify affected parties of scheduled works taking place that will result in disruption to service from one week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [69102/25]

*96. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the dates on which his Department received market monitoring data from the CRU on the number of customers in arrears on their energy bills over the past six months, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [69228/25]

*97. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if funding will be provided to Galway County Council to progress the Gort civic amenity site (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [69291/25]

*98. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures he is taking to invest in Ireland’s energy system following a review (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [69336/25]

*99. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures his Department is taking to build a stronger and more resilient energy system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [69337/25]

*100. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures his Department is taking to protect consumers from rising energy costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [69338/25]

*101. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to give consideration to introducing a pay-on-behalf model for online marketplaces to ensure that all distance sellers contribute fairly to recycling and producer-responsibility obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [69496/25]

*102. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has assessed the financial impact on Irish retailers of absorbing recycling and take-back costs arising from non-compliant distance sellers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [69497/25]

*103. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will acknowledge that some distance sellers continue to evade environmental and recycling responsibilities when selling into Ireland; and if he will outline what measures he intends to introduce to address this ongoing non-compliance. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [69498/25]

*104. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the level of engagement his Department has had with major online marketplaces regarding their role in ensuring seller registration, reporting, and environmental compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [69499/25]

*105. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he intends to strengthen the oversight and reporting requirements applied to online marketplaces in order to improve transparency and ensure full compliance with recycling and environmental obligations. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [69500/25]

*106. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the planned timeline for the publication of the heads of Bill to amend the Electricity Regulation Act 1999 to provide for private wire projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69501/25]

*107. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the draft legislation on private wires has been reviewed by the Office of the Parliamentary Legal Adviser to ensure it aligns with the Electricity Regulation Act 1999; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69502/25]

*108. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures being considered to ensure that private wire projects do not result in increased network charges for other electricity customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69503/25]

*109. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he intends to introduce a disconnection charge for large energy users who seek to move fully to private wire supply in order to protect the recovery of grid connection costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69504/25]

*110. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if a specific standby network charge is being considered for large energy users who retain a grid connection while primarily supplied through private wires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69505/25]

*111. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the mechanisms that will be included in the forthcoming private wires legislation to ensure that only renewable electricity generation and storage is supported through the new framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69507/25]

*112. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether the forthcoming legislation will expand the enforcement powers of the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities to ensure compliance with national climate targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69508/25]

*113. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if private wire proposals will be required to demonstrate that they provide additional renewable generation capacity and emissions reductions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69509/25]

*114. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if private wire infrastructure will be permitted to connect new fossil fuel based generation; if so, the rationale for this within national decarbonisation commitments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69510/25]

*115. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide a full list of the statutory responsibilities held by his Department for infrastructure delivery under the Climate Action Plan 2025, the National Planning Framework and the National Marine Planning Framework, including renewable energy, electricity grid development, system reinforcement and energy security projects. — Ken O'Flynn. [69518/25]

*116. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to identify any areas where responsibility for climate or energy infrastructure is shared with, or delegated to, other Departments; the governance mechanism used to prevent overlap; and the steps taken since 2022 to improve coordination. — Ken O’Flynn. [69519/25]

*117. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to outline the delivery risks his Department has identified for energy and climate infrastructure over the period 2025 to 2030, including grid delays, planning capacity, marine consenting challenges and supply-chain constraints; and the measures planned to address those risks. — Ken O’Flynn. [69520/25]

*118. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the estimated cost of Ireland’s participation in COP30, including travel and accommodation for the delegation. — Sorca Clarke. [69560/25]

*119. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will address the existing imbalance where domestic Irish retailers continue to shoulder the majority of take-back and recycling obligations while distance sellers frequently avoid these responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [69606/25]

*120. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the steps his Department is taking to close compliance gaps created by international distance sellers, given Ireland’s municipal waste recycling rate has remained unchanged at 41% for ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [69607/25]

*121. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the way in which he plans to ensure effective producer-responsibility compliance for online sellers based outside the EU, given that almost 40% of online purchases in Ireland originate from non-EU countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [69608/25]

*122. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will report on the effectiveness of current enforcement mechanisms, including those under the EU Digital Services Act, in addressing non-compliance by global online marketplaces with recycling and take-back obligations. — Erin McGreehan. [69609/25]

*123. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he plans to introduce national measures prior to EU reforms in 2028 to protect compliant Irish retailers from the impact of free-riding distance sellers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [69610/25]

*124. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the economic, energy-market and consumer-impact assessments his Department provided to Government prior to the decision to discontinue electricity credits for households in Budget 2026, including any internal warnings regarding expected rises in wholesale and retail energy prices. — Ken O’Flynn. [69899/25]

*125. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his Department’s current forecast for average household electricity and gas bills for winter 2025–2026; the variables used in these projections; and how these forecasts compare with those used when the decision was made to remove electricity credits. — Ken O’Flynn. [69900/25]

*126. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the advice or briefings the commission for regulation of utilities provided to his Department regarding expected retail price movements before the decision to scrap energy credits; and to publish that advice. — Ken O’Flynn. [69901/25]

*127. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department recommended maintaining or modifying electricity credits in light of rising wholesale prices; and to outline the reasons provided to Government for not continuing the supports. — Ken O’Flynn. [69902/25]

*128. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide the Department’s assessment of the impact on low-income and vulnerable households of ending the electricity credits; and to specify any mitigation measures considered but not adopted. — Ken O’Flynn. [69903/25]

*129. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide updated projections for energy poverty rates for 2025 and 2026 following the withdrawal of electricity credits; and to outline the methodology used in preparing these projections. — Ken O’Flynn. [69905/25]

*130. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to outline the energy-price support measures currently in place in EU member states for winter 2025–2026; and to explain how Ireland’s level of support compares on a per-household basis. — Ken O’Flynn. [69906/25]

*131. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the Government will review the decision to discontinue electricity credits if energy bills continue to rise; and the criteria for any such review. — Ken O’Flynn. [69908/25]

*132. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether contributions from the State or from employers towards the My Future Fund pension scheme will be reckonable as income for the purposes of assessing the eligibility of an individual or household for any means-tested services or schemes operated by his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70016/25]

*133. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding the total percentage of energy used on data centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70038/25]

*134. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding the total percentage of electricity that is used by data centres at a national level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70039/25]

*135. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding the status of the European Energy Investment Treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70040/25]

*136. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of data centres in Ireland, by location, the approximate level of energy they use, the percentage of energy they use as a proportion of all Irish energy, whether or not each has a diesel backup generator, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70041/25]

*137. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has made any assessments into future demand for energy from data centres, particularly in the context of artificial intelligence and the related need for extra storage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70042/25]

*138. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his plans to require data centres to generate their own electricity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70043/25]

*139. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding any plans to connect data centres in Ireland to district heating systems to beneficially use the heat they create; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70044/25]

*140. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his plans to minimise the energy requirements of data centres in Ireland; if there are any statutory requirements in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70045/25]

*141. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the engagement he has had with the operators of data centres in Ireland, with a view to minimising their energy consumption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70046/25]

*142. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide details of the effect that the proposed liquid natural gas terminal at Shannon will have on attaining the legally binding emissions targets within the set out timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70080/25]

*143. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on the proposal for a moratorium on the opening of new data centres that include fossil fuel powered back up generators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70094/25]

*144. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on the proposal to make the construction of any additional data centres conditional on the coming on stream of additional wind generation capacity to power such centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70095/25]

*145. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he plans to introduce statutory restrictions on the use of fossil fuel generated back up power systems for data centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70096/25]

*146. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on the pilot district heating project connected to a data centre in Tallaght, Dublin 24; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70097/25]

*147. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the status of Ireland's progress towards meeting its carbon emission reduction targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70122/25]

*148. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the status of Ireland's exposure to monetary fines in the event that our carbon emission reduction targets are not met in the statutory timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70123/25]

*149. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the proportion of energy generated by wind, solar and other technologies here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70133/25]

*150. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the amount of power generated through fossil fuels here; the breakdown of the fuels used; the percentage of Ireland's energy generated from each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70134/25]

*151. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the amount of electricity imported through the North-South electricity interconnector for each of the years 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70135/25]

*152. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding the celtic energy interconnector between Ireland and France; the completion date for this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70136/25]

*153. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if an assessment has been carried out to adjudicate the fairness of climate policies and the way in which they effect disadvantaged communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70137/25]

*154. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the steps that have been taken to prioritise the reduction in methane emissions, as opposed to CO₂; the effect such a programme would have under our emission reduction targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70155/25]

*155. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update regarding Ireland's policy against the use of fracked gas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70156/25]

*156. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if Ireland's anti-fracking policy is still in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70157/25]

*157. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the Government's anti-fracking policy has lapsed; and if so, if it will be reinstated as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70158/25]

*158. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of older people 65+ that benefited from energy upgrades under the warmer homes scheme over the past year. — Ciarán Ahern. [70178/25]

*159. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the average time over the past six years it has taken to produce a stamped final bill in his Department from the time when his Department has received government approval for the general scheme and the heads of a bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70267/25]

*160. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will provide a schedule of all funding and grant aid provided by heading and subhead to Kildare, Wicklow and Meath local authorities in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the amount returned and or not expended over the same period. — Aidan Farrelly. [70303/25]

*161. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the options assessed when considering targeting energy credits rather as universal measures; if options based on household income were considered for example, and how; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [70346/25]

*162. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason traditional fishermen have been excluded from conservation planning while international trawlers continue to overfish with impunity, despite UN FAO warnings that 35% of global marine stocks are exploited unsustainably. — Paul Lawless. [70979/25]

Chun Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*163. To ask the Minister for Defence the medical advice, briefing notes or risk assessments which have been issued to Ministers and officials over the past twenty years in relation to anti-malaria medications used on State travel, including Lariam; and the procedures governing medical advice for Ministers undertaking travel to malaria risk regions. — Ken O'Flynn. [69125/25]

*164. To ask the Minister for Defence the position regarding the National Maritime Security Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [69216/25]

*165. To ask the Minister for Defence her views on her Department's engagements and contract with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [69911/25]

*166. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason her Department did not assess naval, environmental, or emergency-response risks in relation to a project (details supplied); if the Naval Service and Air Corps have been asked to carry out independent safety reviews; and whether a full Defence Forces assessment will be submitted before a decision is made. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [69913/25]

*167. To ask the Minister for Defence whether contributions from the State or from employers towards the My Future Fund pension scheme will be reckonable as income for the purposes of assessing the eligibility of an individual or household for any means-tested services or schemes operated by her Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70018/25]

*168. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of active members of the Irish Defence Forces broken down per year each year since 2015, by rank, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70252/25]

*169. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of civilian employees currently employed by the Irish Defence Forces; the number of staff per year each year since 2015, by grade, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70253/25]

*170. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of employees currently in her Department; the number of staff per year each year since 2015, by grade, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70254/25]

*171. To ask the Minister for Defence the average time over the past six years it has taken to produce a stamped final bill in her Department from the time when her Department has received government approval for the general scheme and the heads of a bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70269/25]

*172. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will provide a schedule of all funding and grant aid provided by heading and subhead to Kildare, Wicklow and Meath local authorities in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the amount returned and or not expended over the same period. — Aidan Farrelly. [70305/25]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the merits of creating a time restriction on when bin collection services can operate at peak rush hour times in the context of worsening traffic congestion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [69026/25]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of traffic accidents which have been reported in Counties Cavan and Monaghan in each of the past ten years; and the number of persons who have died each year on Cavan and Monaghan roads. — Peadar Tóibín. [69719/25]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the recent spate of fishing vessel incidents and losses involving small vessels under 15 metres operating along the Dublin, Meath, and Louth coasts, including a fatality off the Louth coast in 2023, several recent rescues by the Skerries and Clogherhead Lifeboats, and other groundings and tow-assists; the oversight, inspection, and enforcement measures currently in place for this category of vessel; if he is satisfied that existing safety, equipment, and training requirements are adequate; and if he will direct his Department and BIM to review compliance levels and take action to address any systemic safety issues identified in this fleet to help prevent further fatalities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [70052/25]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the current service frequency for route 126 operated by Go-Ahead Ireland; the plans to increase frequency on weekdays, weekends, and evenings to meet growing commuter demand in North Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [69031/25]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of scheduled route 126 services that were cancelled or delayed by more than 15 minutes in the past three months; the measures to improve reliability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [69032/25]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport the current seating capacity on route 126 buses; the average passenger load during peak times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [69033/25]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to address overcrowding on route 126 buses; the average passenger load during peak times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [69034/25]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport when BusConnects phase 5A orbital routes, including W61 and W62, will be fully integrated with route 126 to improve connectivity for Celbridge, Maynooth, and Kilcock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [69035/25]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that despite additional funding and the roll-out of the BusConnects project in Dublin that up to 30% of the number 73 bus routes scheduled journeys are cancelled by the NTA's contractor (details supplied); if contracts should be removed

and re-allocated to public companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [69048/25]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport the current number of driver testers employed in each driving test centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [69061/25]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport when the statutory instrument to allow the CIÉ pensioners to receive their pay increase will be enacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [69080/25]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he will take to address rising costs in the transport industry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [69101/25]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport the existing policies in place regarding passenger access to elevators in LUAS and train stations in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [69139/25]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport the stations on the Maynooth line that have a system in place (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [69140/25]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport if advanced notice has to be provided for a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [69141/25]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent on providing elevator access at train stations on the Maynooth line from 2020 to date; the amount spent on servicing and repairs; the amount spent on improving facilities, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [69142/25]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of staff in place to assist with elevator access and accessibility needs on the Maynooth line from 2020 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [69143/25]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport to consider a service in the next round of enhancements (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [69146/25]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport the options which are available for people with disabilities who live in areas without TFI bus services, and who are not eligible for a car-adapting grant (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [69181/25]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding a driving test (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [69185/25]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding a driver's licence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [69186/25]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Independent Travel Support (ITS) service will engage with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [69193/25]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request the National Transport Authority to set out its plans to increase capacity and frequency on DART and bus services an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [69196/25]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport if the National Transport Authority will respond to representations regarding a matter (details supplied); when the relevant real-time passenger information display will be repaired; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [69201/25]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport in view of increased capacity pressures on the existing M50 motorway, the plans to advance proposals for an outer orbital motorway around Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [69202/25]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of European red notices for aircraft that have been issued in Irish airspace over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [69207/25]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans and progress in relation to the recently announced air service between Dublin Airport and City of Derry Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [69211/25]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can direct the NTA to provide an update as to whether the active travel division in Dublin City Council has been funded by the NTA to deliver the permanent 'Fitzwilliam cycle route scheme' which runs along Fitzwilliam Place, Fitzwilliam Street, and Merrion Square East, connecting Leeson Street Lower with Merrion Square North; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [69294/25]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport to request Transport Infrastructure Ireland to urgently examine a very busy and dangerous junction (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [69315/25]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to improve bus services in Bellewstown Co. Meath, under Connecting Ireland or otherwise; the timeline and detail of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [69328/25]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 367 of 4 November 2025, the rationale behind a policy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [69357/25]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport the current speed restrictions that apply to motorbikes on national roads; the penalties for speeding; and the number of speeding fines and penalty points issued in 2023 and 2024. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [69452/25]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has engaged with the supplier of the battery electric carriages (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69464/25]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport if Irish Rail has examined the short-term leasing of compatible rolling stock from other jurisdictions to address capacity issues arising from the delayed delivery of the battery electric carriages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69465/25]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of driver training, depot readiness and support infrastructure for the battery electric carriages; and if the delay in delivery will impact these preparatory timelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69466/25]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport if contactless payments which will be introduced on Local Link services will be charged at the same rate structure as Leap card fares; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69467/25]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport the laws, regulations and rules that apply to paramotors in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [69476/25]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport if persons who operate a paramotor in Ireland require a licence; and if their aircraft must be registered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [69477/25]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport the reporting procedure if a person is operating a paramotor unlawfully; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [69478/25]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of paramotors which are recorded to be in operation in Ireland to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [69479/25]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport to restore lighting at the Exit 4 M9 junction (Carlow Town/Tullow) on the border Carlow/Kildare (details supplied); and the reason the limited lighting provided at exit 4 differs significantly to lighting provided at other exits on the M9. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [69480/25]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which delays to the Next Generation Ticketing programme will affect the implementation of future fare policy reforms including zonal structures, fare caps and open payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69482/25]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures being taken to ensure that the Next Generation Ticketing system will be introduced on commuter rail and regional bus services at the same pace as Dublin city services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69483/25]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport the governance and oversight arrangements in place to ensure that the Next Generation Ticketing programme adheres to the requirements of the Public Spending Code and the Infrastructure Guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69484/25]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport if it is intended that the Next Generation Ticketing system will be integrated with existing Transport for Ireland digital services to provide one

streamlined app and a single point of access for users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69485/25]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for user testing of the Next Generation Ticketing system; when commuters will be able to trial the integrated digital platform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69486/25]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport the governance arrangements in place to oversee the digital integration of the Next Generation Ticketing system with existing public transport platforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69487/25]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which the National Transport Authority is ensuring that the Next Generation Ticketing system will provide a consistent user experience across bus, rail and regional services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69488/25]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Next Generation Ticketing system will support real time information, journey planning, account management and payment within a single app interface; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69489/25]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport the operational model changes that will be required within the National Transport Authority when it assumes responsibility for collecting and distributing public transport revenues under the Next Generation Ticketing system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69490/25]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport the governance and oversight arrangements that will be put in place to manage the National Transport Authority's new role as collector and payer of fare revenues once Next Generation Ticketing is introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69491/25]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport if an assessment has been carried out on whether the National Transport Authority's role as both regulator of public transport operators and the entity responsible for collecting and distributing revenues under Next Generation Ticketing may give rise to a conflict of interest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69492/25]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that will be taken to ensure transparency and accountability in the allocation of revenues collected under the Next Generation Ticketing system, particularly in the context of the National Transport Authority's broader regulatory functions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69493/25]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 259 of 30 September 2025, if he will instruct the RSA to examine issues with the NCT outlined in correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [69521/25]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 179 and No. 180 of 23 September 2025, the persons and bodies involved in the work described as improved sharing of parking data on a single platform; and the expected completion date for this work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69580/25]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will recommend funding to Transport Infrastructure Ireland and Kerry County Council to initiate a feasibility study on the economic, social and environmental suitability of constructing a traffic bypass for Killorglin town, which is the gateway to south Kerry / Iveragh on the N22 Ring of Kerry and one of the busiest rural roads in all of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [69600/25]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address the serious concerns raised in correspondence regarding the CIÉ pensions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [69619/25]

*230. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with the Road Safety Authority and the National Car Testing Service to review governance and accountability in vehicle roadworthiness certification, given recent cases of cars passing the NCT despite severe corrosion; the measures he will take to strengthen testing standards and oversight to protect road users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [69661/25]

*231. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of traffic accidents which have been reported in County Meath in each of the past ten years; and the number of persons who have died each year on Meath roads. — Peadar Tóibín. [69718/25]

*232. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on a driving test for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [69729/25]

*233. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to add more coaches/services on the Dublin to Westport rail route during mornings, in view of the fact that many use this as a commuter service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [69730/25]

*234. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [69797/25]

*235. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of buses purchased under the National Transport Authority framework agreement since June 2022, broken down by double-deck and single-deck buses; the number of these buses delivered and operational as of 31 December 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69807/25]

*236. To ask the Minister for Transport the percentage of the Dublin Bus fleet which is charged electronically; the number and location of charging depots established to support the zero-emission bus fleet; the capacity of each depot in terms of the number of buses it can accommodate; the timeline for completion of remaining depot infrastructure including Harristown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69808/25]

*237. To ask the Minister for Transport the current total number of buses in the Dublin Bus fleet; the proportion of these that are battery-electric; the projected increase in electric buses under the current procurement framework through to 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69809/25]

*238. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of electric buses in service as of Q4 2025; the total distance travelled by these buses in 2024 and 2025; the estimated greenhouse gas emissions reductions achieved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69810/25]

*239. To ask the Minister for Transport the total expenditure to date under the National Transport Authority zero-emission bus procurement framework; the projected cost for remaining deliveries under this framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69811/25]

*240. To ask the Minister for Transport the formula and methodology used by the National Transport Authority's demand analysis tool to identify bus routes operating above normal capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69812/25]

*241. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of the data inputs, weighting factors and thresholds applied by the National Transport Authority's demand analysis tool when prioritising routes for capacity interventions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69813/25]

*242. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will publish the criteria used by the National Transport Authority's demand analysis tool to rank bus routes for additional capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69814/25]

*243. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm whether the National Transport Authority's demand analysis tool incorporates the number of passengers left at bus stops, real-time passenger load data, seasonal variations and peak-hour adjustments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69815/25]

*244. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of any independent validation or auditing undertaken on the National Transport Authority's demand analysis tool to ensure accuracy and fairness in route prioritisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69816/25]

*245. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 97 of 2 December 2025, if he will provide further details on the alternative scheme to the EU Just Transition Fund (JTF) EV Charging Scheme; and to outline when sites identified in this scheme will be advanced. — Robert Troy. [69818/25]

*246. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of complaints via email or written he or his office has received in relation to BusConnects, bus network issues, or bus service changes since 19 October 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [69822/25]

*247. To ask the Minister for Transport to clarify the reporting relationship between the NTA and his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [69823/25]

*248. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which the NTA is accountable to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [69824/25]

*249. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of meetings with the NTA he has had since January 2025; the subject of each meeting, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [69825/25]

*250. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to expand off-peak and late-night services on the northern commuter rail line; the current timetable for evening departures after 9 pm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69885/25]

*251. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of any review or consultation undertaken by the National Transport Authority on extending northern commuter line service hours into late evening on weekdays and weekends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69886/25]

*252. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost and timeline for introducing additional late-night services on the northern commuter rail line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69887/25]

*253. To ask the Minister for Transport the scheduled time of the last daily bus service on Route 33 and Route 33X; if there is any NiteLink or other late-night service operating on these routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69888/25]

*254. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans to extend Route 33 and Route 33X into later evening hours or to introduce a NiteLink service for these routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69889/25]

*255. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of passenger demand after 9pm on Route 33 and Route 33X based on ticketing and Leap card data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69890/25]

*256. To ask the Minister for Transport if private taxi operating firms could be expanded to rural Ireland (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [69935/25]

*257. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the National Transport Authority (NTA) has suspended part of the bus service on the Westport–Louisburgh–Killeen–Killadoon route; the reason the request from local representatives to reinstate the Killeen–Killadoon section has been refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [69937/25]

*258. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that will be taken to address underserved by public transport including the provision of a Local Link service in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [69939/25]

*259. To ask the Minister for Transport to consider extending the ANSEO rural link pilot scheme, currently operating in Achill, to the Louisburgh–Killeen–Drummin–Roonagh Harbour hinterland, given its potential to provide a sustainable and climate-friendly transport solution for these communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [69941/25]

*260. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which rural transport policy will be aligned with Ireland's climate action targets, particularly in areas where the absence of public transport forces reliance on private cars (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [69943/25]

*261. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the new planned Local Link service between Roundwood and Bray, County Wicklow; when the service is due to commence; the details of the schedule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [69949/25]

*262. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to revisit proposals for a Leinster outer orbital route in light of increasing congestion on the M50; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [69951/25]

*263. To ask the Minister for Transport whether contributions from the State or from employers towards the My Future Fund pension scheme will be reckonable as income for the purposes of assessing the eligibility of an individual or household for any means-tested services or schemes operated by his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70030/25]

*264. To ask the Minister for Transport when improvements will be made to the E1 bus service serving the Northwood area of Dublin 9, given persistent reliability issues, including repeated no-show or ghost buses and extended gaps in service despite the route being scheduled to operate every ten minutes; if he will engage with the National Transport Authority regarding these failures; and if he will ensure that measures are put in place without delay in order that commuters in Northwood receive a consistent and dependable service as originally planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [70035/25]

*265. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the public transport fleet of buses, including Bus Éireann, Dublin Bus and a company (details supplied); the number of buses overall that are hybrid and electric powered, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70105/25]

*266. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the number of public transport vehicles in operation that are powered by a hydrogen fuel cell; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70106/25]

*267. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the number of electric powered buses operated by Dublin Bus; the number and location of charging points in use by Dublin Bus, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70107/25]

*268. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is satisfied there are a sufficient number of hybrid and electric powered business in operation in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70108/25]

*269. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which his Department collaborates with colleagues in Northern Ireland regarding the testing that takes place within the Northern Ireland MOT and Irish NCT to ensure full safety and quality of vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70111/25]

*270. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which his Department ensures vehicle safety testing is up to standard comparative to testing procedures to ensure testing throughout the country is being fully adhered to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70112/25]

*271. To ask the Minister for Transport the frequency with which the standard of the national car test is reviewed to ensure vehicles are meeting required safety standards on roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70113/25]

*272. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which his Department ensures all departmental agencies such as the National Transport Authority, National Car Test and Northern Irish counterparts ensure their service to citizens and road users are in full compliance under

EU directives; the length of time for these services to reply to road users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70114/25]

*273. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the development of the Cork Southern Distributor Link Multi-modal Route. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [70132/25]

*274. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to simplify and improve the driving licence exchange process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [70160/25]

*275. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of fees paid to an organisation (details supplied) for its consultancy work on BusConnects since 2018. — Jen Cummins. [70165/25]

*276. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made to date on the legislative changes required to enable the operation of the M4 eastbound bus priority measures pilot scheme (details supplied); the work undertaken on these legislative provisions; the expected timeline for their completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [70189/25]

*277. To ask the Minister for Transport his views regarding the merits of introducing incentives to encourage persons to use means of international transport other than air travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70242/25]

*278. To ask the Minister for Transport the subsidies which are available for transport by ferry on and off the island of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70243/25]

*279. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the percentage calculation for the contribution to Ireland’s green house gas emissions from aviation; if this figure will be broken down by cargo, passenger and private aviation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70244/25]

*280. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to reviewing the decision of the return journey of a proposed new route (details supplied) of the BusConnects Cork Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70248/25]

*281. To ask the Minister for Transport the average time over the past six years it has taken to produce a stamped final bill in his Department from the time when his Department has received government approval for the general scheme and the heads of a bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70282/25]

*282. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a schedule of all funding and grant aid provided by heading and subhead to Kildare, Wicklow and Meath local authorities in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the amount returned and or not expended over the same period. — Aidan Farrelly. [70318/25]

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

*283. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the current VAT policy in respect of UK customers purchasing livestock animals in Ireland for export to the UK; and the reason UK buyers are required to pay VAT upfront and subsequently claim a refund given that the animals are being exported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [69037/25]

*284. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will commission a review of Budget 2026's impact on disabled households, particularly during the winter months, compared with what Budget 2025 offered in comparison; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [69592/25]

*285. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of employees currently employed in the offices of the Comptroller and Auditor General; the number of staff per year since 2015, by grade, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70287/25]

*286. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the plans to support motorists who will be affected by recently announced road toll charge increases; if Department has any plans to encourage employer reimbursement schemes for employees who regularly use tolls to commute to and from work (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [69006/25]

*287. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department produced any analysis in advance of Budget 2026 on the net financial position of disabled households after the withdrawal of once off supports including the electricity credits, fuel lump sums, disability cost-of-living payment and living alone lump sum; and if he will publish this analysis. — Ken O'Flynn. [69175/25]

*288. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to consider expanding the criteria for car adaptation grants, to ensure those most in need are not excluded as they do not meet the limited criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [69180/25]

*289. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the measures to reduce insurance premiums, including public liability insurance premiums; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [69292/25]

*290. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the engagement he has had with the Central Bank regarding how customers affected by the tracker mortgage scandal can be assisted by the State; whether legislation to outlaw confidentiality agreements between banks and those who win their appeals is being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [69293/25]

*291. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to clarify whether Revenue classifies tax refunds, tax credits (including the rent tax credit), and medical-expense relief refunds strictly as adjustments to tax liability rather than earnings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [69301/25]

*292. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the Government's current assessment of the main contributors to inflation in 2024 and 2025, including food, energy, transport and taxation-related factors; the measures being taken by his Department to reduce price pressures on households and small businesses; any analysis undertaken by his Department on the impact of carbon-tax increases on consumer prices, food distribution costs and energy costs for SMEs; and to state whether his Department has evaluated any links between carbon-tax policy and recent inflation trends, together with its long-term approach to carbon taxation in the context of price stability and cost-of-living pressures. — Ken O'Flynn. [69317/25]

*293. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to state if he has abandoned the pledge to gradually increase the threshold for the top rate of tax to €50,000, and if not, to state the timeframe in which he now expects this pledge to be fulfilled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [69344/25]

*294. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the exemptions and reductions available for local property tax (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [69454/25]

*295. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will open a full investigation into the serious matters of fraud within NAMA outlined in Dáil Éireann by this Deputy on 25 November 2025 (details supplied); if he will engage with NAMA on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [69463/25]

*296. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners have been instructed by the Department of Social Protection to automatically apply tax to carer's allowance and carer's benefit from January 2026; the practical steps Revenue Commissioners will take; if any exemptions or hardship protections will apply for low-income households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [69553/25]

*297. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to review the VAT regime for cattle haulage in Ireland to ensure parity with other agricultural services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [69555/25]

*298. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the steps being taken to improve access to affordable credit for small and medium-sized enterprises, especially in regional towns; and if he will outline how Government schemes such as the credit guarantee scheme are being utilised by businesses in Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [69556/25]

*299. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the way in which his Department is supporting investment in green infrastructure and sustainability projects through tax incentives or funding mechanisms; and the opportunities for counties such as Laois to benefit from these initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [69557/25]

*300. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if a date has been confirmed for the informal ECOFIN meeting to be held during Ireland's presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [69558/25]

*301. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of supervisory inspections carried out by the Financial Regulator on each Irish retail and commercial bank in every year from 2004 to 2008, including the number of onsite inspections, thematic inspections and governance reviews conducted during that period, in tabular form. — Ken O'Flynn. [69662/25]

*302. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide a breakdown of all enforcement actions initiated by the Financial Regulator or its predecessor authorities against Irish retail and commercial banks between 2004 and 2008, including the statutory basis for each action; the nature of the breaches identified and the outcome of each case. — Ken O'Flynn. [69663/25]

*303. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department holds any internal assessments, briefing papers, risk analyses or correspondence created between 2004 and 2008

concerning the adequacy of banking supervision at that time; and the main findings of any such documents. — Ken O’Flynn. [69664/25]

*304. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether he has reviewed the recent remarks of a person (details supplied) in which they acknowledged that the Central Bank had been too trusting of the banking sector during their tenure; and his Department’s current assessment of the accuracy and implications of those remarks. — Ken O’Flynn. [69665/25]

*305. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the specific supervisory and risk-assessment methodologies used by the Financial Regulator between 2004 and 2008 when assessing capital adequacy, liquidity risk and property-related credit exposures in Irish banks; and the way in which those methodologies have been replaced or reformed since 2009. — Ken O’Flynn. [69666/25]

*306. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide details of any formal concerns, warnings or risk escalations communicated to his Department by the Financial Regulator between 2004 and 2008 regarding overheating in the property market, rapid credit expansion or emerging solvency risks within the banking system. — Ken O’Flynn. [69667/25]

*307. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the statutory or governance oversight his Department exercised over the Financial Regulator between 2004 and 2008; and the mechanisms in place at that time for monitoring the effectiveness of banking supervision. — Ken O’Flynn. [69668/25]

*308. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the specific regulatory weaknesses identified in the Honohan Report, the Nyberg Report and the Banking Inquiry which have since been addressed through primary legislation and the weaknesses which remain under review. — Ken O’Flynn. [69669/25]

*309. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has carried out any retrospective review of supervisory failures in the banking system between 2004 and 2008; and to provide the conclusions of any such review, including recommendations for further reform. — Ken O’Flynn. [69670/25]

*310. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to publish a consolidated historical record of supervisory, enforcement and governance actions taken by the Financial Regulator between 2004 and 2008 in order to provide full transparency on regulatory failures that contributed to the financial crisis; and the timeline for publication. — Ken O’Flynn. [69671/25]

*311. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance in view of the significant reduction in birth rates both domestically and internationally, the analysis his Department has conducted with respect to reforming the tax system to incentivise or support an increasing in total fertility rates here; if he is aware of reports that in 2010, Hungary ranked last among EU member states in terms of total fertility rate, but according to Eurostat data from 2023, Hungary has risen to third place and that this significant progress is largely thanks to the targeted government family support policies implemented over the past fifteen years, the result of which is that since 2010, 200,000 more children have been born than would have been expected based on previous demographic trends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [69682/25]

*312. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the specific supervisory or enforcement failures identified within the Central Bank or its predecessor authorities for the period 2004 to

2008, that contributed to the weaknesses later examined in post-crisis reports, including any internal Departmental assessments or reviews that refer to excessive reliance on principles-based supervision, insufficient quantitative risk analysis, or gaps in the regulatory framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [69692/25]

*313. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he accepts the assessment by a person (details supplied) that the Central Bank had been “too trusting” of Irish banks during the pre-crisis period; the Department’s interpretation of this assessment; and the extent to which this institutional culture contributed to supervisory weaknesses identified by subsequent inquiries. — Ken O’Flynn. [69693/25]

*314. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his Department’s current estimate of the total fiscal cost to the State arising from regulatory and supervisory failures during the period 2004 to 2008, including the bank guarantee, recapitalisations, NAMA transfers, and related interventions; and the way in which these lessons have been incorporated into current Departmental oversight of the regulatory framework. — Ken O’Flynn. [69694/25]

*315. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has evaluated whether any elements of the pre-crisis supervisory culture or regulatory approach identified in post-crisis reports persist within the current regulatory environment; the findings of any such evaluation; and the steps being taken to ensure these risks are addressed through Departmental oversight of the financial regulatory framework. — Ken O’Flynn. [69695/25]

*316. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if future changes to the help-to-buy scheme are being considered to increase the completed price limit, taking into account huge increases in building costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [69791/25]

*317. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the fiscal rationale used to justify removing electricity credits in Budget 2026; the estimated Exchequer saving; and if the Department evaluated the risk of renewed inflationary pressure from rising energy bills. — Ken O’Flynn. [69904/25]

*318. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on the NTMA’s investments in a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [69912/25]

*319. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will respond to correspondence (details supplied) regarding EFTs through the deemed disposal rule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [69948/25]

*320. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if a person is still liable for the residential zoned land tax in cases in which an application for planning permission is refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [69950/25]

*321. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether contributions from the State or from employers towards the My Future Fund pension scheme will be reckonable as income for the purposes of assessing the eligibility of an individual or household for any means-tested services or schemes operated by his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70021/25]

*322. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on the proposal that aviation fuel for use in private aviation would be subject to value added tax and other taxes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70104/25]

*323. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the effects of the imposition of tax on aviation fuel for private aviation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70109/25]

*324. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if contributions to the World Bank count towards Ireland's official development assistance target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [70159/25]

*325. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views regarding the implication of setting VAT and other taxes on aviation fuel; if he considers it will have an inflationary impact; the consequences of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70240/25]

*326. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on the proposal for an Irish aviation passenger tax along the lines of the UK's air passenger duty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70241/25]

*327. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the average time over the past six years it has taken to produce a stamped final bill in his Department from the time when his Department has received government approval for the general scheme and the heads of a bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70272/25]

*328. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of employees currently employed by Revenue; the number of staff per year since 2015, by grade, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70292/25]

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

*329. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on the site identification process for a site for a Garda station (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [69060/25]

*330. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the efforts being made to improve TETRA system coverage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [69007/25]

*331. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the applications that have been made by local authorities (details supplied) under the Office of Public Works' increased flood risk and coastal change management funding supports to local authorities under the minor works scheme; the specific scheme applied for in each case; the amount applied for; the amount allocated; the current stage of each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [69209/25]

*332. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation when works on tranche 2 of CFRAM will commence; when they are expected to conclude; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [69318/25]

*333. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he can arrange for the OPW to carry out a detailed assessment of the River Catheen, Derrybeg, County Donegal to identify the necessary measures to address the problem; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [69494/25]

*334. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if additional funding will be made available for urgent infrastructure projects in County Laois that have been overlooked; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [69554/25]

*335. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will engage with insurance companies who refuse to give the residents of Derrymullen, Ballinasloe, County Galway flood cover, given that there has been no flooding in this area since the erection of the flood wall in 2011. — Claire Kerrane. [69582/25]

*336. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the work that has been done to ensure greater access to Tetra across Galway and Roscommon; the status of the review into Tetra; if it is planned to be replaced; if so, the technology that will be used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [69686/25]

*337. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department has reviewed the current guidance for State entities regarding the appointment and reappointment of chief executive officers, particularly the practice of offering two consecutive terms in the context of employment law requirements; if the code of practice for the governance of State bodies needs to be updated to mitigate such risks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69844/25]

*338. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to the recommendation included in the European Commission's 2025 Rule of Law Report for Ireland (details supplied), the steps taken to address this recommendation; the expected timeline for the completion of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [69987/25]

*339. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether contributions from the State or from employers towards the My Future Fund pension scheme will be reckonable as income for the purposes of assessing the eligibility of an individual or household for any means-tested services or schemes operated by his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70027/25]

*340. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation who professionally carried out the market valuation upon which the monthly or annual rent was based on a property (details supplied); and if he will provide a copy of the report. — Alan Kelly. [70196/25]

*341. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the dates and attendees at all meetings between the OPW and the Department of

Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in 2017 and 2018, by date and attendees, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [70203/25]

*342. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the dates and attendees at all meetings between the OPW and An Garda Síochána in 2017 and 2018, by date and attendees, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [70204/25]

*343. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the average time over the past six years it has taken to produce a stamped final bill in his Department from the time when his Department has received government approval for the general scheme and the heads of a bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70278/25]

*344. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of employees currently employed in the National Shared Service Office; the number of staff per year since 2015, by grade, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70283/25]

*345. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of employees currently employed in the Office of Public Works; the number of staff per year since 2015, by grade, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70288/25]

*346. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of employees currently employed in the offices of the Public Appointment Service; the number of staff per year since 2015, by grade, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70289/25]

*347. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the empty buildings which exist in County Mayo. — Paul Lawless. [70319/25]

*348. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the details of each empty building that his Department owns or rents nationwide, by county. — Paul Lawless. [70320/25]

*349. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the way in which his Department is advancing digitalisation of public services; the specific supports being provided to ensure rural communities in Laois have equitable access to online government services, given ongoing broadband challenges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [70342/25]

*350. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the way in which his Department is ensuring value-for-money in capital and current expenditure across all Departments, given inflationary pressures and rising construction costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [70343/25]

*351. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the steps his Department is taking to address escalating capital project costs under the National Development Plan, particularly in education and transport infrastructure; the way in which cost-control and procurement reforms are being implemented to ensure value-for-money for the taxpayer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [70344/25]

*352. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide an update on the implementation of the Digital Ireland Framework; the timelines for the expansion of digital ID, online public services, and cyber-security readiness across Government departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [70345/25]

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

*353. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment given recent reports that the Australian Government has identified the possible use of asbestos materials in certain wind turbines brake systems, if he will confirm whether asbestos-containing components are used in any wind turbines operating in the State; if any assessment or investigation has been undertaken to determine this; and if so, the findings of that investigation. — Albert Dolan. [70247/25]

*354. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to set out, in respect of Coimisiún na Meán in its role as Digital Services Coordinator under Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 (the Digital Services Act), the total number of formal orders issued since 17 February 2024 to providers of intermediary services requiring the removal or disabling of access to specific content, and the downranking, limitation of visibility or other forms of algorithmic suppression of content; the Member State of establishment or other country of origin of each provider concerned; the legal basis and nature of the alleged infringement in each case; if, and on what date, each order was implemented in full or in part by the provider; and the number of such orders which were issued following a request from another Digital Services Coordinator or the European Commission, and have been communicated to other Digital Services Coordinators or the European Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [69009/25]

*355. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to state whether Coimisiún na Meán, in its capacity as Digital Services Coordinator under Regulation (EU) 2022/2065, has issued any orders, binding instructions, formal notices, or informal requests to intermediary service providers established in the State which resulted in the removal, restriction, downranking, or other limitation of access to content originating in the United States; to provide details of the number of such cases, the type of measure applied, the legal basis invoked, and whether the relevant action was initiated by Coimisiún na Meán, by another Member State's Digital Services Coordinator, or by the European Commission; and to outline whether any such measures were communicated to, or coordinated with U.S. authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [69010/25]

*356. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if Coimisiún na Meán, in its role as Digital Services Coordinator under Regulation (EU) 2022/2065, received or acted upon any requests, alerts, or cooperation mechanisms from other Digital Services Coordinators or the European Commission in connection with the recent elections in Romania, the Czech Republic, or the Netherlands; the number and nature of any measures taken by Coimisiún na Meán or by service providers established in the State under the Digital Services Act in relation to election-related content, including takedown orders, visibility-limitation measures, or systemic risk mitigation actions; to indicate whether any such measures affected cross-border content flows or accounts accessible in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [69011/25]

*357. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the current applicants for the trusted flagger system, and those already with the designation; to set out the steps Coimisiún na Meán takes to assess the funding sources, foreign ties, advocacy positions, or potential conflicts of interest of organisations applying for trusted flagger status; if any applicants have been rejected, suspended, or reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [69012/25]

*358. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if a timeline is available as to when the Employment (Contractual Retirement Ages) Bill 2025 will reach completion, given many individuals are relying on the legislation to remain in their position of employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [69015/25]

*359. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will give consideration to increasing the current quota for dairy farm assistants under the general employment permit system; in view of the fact that dairy farmers in Cork South-West have been unable to recruit staff locally despite extensive efforts over a two-year period, and that the existing quota has now been filled, leaving farms in a critical position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [69299/25]

*360. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on an employment permit application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [69332/25]

*361. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding an appeal by a person (details supplied) in relation to their employment permit; if there is a timeline for the completion of the appeals process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [69468/25]

*362. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he plans to release additional permits for dairy farm assistants (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [69566/25]

*363. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding the implementation of 16.7% uplift on personal injury guidelines following the independent report carried out by the Injuries Resolution Board, which was launched by the Minister on 16 October 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [69749/25]

*364. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the rationale for setting a maximum number of general employment permits for dairy farm assistants; the criteria used to determine this figure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [69778/25]

*365. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he intends to review or increase the quota for general employment permits for dairy farm assistants, in light of evidence that the current quota has already been filled; the timeline for such a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [69779/25]

*366. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of applicants who have been refused a general employment permit for the role of dairy farm assistant solely on the basis that the quota has been filled for the years 2022 to 2025 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [69781/25]

*367. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will consider introducing temporary or emergency measures to address the shortage of dairy farm assistants, including a temporary extension of the quota; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [69782/25]

*368. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department will be reopening quota's for dairy farm assistants under the general employment permits scheme; when this is likely to commence, in view that the quota has been reached and now all subsequent applications have been rejected, taking into account that many employers urgently require dairy farm assistants for the upcoming spring calving season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [69830/25]

*369. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if consideration can be given to increasing the quota for dairy farm assistants under the general employment permits scheme, in view of the quota being reached and all subsequent applications being rejected, taking into account that many employers urgently require dairy farm assistants for the upcoming spring calving season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [69839/25]

*370. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the total number of dairy farm assistants applications received since eligibility was first introduced in 2018, and for each subsequent year from 2019 to 2024, and from 1 January to the 30 November 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [69840/25]

*371. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if consideration can be given to increasing the quota for dairy farm assistants under the general employment permits scheme in view of the high demand for skilled workers in agriculture, in particular during the spring calving season, taking into account that labour shortages are a major challenge for dairy farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [69841/25]

*372. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when the final recommendations from a review of the occupations lists for employment permits will be published, in view of the public consultation process closing on the 19 September 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [69842/25]

*373. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the progress that has been made to date by the interdepartmental group established to review the single application process for employment permits and visa applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [69843/25]

*374. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the process in place whereby if a general employment permit for a dairy farm assistant has not been taken up/activated or if the applicant has been made redundant, if a mechanism is in place to facilitate an applicant whose application was rejected as the maximum number of general employment permits that may be granted to dairy farm assistants has been reached from 2 September 2025, taking into account that labour shortages are a major challenge for dairy farms and that many employers urgently require dairy farm assistants for the upcoming spring calving season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [69845/25]

*375. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether contributions from the State or from employers towards the My Future Fund pension scheme will be reckonable as income for the purposes of assessing the eligibility of an individual or household for any means-tested services or schemes operated by his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70020/25]

*376. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if a review of the Covid products scheme was carried out; the amount of aid drawn down by companies; the number of companies that drew down aid; the amount of the budget that remained unspent; and if his Department has developed any learnings from the scheme. — Emer Currie. [70255/25]

*377. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the average time over the past six years it has taken to produce a stamped final bill in his Department from the time when his Department has received government approval for the general scheme and the heads of a bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70271/25]

*378. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide a schedule of all funding and grant aid provided by heading and subhead to Kildare, Wicklow and Meath local authorities in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the amount returned and or not expended over the same period. — Aidan Farrelly. [70307/25]

*379. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide a schedule to include the IDA, Enterprise Ireland, Failte Ireland and Tourism Ireland to include the amount expended by event in respect of venue hire, food, drinks and alcohol in 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will provide same for events hosted within this jurisdiction to include event. — Aidan Farrelly. [70351/25]

*380. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide a schedule to include the IDA, Enterprise Ireland, Failte Ireland and Tourism Ireland of the amounts expended by event in respect of the engagement of an external events management company, in the years 2024 and 2025. — Aidan Farrelly. [70352/25]

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

*381. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider lifting the complete ban on persons over 70 providing school transport under the free school transport scheme, and allowing persons to participate provided they pass appropriate health checks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [70230/25]

*382. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on the ongoing dispute involving school secretaries and caretakers; the current status of engagement between her Department, Fórsa and other stakeholders; the steps being taken to resolve outstanding issues relating to pay, conditions and the implementation of prior agreements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [69016/25]

*383. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children nationwide who sought a letter of eligibility for a place in a special class or special school through the parents notify portal, before the deadline of 1 October 2025, with a breakdown of each county; the number seeking a letter of eligibility for a place in a special class and special school in South Tipperary; the number of children who have been issued with a letter of eligibility in South Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [69027/25]

*384. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of an additional needs application from a school (details supplied) in County Sligo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [69065/25]

*385. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to an issue caused by the lack of a late application process for notifying the NCSE of a child's requirement for a place in a special class or school, and that parents who were not aware of the notification process or had a children born after the 30 September deadline are being left without a way to enrol their child in school for September 2026; the plans to deal with these cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [69097/25]

*386. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on her Department's progress in establishing a school (details supplied) whose application was lodged in November 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [69118/25]

*387. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures her Department is taking to address the increase in Irish language exemptions and to ensure that the operation of the exemption system remains consistent with national policy objectives for Irish language learning, in view of the ongoing implementation of the Action Plan for the Irish Language; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69128/25]

*388. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a school that meets all of the nationally established criteria for inclusion in a School Completion Programme (SCP) cluster (details supplied) continues to be excluded from an SCP cluster; the process by which such schools can be admitted to an existing SCP cluster; the reason that schools with demonstrably high levels of need are repeatedly overlooked, resulting in the withholding of essential educational and attendance supports from some of the State's most disadvantaged children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [69129/25]

*389. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on future expansion and admission plans for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [69134/25]

*390. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a decision will be made regarding a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [69179/25]

*391. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of a case (details supplied); if a review of the case can be undertaken; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [69212/25]

*392. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools that have applied for retrofitting under the REPowerEU pathfinder programme to date; the number of these applications from Dublin; the current stage of these schools in the process; when the next round of announcements for retrofitting projects under the programme will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [69214/25]

*393. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which schools can apply for retrofitting under the REPowerEU pathfinder programme; the way in which applications are assessed; the criteria used in determining eligibility and priority; the way in which schools are ultimately selected for inclusion in the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [69215/25]

*394. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [69296/25]

*395. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the emergency works application of a school (details supplied), to enable the numerous leaks in the school roof be repaired; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [69298/25]

*396. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the recent decision of the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) to close the early intervention (EI) class in a school (details supplied) for the 2026-2027 school year; the rationale provided by the NCSE for refusing the school’s request to retain its existing EI class in addition to establishing a new junior ASD class; if she will urgently reconsider this decision in view of the proven benefits of early intervention for autistic children, the existing waiting list for the EI class, and the absence of other such provision in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [69302/25]

*397. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of early intervention Early Intervention classes in place across the country from 2020–2025; to provide a breakdown of classes operational by county during this period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [69303/25]

*398. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a letter of eligibility can be provided from the NCSE to a person (details provided), as they need to move to a special school setting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [69313/25]

*399. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the new build for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [69327/25]

*400. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of students currently receiving their education through the medium of Irish, compared with the number receiving their education through the medium of English, at primary and post primary levels. — Sorca Clarke. [69329/25]

*401. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the plans to formally integrate SunSmart education, as developed by the HSE national cancer control programme, into the primary school curriculum; the timeline for reviewing and updating the curriculum to include structured, age-appropriate sun-safety education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [69376/25]

*402. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has assessed the public health case for mandatory inclusion of the HSE SunSmart school toolkit within the post-primary SPHE curriculum; if so, the findings of that assessment; and if not, whether she will commit to such an assessment in light of rising melanoma incidence among young people. — Erin McGreehan. [69377/25]

*403. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the plans to issue a circular or directive to schools on the implementation of UV-safety and skin-cancer-prevention education; and if she will provide a date for when such guidance may be available. — Erin McGreehan. [69378/25]

*404. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the circulars which have been sent by her Department to schools in relation to school uniform policies since November 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [69426/25]

*405. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in the Shannon area who need a place in an autism class in secondary school for September 2026; the number of school places available to them in the Shannon area; her plans to increase the number of places to provide for all children requiring them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [69434/25]

*406. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in each county who need a place in an autism class in secondary school for September 2026; the number of school places available to them in each county; her plans to increase the number of places to provide for all children requiring them, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [69435/25]

*407. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of an additional accommodation project application by a school (details supplied); when they can proceed to the next phase; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [69462/25]

*408. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when emergency works can be carried out for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [69475/25]

*409. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to report on her Department's Scoping Inquiry into Historical Sexual Abuse in Schools; and the way in which it will address historic abuse perpetrated by both lay and religious teachers. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [69511/25]

*410. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the options individuals affected by historic sexual abuse in schools have for seeking redress from the State or from the relevant school, religious order or patronage body. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [69513/25]

*411. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the criteria by which schools will be selected for inclusion in the DEIS Plus scheme; the timeline for the finalisation of the scheme; the date on which it will be published; the additional resources that will be provided to schools under the scheme; whether a shortlist of schools has already been drawn up; and when schools will be formally notified of their inclusion. — Erin McGreehan. [69599/25]

*412. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of building work applications, extensions, and new school building projects currently underway in County Louth; the name of the schools concerned; and the stage each project is at within the Department's assessment, design, and approval processes, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [69601/25]

*413. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if early intervention classes are being re-classified as primary autism classes in order to reduce the numbers of students looking for primary school places across the State; and if so, the measures that are being implemented to ensure that children who require access to an early intervention class are not left behind. — Darren O'Rourke. [69744/25]

*414. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a pre-school early intervention class held in a primary school (details supplied) is being re-classified as a primary autism class; the number of children that will be affected by the re-classification of this class; and the supports available to children who would have attended the early intervention class, had it not been re-classified. — Darren O'Rourke. [69745/25]

*415. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of early intervention classes across the State that have been reclassified as a primary autism class on a county-by-county breakdown. — Darren O'Rourke. [69746/25]

*416. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of early intervention classes across the State broken down by county, for each of the years 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025. — Darren O'Rourke. [69747/25]

*417. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of a funding request submitted by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [69750/25]

*418. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of the issues with the pilot secondary school enrolment scheme in Tullamore that has seen some students offered multiple places while other students have been offered none; the reforms she plans to make to this scheme in light of these failings; the reason her Department did not follow the model in Limerick; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [69760/25]

*419. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if an application under the emergency works scheme to facilitate disability accessibility works to a sports hall in a school (details supplied) will be reviewed. — Séamus McGrath. [69767/25]

*420. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to ensure there is better information about apprenticeships by guidance counsellors for senior cycle students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [69803/25]

*421. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to ensure that senior cycle students have the same accessibility to information on apprentices as senior cycle students pursuing CAO options; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [69804/25]

*422. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to ensure that transition year students have a more focused approach to ensure that apprenticeship type placements are encouraged more; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [69805/25]

*423. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the appalling conditions that students and teachers must endure at a school (details supplied). — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [69806/25]

*424. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the timeline for the establishment of the new ASD unit at a school (details supplied); when the physical unit might be in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [69820/25]

*425. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the ongoing improvements being made by her Department to the school transport scheme to ensure a more streamlined school bus ticket allocation process for the school year 2026/2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [69821/25]

*426. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps her Department is taking to minimise disruption to schools and families arising from school closures on days when elections are held on Fridays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69826/25]

*427. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will engage with the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage to ensure that primary schools used as polling stations are not required to close on election days; if alternative venues such as community halls will be considered; if she will ensure that any lost school days are made up so that teaching time is protected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69848/25]

*428. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a new school building project (details supplied) has gone to tender; if the tender has been published on eTenders; the deadline for tender submissions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [69921/25]

*429. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider changing the DEIS status of a school (details supplied), from DEIS Rural to DEIS Band 1 status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [69947/25]

*430. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will respond to correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [69983/25]

*431. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update regarding the delay in progressing the construction of the long-awaited extension for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [69984/25]

*432. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the proposed extension at a school (details supplied) remains on the priority build list for her Department beyond phase 1; if this will continue to remain a priority for her Department for full completion throughout 2026 and 2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [69985/25]

*433. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [69992/25]

*434. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding a building extension for a school (details supplied); the issues that are holding up the extension; and how they are being addressed. — Martin Kenny. [69993/25]

*435. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether contributions from the State or from employers towards the My Future Fund pension scheme will be reckonable as income for the purposes of assessing the eligibility of an individual or household for any means-tested services or schemes operated by her Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70019/25]

*436. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider allowing students with certain learning difficulties to use laptops with pre-loaded State examination papers to complete

their Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations in 2026 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70033/25]

*437. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); when this matter will be dealt with; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [70054/25]

*438. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to accommodate the expansion of schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70074/25]

*439. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will ensure that there will be urgent provision of laboratory capacity to facilitate secondary school students as a school expands (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70075/25]

*440. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the provision she has made for the addition of prefabricated buildings on a school site (details supplied) for the use, on a temporary basis, by another school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70076/25]

*441. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the case of a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [70078/25]

*442. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the expansion of the JCSP demonstration library project will be included in the new DEIS+ plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [70099/25]

*443. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a building project for a school (details supplied) will be included on her Departments priority list for full completion across 2026 and 2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [70101/25]

*444. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of applicants for autism classes in Dublin 8, Dublin 12, Dublin 6/6w for 2026 and 2027, in tabular form. — Jen Cummins. [70116/25]

*445. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which the demand for autism classes in Dublin 8, Dublin 12, Dublin 6/6w will be met for the academic year 2026-2027. — Jen Cummins. [70117/25]

*446. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of existing spaces for autism classes in Dublin 8, Dublin 12, Dublin 6/6w. — Jen Cummins. [70118/25]

*447. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the rollout of free solar panels for schools; if private schools are being considered for inclusion under future funding rounds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70141/25]

*448. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding her plans to ensure that all schools will have solar panels; if there is a timeline for the completion of this target; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70142/25]

*449. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of ASD class places available in primary schools in an area (details supplied) for the 2025-2026 academic year; the projected demand for these places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [70191/25]

*450. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if priority is given to children residing in an area (details supplied) when allocating ASD class places in that areas primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [70192/25]

*451. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Department's plans to ensure continuity of education for children with ASD from primary to secondary level within their local community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [70193/25]

*452. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average time over the past six years it has taken to produce a stamped final bill in her Department from the time when her Department has received government approval for the general scheme and the heads of a bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70270/25]

*453. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a schedule of all funding and grant aid provided by heading and subhead to Kildare, Wicklow and Meath local authorities in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the amount returned and or not expended over the same period. — Aidan Farrelly. [70306/25]

*454. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will publish a single, transparent national dataset (details supplied) on teacher recruitment and retention; and the way in which her Department will respond concretely to evidence from organisations that current measures are failing to reduce vacancies or reliance on unqualified personnel; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [70328/25]

*455. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the specific, costed measure on pay progression, contract security, workload, housing and location supports; if her Department will introduce in the course of this Government to make teaching a viable long-term career and especially in high-cost areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [70329/25]

*456. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which her Department will provide targeted recruitment and retention incentives and mechanisms to ensure that no school is forced to drop subjects or redeploy special education staff in ways that undermine equity of access for students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [70330/25]

*457. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the date that she and her Departmental officials will visit a school site (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [70331/25]

*458. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of pupils enrolled in junior infants in primary schools in County Laois for the school years 2021-2022 to 2025-2026 inclusive, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [70332/25]

*459. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to give public sector status to all secretaries and caretakers working in schools, to be given access to the same rights, the

same certainty of a pension on retirement and salaries as the teachers and SNAs that they work alongside; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [70334/25]

*460. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the implementation of the ‘Opportunities for Youth: National Strategy for Youth Work and Related Services 2024-2028’; which of the 18 priority actions have been commenced; the budgetary allocation; the way in which youth services are being increased in underserved/rural areas; the way in which young people are being engaged in shaping delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [70335/25]

*461. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which her Department is tracking progress on the more than 100 actions in Education Plan 2025, particularly those involving the Education Therapy Service and strengthening school transport; the benchmarks which are being used; whether there have been delays; the way in which her Department plans to ensure that resource constraints do not hinder delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [70336/25]

*462. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures her Department is taking to address the current shortage of qualified teachers, particularly in DEIS, special education, and Gaeltacht schools; the incentives or supports which are under consideration to improve teacher retention; when her Department expects to see a reduction in unfilled teaching positions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [70337/25]

*463. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the investment in PE halls and GE rooms in schools; the way in which this aligns with embedding physical activity in daily teaching practices; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [70354/25]

*464. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reforms being introduced to address staffing shortages and recruitment bottlenecks in frontline public services for education; the way in which these reforms will improve service delivery in counties such as Laois; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [70965/25]

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

*465. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will consider organising a commemoration to mark the 2026 150th anniversary of the Catalpa Six Rescue; if he has liaised with his Australian counterparts on this historic event; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [69936/25]

*466. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will recognise the heritage value of draft net fishing, which dates back to licences granted in the 1800s in estuaries such as those in County Mayo. — Paul Lawless. [69999/25]

*467. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [69049/25]

*468. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the promised pension increases for An Post pensioners of 6% increase with effect January 2025 and 1% increase with

effect June 2025 will be paid to all those in receipt of an An Post pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [69119/25]

*469. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when his Department will approve pension increases for An Post pensioners. — Tom Brabazon. [69127/25]

*470. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will investigate through National Broadband Ireland (NBI) the reason a series of properties (details supplied) were excluded from the NBI rollout scheme in a village. — Robert Troy. [69433/25]

*471. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the status of the An Post pension increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [69677/25]

*472. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if the in-depth analysis of swimming pool provision in Ireland being carried out under the National Swimming Strategy will assess gaps in individual towns over a certain population level, as well overall regional levels; the rationale for this approach; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [69756/25]

*473. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the way in which his Department plans to support Dublin City Council's passed motion to seek UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage designation for the culture of The Liberties, Dublin 8, to hold and protect the characteristics and memories of our city's working-class traditions in addition to our industrial, historical and social heritage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Máire Devine. [69769/25]

*474. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 483 of 25 November 2025, his plans in relation to the future of core of the Dublin's Digital Hub Development Agency (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [69977/25]

*475. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to the recommendation included in the European Commission's 2025 Rule of Law Report for Ireland (details supplied), the steps taken to address this recommendation; the expected timeline for the completion of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [69988/25]

*476. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether contributions from the State or from employers towards the My Future Fund pension scheme will be reckonable as income for the purposes of assessing the eligibility of an individual or household for any means-tested services or schemes operated by his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70017/25]

*477. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if it is his official policy position that comedy should be recognised as an art form; if his response is binding on Culture Ireland as an entity within his Department; and whether his response to this question constitutes a written policy direction for the purposes of section 5(3) of the Arts Act 2003 and a binding request of the Arts Council under section 9(1)(e) of the same Act.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [70177/25]

*478. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the average time over the past six years it has taken to produce a stamped final bill in his Department from the time when

his Department has received government approval for the general scheme and the heads of a bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70268/25]

*479. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide a schedule of all funding and grant aid provided by heading and subhead to Kildare, Wicklow and Meath local authorities in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the amount returned and or not expended over the same period. — Aidan Farrelly. [70304/25]

*480. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport in view of the prevalence of the internet, digital communications and social media in society, the measures to foster a more secure digital environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [70358/25]

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

*481. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason Ireland did not send a delegation to the COP15 of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, given that most European countries sent a national delegation alongside the EU one; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [70188/25]

*482. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the date on which he received a letter of recommendation from the Housing Agency in relation to homes in County Meath being included in the defective block scheme; when a decision will be made in relation to this; the date on which homeowners in County Meath will be able to apply to the scheme and conditions of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [69013/25]

*483. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a list of group water schemes transferred to Uisce Éireann in County Donegal including name, transfer date, public money invested in each scheme prior to transfer; and to confirm the State cost to bring those schemes to compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [69054/25]

*484. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when each local authority will be required to publish its Housing Delivery Action Plan; the target for the delivery of cost rental and affordable purchase homes by local authorities, approved housing bodies and the Land Development Agency is under Delivering Homes Building Communities from 2025 to 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [69094/25]

*485. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the sectoral reform working group will be established; and if he will list the attendees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [69095/25]

*486. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Uisce Éireann or the local authority are responsible for foul water accumulations running from public roads into the back gardens of private residences (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [69105/25]

*487. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will engage with an organisation (details supplied) to request information in relation to a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [69203/25]

*488. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has engaged with an organisation (details supplied) regarding a matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [69204/25]

*489. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the intended timeline for the implementation of the Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks (Amendment) Bill 2025; when a commencement date is expected to be set; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [69217/25]

*490. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if funding will be provided to Galway County Council to progress the Gort civic amenity site (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [69290/25]

*491. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify if tax refunds, tax credits (including the rent tax credit), and medical-expense relief will be treated as one-off income for the purposes of Social Housing and HAP means assessments; whether Revenue classifies these refunds strictly as adjustments to tax liability rather than earnings; whether guidance will be issued to ensure local authorities apply a consistent approach so that one-off tax refunds cannot inflate income above eligibility thresholds such as the €36,500 limit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [69300/25]

*492. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will engage with Kerry County Council regarding its decision to phase out the maximum rent cap under the differential rent scheme from February 2026; if he will assess the impact this change will have on low-income tenants, particularly those on fixed incomes who have been paying the capped maximum rent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [69310/25]

*493. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will examine the impact that the removal of the maximum rent cap under the differential rent scheme will have on tenants who are currently applying, or intending to apply, for the tenant purchase scheme; if he will consider measures to ensure that higher rent contributions will not hinder low-income tenants from saving the required deposit to purchase their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [69311/25]

*494. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the statutory basis or guidelines in force which govern the ability of local authorities to name local parks and landmarks, and whether he believes that any change to existing legislation or guidance is needed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [69345/25]

*495. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide information and clarification about a cost rental housing issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [69356/25]

*496. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the costs incurred by each local authority, as a result of storm Éowyn, in tabular form; and if those local authorities have been fully reimbursed for those costs by the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [69438/25]

*497. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the regulations for Local Authorities to hold secret ballots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [69451/25]

*498. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the TIS scheme will continue in 2026; the amount of funding each local authority will receive in 2026 for this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [69474/25]

*499. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will, in cooperation with Approved Housing Bodies, establish dedicated phone numbers and email addresses for Oireachtas members to contact AHBs to obtain policy information and to raise constituents' issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [69495/25]

*500. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current requirements for local authorities to provide work placement for those with a disability; the funding which has been allocated to same; and the number of disability placements have been provided by Cork County Council and Cork City Council since January 2023. — Colm Burke. [69581/25]

*501. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the vacant properties grant applies to apartments; the additional supports which are available to those seeking to do up a derelict apartment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [69644/25]

*502. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 70,000 social homes and retrofits being built by the National Housing Plan could be equipped with smart devices that allowed surplus renewable energy to be used when available. — Shay Brennan. [69716/25]

*503. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address an emerging issue affecting landlords who own dwellings approved under the defective concrete blocks scheme; if he will confirm whether such landlords will be able to issue a notice of termination to facilitate essential demolition and rebuild works after the new residential tenancies legislation comes into effect in March 2026; and if not, the steps he intends to take to ensure that owners of defective properties are not prevented from carrying out required remediation works due to the operation of the new six-year tenancy rule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [69751/25]

*504. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of one off rural housing applications received by each local authority over the past three years; the number of one off rural housing applications refused by each local authority over those three years, by each local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [69774/25]

*505. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has any plans to reinstate the development contribution waiver scheme; if there are other incentives being considered for those who wish to commence building within the next year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [69786/25]

*506. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has given consideration to holding future elections including the next general election and any by elections on a Saturday; the potential benefits for working parents and schools; if he will examine this option in advance of the 2026 by elections and the next general election; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69850/25]

*507. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average processing time by his Department for capital approval of rightsizing acquisitions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [69924/25]

*508. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to the recommendation included in the European Commission's 2025 Rule of Law Report for Ireland (details supplied), the steps taken to address this recommendation; the expected timeline for the completion of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [69990/25]

*509. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can provide a written update on the revising of county development plans for each of the 31 local authorities; if current development plan timelines will be extended to facilitate the upcoming variation to provide additional zoned lands to increase housing supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [69991/25]

*510. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total capital and operational payments made by the State to Uisce Éireann, broken down by year. — Charles Ward. [70005/25]

*511. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of an application made to the rural water section (details supplied) in relation to the issue of manganese; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [70004/25]

*512. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether contributions from the State or from employers towards the My Future Fund pension scheme will be reckonable as income for the purposes of assessing the eligibility of an individual or household for any means-tested services or schemes operated by his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70025/25]

*513. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the rollout of retro-fitting State owned and local authority housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70092/25]

*514. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority housing units, per local authority; the number of bedroom units per dwelling; and the number of these dwellings that have been the subject of retrofitting in the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70093/25]

*515. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority housing units in each of the BER rating bands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70139/25]

*516. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will convene an expert panel including, Uisce Éireann, the EPA, construction industry and manufacturers of modular wastewater treatment systems to develop a practical, certified delivery-focused set of

planning guidelines to enable the swift roll out of developer-led waste water infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [70161/25]

*517. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the above-the-shop expansion to the vacant property refurbishment grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [70162/25]

*518. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to release new draft wind energy guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [70190/25]

*519. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to a number of instances across County Donegal in which landowners have come into conflict with their neighbouring landowners arising from discrepancies between their original folio Land Registry maps and the maps that have emerged from the digitisation of the mapping system by the Land Registry/ Tailte Éireann; if he will open up a public consultation or invite submissions on these discrepancies; and if he will request an independent review. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [70261/25]

*520. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average time over the past six years it has taken to produce a stamped final bill in his Department from the time when his Department has received government approval for the general scheme and the heads of a bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70276/25]

*521. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a schedule of all funding and grant aid provided by heading and subhead to Kildare, Wicklow and Meath local authorities in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the amount returned and or not expended over the same period. — Aidan Farrelly. [70312/25]

*522. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 334 of 2 December 2025, whether the information sought in the question is not a matter of policy and resources for him to address; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [70348/25]

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

*523. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has conducted any analysis of the impact of Budget 2026 on households with a disabled adult or child, including the net position after the withdrawal of once off supports in 2025; if he will publish this analysis; and the timeline for decisions on a cost of disability payment within the expenditure framework for 2026 and 2027. — Ken O’Flynn. [69168/25]

*524. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has conducted any analysis of the impact of Budget 2026 on households with a disabled adult or child, including the net position after the withdrawal of once off supports in 2025; and if he will publish this analysis. — Ken O’Flynn. [69171/25]

*525. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide his Department’s assessment of the projected poverty risk for households headed by a person with a disability in 2026; the way in which this compares with 2025; and if internal modelling showed a higher poverty risk following the withdrawal of once off supports. — Ken O’Flynn. [69174/25]

*526. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide his Department's assessment of the projected poverty risk for households headed by a person with a disability in 2026; the way in which this compares with 2025; and if internal modelling showed a higher poverty risk following the withdrawal of once off supports. — Ken O'Flynn. [69174/25]

*527. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether he accepts that the absence of the cost of disability payment represents a policy inconsistency given repeated commitments to its introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [69593/25]

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*529. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he accepts that the withdrawal of once-off supports provided in Budget 2025 leaves disabled households substantially worse off in 2026; the measures he will take to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [69594/25]

*530. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the budgetary rationale for removing once-off supports without providing equivalent permanent measures for disabled people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [69596/25]

*531. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department will provide assistance to person (details supplied) who is on a stamp 4 visa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [70151/25]

*532. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which carer's allowance and disability allowance will be taxed from 1 January 2026 onwards; the differences which will be between tax procedures in 2025 and 2026; the impact this will have on welfare recipients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [69130/25]

*533. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which the means from farm income are assessed for a State pension (non-contributory) in respect of a person that is nearly 90 years-of-age and whose son farms their land in return for being allowed retain all farm income, including agriculture grants in lieu of their labour, thus ensuring that this land is being put to productive use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [69155/25]

*534. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the net change in income in 2026 compared with 2025 for a single adult on disability allowance living alone, taking account of the withdrawal of once off supports in Budget 2025 including the €400 disability cost-of-living payment, the €300 fuel lump sum, the €300 living alone lump sum, the €200 electricity credits and the double week bonuses, and the permanent increases announced in Budget 2026; his Department's calculation of the total value of once off supports in 2025 for this household type and the value of permanent supports to be received in 2026. — Ken O'Flynn. [69166/25]

*535. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide a detailed assessment of the fiscal implications of reintroducing a once-off winter support for persons with disabilities in 2026, including the projected cost of a €300 payment, a €400 payment and a €500 payment; and if his Department has carried out any analysis of the additional energy and living costs faced by disabled households during the winter period. — Ken O'Flynn. [69167/25]

*536. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the net change in income in 2026 compared with 2025 for a single adult on disability allowance living alone, taking account of the withdrawal of once off supports in Budget 2025 including the €400 disability cost-of-living payment, the €300 fuel lump sum, the €300 living alone lump sum, the €200 electricity credits and the double week bonuses, and the permanent increases announced in Budget 2026; and his Department's calculation of the total value of once off supports in 2025 for this household type and the value of permanent supports to be received in 2026. — Ken O'Flynn. [69169/25]

*537. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide a detailed assessment of the fiscal implications of reintroducing a once off winter support for persons with disabilities in 2026, including the projected cost of a €300 payment, a €400 payment and a €500 payment; and if his Department has carried out any analysis of the additional energy and living costs faced by disabled households during the winter period. — Ken O'Flynn. [69170/25]

*538. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to detail his Department's inflation adjusted estimate of the annual extra cost of disability in 2026, referencing the cost of disability study (details supplied) and any updated modelling carried out by her Department since 2020; and the way in which these figures informed the design of Budget 2026. — Ken O'Flynn. [69172/25]

*539. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his Department's projected expenditure in 2026 on disability allowance, invalidity pension, blind pension, domiciliary care allowance and carer's allowance. — Ken O'Flynn. [69176/25]

*540. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of restoring all once off supports paid to disabled people in 2025 for one further year, itemised by each support including the disability cost-of-living payment, the fuel lump sum, the living alone lump sum, electricity credits and double week bonuses. — Ken O'Flynn. [69177/25]

*541. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [69200/25]

*542. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures in place to support people with disabilities with the cost of living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [69340/25]

*543. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason paid contributions will not be considered for invalidity pension of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [69374/25]

*544. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports available for self-employed people who are unable to work due to a life changing medical diagnosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [69437/25]

*545. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); if the decision can be expedited due to the extended waiting time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [69460/25]

*546. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to reverse or amend the decision to automatically tax carer's allowance and carer's benefit from January 2026, given the financial

hardship this will cause for full-time carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [69543/25]

*547. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he has carried out a financial impact assessment of the planned automatic taxation of carer's allowance and carer's benefit from January 2026; if hardship protections or exemptions will be introduced for full-time carers on low incomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [69544/25]

*548. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the consultation which took place with carers' representative groups before introducing automatic taxation of carer's allowance and carer's benefit; if he will consider suspending the measure pending meaningful consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [69545/25]

*549. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated revenue that will be raised by taxing carers' payments; how this compares to the estimated savings made by the State as a result of unpaid care provided in the home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [69546/25]

*550. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of applications for redundancy payments in respect of the former employees of a hotel (details supplied); the reason for the ongoing delay in processing these claims, given that the required forms were submitted to the Department by the liquidators on 30 October 2025; the way in which his Department is addressing the fact that the previous owners are unlikely to provide any statement of affairs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [69578/25]

*551. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a teacher employed by the Department of Education and youth can access disability allowances if they are in receipt of illness related early pension payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [69583/25]

*552. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the long-promised cost of disability payment has not been introduced in Budget 2026 despite Government-commissioned reports confirming annual extra costs of €10,651–€15,059 for disabled people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [69586/25]

*553. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether he will introduce an emergency winter payment for people with disabilities to offset rising fuel and living costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [69587/25]

*554. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which the €10 weekly increase in disability allowance and €5 in fuel allowance is considered adequate when they amount to less than a third of the supports withdrawn; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [69588/25]

*555. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will publish a comparative analysis of income supports for disabled households in 2025 versus 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [69589/25]

*556. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps he will take to ensure that disabled households are not disproportionately at risk of poverty and social exclusion as a result of Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [69590/25]

*557. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department will confirm the pension contributions made by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [69611/25]

*558. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if individuals have been signed up to a less valuable scheme than the auto-enrolment pension scheme, the measures that will be included in the regulations to protect them; and if the regulations will be retrospective. — Willie O’Dea. [69675/25]

*559. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider providing funding directly to an organisation (details supplied). — Willie O’Dea. [69696/25]

*560. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in relation to pension auto-enrolment, the reason employees are being automatically enrolled before the public has full clarity on fees, risks, oversight, and long-term rules. — Peadar Tóibín. [69723/25]

*561. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in relation to pension auto-enrolment, how workers can permanently opt out. — Peadar Tóibín. [69724/25]

*562. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in relation to pension auto-enrolment, the guarantees in place that contribution rates will not rise again. — Peadar Tóibín. [69725/25]

*563. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in relation to pension auto-enrolment, the reason employers are being threatened with fines and prosecution before full guidance is published. — Peadar Tóibín. [69726/25]

*564. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in relation to pension auto-enrolment, the rationale as to why employees must accept a set contribution rate and a Government-assigned fund manager. — Peadar Tóibín. [69727/25]

*565. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in relation to pension auto-enrolment, the rationale as to why savings remain in the fund even if someone opts out, stops contributing, or moves abroad. — Peadar Tóibín. [69728/25]

*566. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he has concerns about aspects of the tendering process (details supplied) for the provision of free school meals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [69754/25]

*567. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps to be taken to register a birth (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [69790/25]

*568. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); if, in view of their circumstances, arrears will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [70006/25]

*569. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a condition (details supplied) would qualify a person for a blind pension. — Pat Buckley. [70053/25]

*570. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason self-employed workers who pay PRSI, when they get sick, have no access to income supports, despite working and paying taxes;

if this anomaly will be examined; if illness benefit will be extended to the self-employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [70098/25]

*571. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason people who are means tested for carer's allowance are then means tested for free legal aid when applying to the Circuit Court for the decision making representative order. — Jen Cummins. [70121/25]

*572. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a disability allowance payment application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [70131/25]

*573. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding any actions he is taking to reduce energy poverty for older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70140/25]

*574. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on a matter (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [70205/25]

*575. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider changing the rules so that a person in receipt of death benefit is entitled to the living alone allowance upon reaching the age of 66. — Alan Kelly. [70229/25]

*576. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average time over the past six years it has taken to produce a stamped final bill in his Department from the time when his Department has received government approval for the general scheme and the heads of a bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70280/25]

*577. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to carers allowance for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [70293/25]

*578. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will provide a schedule of all funding and grant aid provided by heading and subhead to Kildare, Wicklow and Meath local authorities in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the amount returned and or not expended over the same period. — Aidan Farrelly. [70316/25]

*579. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the timeline for decisions on a cost of disability payment within the expenditure framework for 2026 and 2027. — Ken O'Flynn. [70985/25]

*580. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the timeline for decisions on a cost of disability payment within the expenditure framework for 2026 and 2027. — Ken O'Flynn. [70986/25]

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

*581. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the oversight framework used by his Department for all national and EU co-funded migration and integration grants; the audit requirements imposed on NGOs; the number of compliance checks carried out in each of the past five years; the breaches identified; and the sanctions or repayment orders issued. — Ken O'Flynn. [69057/25]

*582. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the criteria used by his Department to award national and EU co-funded migration and integration funding; the value-for-money tests applied before grants approved; and the process used to verify outcomes once funding has been spent. — Ken O’Flynn. [69058/25]

*583. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the performance indicators his Department uses to measure the impact of Exchequer and EU funding allocated to NGOs for immigration, asylum and integration initiatives; to confirm whether annual performance reports are required; and to provide the results of these indicators for each year since 2021. — Ken O’Flynn. [69059/25]

*584. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide details regarding payment of benefit-in-kind (details supplied). — Ken O’Flynn. [69072/25]

*585. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide details of any end-of-service gratuity payments, gifts or other arrangements made to a person (details supplied) on termination of their contract, in lieu of pension or otherwise at a cost to the Irish public purse. — Ken O’Flynn. [69075/25]

*586. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason there is no State-run accreditation system or accrediting body for foreign-language translators and interpreters in Ireland, despite their critical role in the criminal justice system, immigration processes, healthcare, education, and other public services; and if the Department has plans to introduce statutory regulation or minimum qualification standards for this sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [69076/25]

*587. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration who currently determines if an individual is or is not considered a qualified interpreter or a court-approved interpreter in Ireland, in the absence of a State-mandated certification system; whether any criteria, vetting standards, or qualification requirements are applied by the Courts Service, An Garda Síochána, or other public bodies when procuring interpreting services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [69077/25]

*588. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the regulatory body, responsible for overseeing the profession of foreign-language translators and interpreters in Ireland, including the setting of professional standards, enforcement of ethical codes, or oversight of training and competence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [69078/25]

*589. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration which institution maintains a mandatory national register or list of qualified foreign-language interpreters or court-approved interpreters; and if no such register exists, the reason for this and if his Department intends to create one in line with international best practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [69079/25]

*590. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 421 of 27 November 2025, the position regarding staffing levels to process family reunification applications; if the number of people working in this section of his Department is sufficient to deal with demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [69086/25]

*591. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the formal procedures used by his Department during the initial interview and assessment of international protection applicants for recording information on applicants' education, qualifications, and previous occupations; the statutory or administrative basis for these procedures; whether these procedures were reviewed or updated at any point since 2018; and to provide the dates and outcomes of any such reviews in tabular form. — Ken O'Flynn. [69187/25]

*592. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether any internal audits, risk assessments, internal-control reviews, or management reports since 2018 have raised concerns about the absence of consolidated data on the educational or professional backgrounds of residents in IPAS accommodation; if such concerns were raised, to outline the findings and any actions taken; and if no concerns were raised, to explain the rationale for not examining this issue, given its relevance to labour-market access and integration planning. — Ken O'Flynn. [69188/25]

*593. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has benchmarked Ireland's data-collection practices on the educational and professional qualifications of international protection applicants against those used in comparable EU Member States; if so, to provide the results of that benchmarking exercise; if not, the reason benchmarking has not been undertaken; and whether he will now direct his Department to carry out such an exercise, including timelines for completion. — Ken O'Flynn. [69189/25]

*594. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason his Department does not compile a consolidated administrative dataset on the education, qualifications, and professional backgrounds of persons residing in IPAS accommodation, despite this information being routinely provided during the international protection process; whether the Department has assessed the operational and policy impacts of this omission; and the steps he intends to take to correct this deficiency. — Ken O'Flynn. [69190/25]

*595. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department intends to introduce a standardised national survey of the educational and professional backgrounds of all persons residing in IPAS accommodation; if so, to set out the methodology, governance, and timeline; and if not, the reason the State continues to operate without consolidated information necessary for integration planning, labour-market access oversight, and public transparency. — Ken O'Flynn. [69191/25]

*596. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way in which incidents of gender-based violence (GBV) are recorded monitored and tracked across State agencies; if there is a centralised system for GBV data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [69194/25]

*597. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); if he will review the details of the case and provide an update on its current status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [69197/25]

*598. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for a breakdown, by year, of the number of individuals removed from the State under the European Communities (Free Movement of Persons) Regulations 2015, which transpose the free movement directive; the reasons for removal in each case; the date on which each order was made and implemented; whether a ten-year ban was applied in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [69208/25]

*599. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has identified any regulatory gaps regarding the authorisation, training, monitoring, and accountability of private security personnel who use mechanical restraints; and whether reforms are planned. — Ken O’Flynn. [69224/25]

*600. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has received submissions regarding patterns of aggressive conduct, excessive force, or alleged assaults by private security personnel in nightlife settings. — Ken O’Flynn. [69233/25]

*601. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to review regulation, investigative procedures, and venue responsibilities in light of increasing reports of serious incidents involving private security staff. — Ken O’Flynn. [69234/25]

*602. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will commission a comprehensive review of the Private Security Services Act 2004 addressing licensing, citizen’s arrest, holding rooms, training, complaints, and duty of care. — Ken O’Flynn. [69236/25]

*603. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to detail oversight mechanisms within the Private Security Authority to investigate or sanction staff or companies that exceed lawful authority. — Ken O’Flynn. [69240/25]

*604. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he will consider introducing a mandatory reporting requirement obliging licensed venues to notify the Private Security Authority of any civil claim or settlement arising from alleged misconduct by private security personnel. — Ken O’Flynn. [69266/25]

*605. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether licensed private security personnel receive any accredited training in the application, monitoring, and safe removal of restraints, and whether his Department has assessed the risks posed by untrained personnel using such equipment. — Ken O’Flynn. [69271/25]

*606. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed. — Peadar Tóibín. [69316/25]

*607. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason he announced recent significant changes to immigration policy at a press conference with the media, rather than on the floor of Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [69341/25]

*608. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 351 of 2 October 2025, if he is now in a position to provide an answer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [69342/25]

*609. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 286 of 16 October 2025, if he is now in a position to provide the reply (details supplied); the reason a reply has not been forthcoming from Garda authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [69343/25]

*610. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount spent on interpreters in the courts in each of the past five years; the name of each companies used; the

breakdown of the amount paid to each company used, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [69358/25]

*611. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount spent on interpreters by An Garda Síochána in each of the past five years; the name of each company used; the breakdown of the amount paid to each company used, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [69359/25]

*612. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average rate per hour paid to individuals working as interpreters in the courts and separately for An Garda Síochána in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [69360/25]

*613. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of times an interpreter has been used in the Courts in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [69362/25]

*614. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of times an interpreter has been used for interviews by An Garda Síochána in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [69363/25]

*615. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the list of all the languages for which an interpreter was required in the courts, in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [69364/25]

*616. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding proposed changes to family reunification rules; if there is any impact on adult children of an essential worker who have already come to Ireland in recent years as permitted under previous family reunification rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [69372/25]

*617. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding proposed changes to family reunification rules; if adult children of an essential worker currently not permitted to work in accordance with the Stamp 3 requirements, will be allowed to seek employment in Ireland under the new family reunification rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [69373/25]

*618. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the allocation of standard and advanced Garda motorcycles; and the number of RPU members trained to standard and advanced motorcycle level, by divisional roads policing unit. — Michael Murphy. [69440/25]

*619. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of roads policing members currently trained to CPD3 standard for the operation of high-powered Garda vehicles; and the allocation of these members and vehicles across each Divisional Roads Policing Unit. — Michael Murphy. [69442/25]

*620. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department intends to introduce a structured and standardised assessment of educational and professional qualifications for all residents in IPAS centres; the governance framework that would underpin such an assessment; the expected timelines for design and implementation; and the way the resulting data would support labour-market planning and policy oversight. — Ken O'Flynn. [69561/25]

*621. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has conducted any policy review of the current labour-market access permission for international protection applicants, including the number of permissions issued, renewal rates, rates of employment uptake, and any assessment of barriers to labour-market entry; and if he will publish any internal policy papers or briefing notes prepared since 2020. — Ken O’Flynn. [69562/25]

*622. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has engaged with the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment or the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science regarding the development of a cross-Government framework for recognising skills, qualifications and vocational experience of international protection applicants; and to detail any structured data-sharing arrangements, working groups or memoranda of understanding currently in place. — Ken O’Flynn. [69563/25]

*623. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his Department’s data-governance policy regarding information collected from international protection applicants, including education, training, and work-history data submitted as part of permission-to-remain considerations; the reason this information is not recorded in a format that permits statistical analysis; and whether reforms to his Department’s data-architecture are planned to improve transparency and policy evaluation. — Ken O’Flynn. [69564/25]

*624. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his Department’s policy for the collection, verification, retention and publication of incident data relating to International Protection Accommodation Services facilities; including the basis on which the Department determines what incident categories fall within its statutory responsibility; and what information is held for oversight and reporting purposes. — Ken O’Flynn. [69568/25]

*625. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his Department’s governance framework for incident reporting and escalation within International Protection Accommodation Services facilities, including the procedures used by facility operators to notify the Department of serious incidents and the Department’s role in auditing or validating those reports. — Ken O’Flynn. [69569/25]

*626. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide, for each month from 1 January 2025 to 31 August 2025, the number of incidents notified to his Department by operators of a facility (details supplied) disaggregated by the Department’s incident-reporting categories; and if this data underwent internal review for completeness and accuracy. — Ken O’Flynn. [69570/25]

*627. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his Department’s policy on inter-agency information-sharing for International Protection Accommodation Services facilities, including agreements or protocols with An Garda Síochána concerning the exchange of incident data, risk assessments or safety alerts, and to confirm whether any memoranda of understanding or standard operating procedures are currently in place. — Ken O’Flynn. [69571/25]

*628. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department carried out any risk assessments or safety audits of a facility (details supplied) between 1 January 2025 and 31 August 2025, and to provide the dates, scope and any non-operationally sensitive findings or recommendations arising from those assessments. — Ken O’Flynn. [69572/25]

*629. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total Departmental expenditure on security provisions at a facility (details supplied) for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 August 2025, including contracted on-site security personnel, supplementary security

personnel, security infrastructure upgrades, CCTV expansion, access control systems and perimeter fortification, in tabular form. — Ken O’Flynn. [69573/25]

*630. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the procurement processes, competitions, or contract renewals undertaken by his Department since 1 January 2024 relating to security services or security infrastructure for a facility (details supplied); the procurement route used; the successful tenderers; and the value and duration of each contract. — Ken O’Flynn. [69574/25]

*631. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his Department’s criteria for determining when increases in security staffing or expenditure at an International Protection Accommodation Services facility require escalation, ministerial approval or an internal review, and to specify whether any such escalations occurred at a facility (details supplied) in 2025. — Ken O’Flynn. [69575/25]

*632. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has compared its internal incident-data records for a facility (details supplied) with public communications issued by the Department during 2025 relating to crime rates or safety trends at International Protection Accommodation Services locations, and to confirm whether any discrepancies or variances were identified. — Ken O’Flynn. [69576/25]

*633. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the internal reviews, assessments or Departmental submissions that were prepared between 1 October 2025 and 27 November 2025 concerning security arrangements, incident reporting, public-order issues or inter-agency engagement at a facility (details supplied); and whether any recommendations or policy changes resulted from this work. — Ken O’Flynn. [69577/25]

*634. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has assessed recent changes to naturalisation and settlement policies in the UK and other EU jurisdictions; if any analysis has been carried out regarding the potential implications of those changes for Ireland, including within the operation of the common travel area; if he will provide details of any ongoing or planned reviews of Ireland’s naturalisation procedures from an administrative and integration outcomes perspective; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69579/25]

*635. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to concerns in relation to family court proceedings and the accessibility of Section 32 reports and related assessments (details supplied); if he will address these concerns to minimise delays in these proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [69585/25]

*636. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has considered introducing a structured skills-and-qualifications assessment for all new arrivals into IPAS accommodation, including recording of highest education level, professional credentials, and vocational skills, as part of initial reception procedures; the governance arrangements that would apply to such an assessment; and the timeline for any policy decision on this matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [69602/25]

*637. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has evaluated the extent to which international protection applicants with labour market access permission have skills that match labour shortages identified by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment; if any interdepartmental work has been undertaken to compare

qualifications held by applicants with national skills gaps; and if he will report on the findings or planned next steps. — Ken O’Flynn. [69603/25]

*638. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the data-management standards that govern information collected from international protection applicants at reception stage; the reason his Department does not collect or retain structured data on education and professional qualifications that would support evidence-based labour market policy and integration planning; and the planned reforms to data collection or reporting to address this gap. — Ken O’Flynn. [69604/25]

*639. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason his Department does not maintain national-level anonymised data on the educational and professional qualifications of those residing in IPAS accommodation, given that such data is routinely collected by other EU member states for planning and integration purposes; and the steps he will take to bring Ireland into line with international best practice. — Ken O’Flynn. [69605/25]

*640. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he intends to introduce statutory safeguards governing the home delivery of alcohol, including requirements for delivery staff to refuse delivery where a person is visibly intoxicated or incapacitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [69612/25]

*641. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps his Department has taken to assess the public health, addiction and safeguarding risks associated with home alcohol delivery services; if these risks are informing the development of the Sale of Alcohol Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [69613/25]

*642. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will clarify whether licence holders will be legally responsible for alcohol supplied via home delivery in the same manner as alcohol served on-premises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [69614/25]

*643. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will commit to a health impact assessment on the provisions of the Sale of Alcohol Bill 2022, with particular reference to the regulation of home and online alcohol deliveries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [69616/25]

*644. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his Department’s policy and internal standards for the presentation, formatting and transmission of financial information released in response to parliamentary questions, including requirements relating to soft-copy availability, page numbering, document organisation, and the use of appropriate table formats for expenditure data. — Ken O’Flynn. [69633/25]

*645. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason his Department issued financial data relating to NGO allocations in response to Parliamentary Question No. 313 of 25 September 2025, in an irregular hard-copy format without page numbering, without a coherent structure, in incorrect orientation, and with multiple pages printed upside down; and the steps being taken to ensure that all future responses provide accurate and accessible information to the Oireachtas. — Ken O’Flynn. [69634/25]

*646. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 313 of 25 September 2025. if he will confirm whether his Department has

established quality-control procedures or pre-issue checks for Parliamentary Question responses involving financial information; if so, the way these checks are carried out; who is responsible for sign-off; and whether these procedures were followed in the preparation of the responses. — Ken O’Flynn. [69635/25]

*647. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a corrected and consolidated soft-copy version of all financial allocations to NGOs operating in the areas of migration, asylum and integration for the years covered by Parliamentary Question No 313 of 25 September 2025, in a single landscape-format document with page numbering, a clear index, and consistent data tables. — Ken O’Flynn. [69636/25]

*648. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has carried out any review of its procedures for assembling, collating and releasing financial datasets to ensure accuracy and integrity; if so, to publish the findings; and if not, the reason such a review has not yet been undertaken given the need for clear and transparent reporting of Exchequer expenditure. — Ken O’Flynn. [69637/25]

*649. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his Department’s policy on record-keeping and document management for NGO funding allocations; the systems used to ensure that data are complete, traceable and maintain internal coherence; and whether these systems were applied in preparing the materials issued in response to Parliamentary Question No. 313 of 25 September 2025. — Ken O’Flynn. [69638/25]

*650. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will detail the standard expected of his Department when providing information to the Oireachtas concerning public expenditure; and whether he intends to issue updated guidance or instructions to ensure that all financial releases meet basic standards of clarity, accuracy and usability. — Ken O’Flynn. [69639/25]

*651. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in relation to three asylum seekers who have been targeted for physical attack, if they will be moved to a new location to ensure that they are not targeted again given the circumstances (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [69673/25]

*652. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if Fiosrú is meeting its statutory obligations under the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024 in relation to timely initial assessment of complaints; the average time taken by Fiosrú to complete initial screening and allocation decisions on complaints received since its establishment; the measures in place to ensure compliance with statutory timelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [69676/25]

*653. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the specific legal or resource barrier that currently prevents the Department from mandating a four-week timeline for initial child contact assessments, mirroring the EU-based Danish family law system (Pillar 1); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [69702/25]

*654. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is satisfied with the level of mental health support available for those seeking international protection upon arrival, particularly for those fleeing war zones and other highly traumatic situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [69709/25]

*655. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is satisfied with the level of physical health assessment available for those seeking international protection upon arrival, particularly for those coming from countries where the level of healthcare is not at the same standard as we have in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [69711/25]

*656. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is satisfied with the level of ongoing health supports for those living in international protection centres, particularly for people suffering with long term illnesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [69713/25]

*657. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is satisfied with the level of mental health support available for those living in international protection centres, particularly for those fleeing war zones and other highly traumatic situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [69715/25]

*658. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of gardaí who have been employed in the roads policing unit in each county, in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [69717/25]

*659. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí employed in Co Meath; and the corresponding figure for each of the past fifteen years. — Peadar Tóibín. [69720/25]

*660. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of burglaries reported in each county, in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [69721/25]

*661. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí who have retired in each county in the State in each of the past five years; and the number of new Gardaí who have been employed in each county during that time period. — Peadar Tóibín. [69722/25]

*662. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Sorca Clarke. [69738/25]

*663. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the specific actions completed to date under each strategic objective in the third national strategy on domestic sexual and gender based violence; and the mechanism in place to monitor progress and accountability across relevant Departments and agencies. — Sorca Clarke. [69738/25]

*664. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 677 of 25 November 2025, the timeframe in which he expects to receive the pending legal advice; the timeframe in which he expects to be able to publish the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [69757/25]

*665. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will be prepared to seek a presidential pardon for the Catalpa Six ahead of next year's 150th anniversary of the rescue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [69759/25]

*666. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of an application for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [69766/25]

*667. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardai allocated to the Kildare Garda Division, by station, for each of the past five years; the number of retirements for the Kildare Garda Division over the same 5 years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [69770/25]

*668. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of community Gardai operating in the Kildare Garda Division, by station, for each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [69771/25]

*669. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of those who entered the State as international students who have applied for asylum in 2025 and in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [69785/25]

*670. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the actions his Department is taking to establish a standardised and comprehensive data-recording framework for drone-related contraband incidents across the prison estate, including the development of specific incident classifications or codes for use by both the Irish Prison Service and An Garda Síochána, so that investigations, arrests, charges and convictions linked to drone incursions can be compiled and reported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [69793/25]

*671. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will direct the Irish Prison Service to publish an annual statistical report on drone incursions into prisons, including institution-level incident numbers, contraband recovered, and associated outcomes notified to his Department by An Garda Síochána, in a manner that does not compromise operational security; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [69794/25]

*672. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a formal written risk assessment on drone incursions into prisons is currently in place; the risk rating applied to drone-enabled contraband within the prison security framework; and if he will lay before Dáil Éireann a redacted summary setting out the main vulnerabilities identified, the mitigation measures underway, and the residual risks that remain outstanding. — Ken O'Flynn. [69795/25]

*673. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the procurement basis on which security services have been engaged for a facility (details supplied) since 2021, including the legal rationale used to dispense with public tendering requirements under Directive 2014/24/EU and S.I. 284/2016. — Ken O'Flynn. [69865/25]

*674. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total expenditure on security services at a facility (details supplied) to date in 2025; to provide an annual breakdown of payments to each contracted provider; and his Department's governance arrangements for verifying compliance before drawdown of public funds. — Ken O'Flynn. [69867/25]

*675. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a risk assessment completed in early 2023 identified the use of unlicensed or unvetted personnel by a subcontractor engaged by a company (details supplied); and the actions taken at policy and contract-management level in response to the findings. — Ken O'Flynn. [69868/25]

*676. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his Department's procedures for ensuring that all personnel deployed at IPAS-managed accommodation centres hold valid licences issued by the Private Security Authority; and the way in which these compliance checks are monitored, recorded and enforced. — Ken O'Flynn. [69869/25]

*677. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason payments to a company (details supplied) continued after the completion of the 2023 risk assessment; and whether his Department conducted any contract review, escalation or sanction process before authorising further expenditure. — Ken O'Flynn. [69870/25]

*678. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the due-diligence process undertaken by his Department before the appointment of a company (details supplied) as a security provider for a facility; and whether his Department assessed any corporate or beneficial links between the companies. — Ken O'Flynn. [69871/25]

*679. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a competitive process was conducted prior to the engagement of a company (details supplied); the number firms which were considered; and the basis on which the final decision was made. — Ken O'Flynn. [69872/25]

*680. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the safeguarding, child-protection and risk-management framework in place at a facility (details supplied); and whether this framework has been updated following the incidents reported in 2025. — Ken O'Flynn. [69873/25]

*681. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his Department's policy on the use of subcontractors within security contracts at IPAS facilities; the oversight mechanisms that apply to subcontractor vetting, licensing and pay practices; and the way in which compliance is verified. — Ken O'Flynn. [69874/25]

*682. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department plans to initiate an open procurement process for security services at a facility (details supplied) in 2026; and if future contracts will be subject to standard competitive tendering rather than emergency exemptions. — Ken O'Flynn. [69875/25]

*683. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the legal basis under which his Department intends to introduce accommodation charges for applicants for international protection residing in IPAS centres; if a regulatory impact assessment has been carried out; and if he will publish the legal advice underpinning the proposed changes. — Sorca Clarke. [69929/25]

*684. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps his Department will take to ensure that any IPAS or direct provision accommodation subject to resident charges meets the minimum housing standards set out in the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations. — Sorca Clarke. [69930/25]

*685. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the proposed payment model will include a requirement that adults paying for State-provided accommodation will not be compelled to share bedrooms with unrelated adults; and if his Department intends to introduce privacy and occupancy standards similar to those applied to other forms of paid accommodation. — Sorca Clarke. [69931/25]

*686. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has established an appeals mechanism for residents who may be incorrectly assessed for payment or charged in error; and whether staff and administrative systems are in place to ensure the scheme is implemented fairly and transparently. — Sorca Clarke. [69932/25]

*687. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to the recommendation included in the European Commission's 2025 Rule of Law Report for Ireland (details supplied), the steps being taken to address this recommendation; the expected timeline for the completion of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [69986/25]

*688. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to a recommendation (details supplied) included in the European Commission's 2025 Rule of Law Report for Ireland, the steps taken to address this recommendation; the expected timeline for the completion of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [69989/25]

*689. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when an application will be processed and an IRP card issued to a person (details supplied) given it is over eight weeks since the application was submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70008/25]

*690. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when an application will be processed and an IRP card issued to a person (details supplied) given it is over eight weeks since the application was submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70009/25]

*691. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when an application will be processed and an IRP card issued to a person (details supplied) given it is over seven weeks since the application was submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70010/25]

*692. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when an application will be processed and an IRP card issued to a person (details supplied) given it is over five weeks since the application was submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70011/25]

*693. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when an application will be processed and an IRP card issued to a person (details supplied) given it is over seven weeks since the application was submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70012/25]

*694. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when an application will be processed and an IRP card issued to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70013/25]

*695. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether contributions from the State or from employers towards the My Future Fund pension scheme will be reckonable as income for the purposes of assessing the eligibility of an individual or household for any means-tested services or schemes operated by her Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70026/25]

*696. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration with regard to the Kilbride Army camp which is being used as an IPAS centre, if he is aware that enhanced safety measures are required as a result of recent attacks on men; if he will consider transferring them to a safe place; if swift action will be taken to ensure their continued protection; if an investigation will be carried out into the threats and harassment they are facing when they leave the camp; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [70034/25]

*697. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when a renewal application will be processed and an IRP card issued (details supplied), given that a delay in the issuing of same is impacting on the applicant's employment stability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70051/25]

*698. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the legislative and operational measures he has undertaken to develop and implement systems to collect biometric data to responsibly identify terrorists. — Alan Kelly. [70083/25]

*699. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the challenges being faced in setting capacity to collect biometric data to responsibly identify terrorists. — Alan Kelly. [70088/25]

*700. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is sharing biometric data relating to terrorist activities with other relevant states, Interpol and other relevant international bodies. — Alan Kelly. [70089/25]

*701. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way in which he is ensuring that the collection and exchange of biometric data is carried out in compliance with domestic and international human rights law. — Alan Kelly. [70090/25]

*702. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he can provide a contact email address for local authorities to use if they are dealing with ongoing enforcement issues in relation to contracts for IPAS, BTOP, or short-term emergency accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [70100/25]

*703. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total cost of all advertising and promotional activity his Department and all bodies under his aegis had in each of the years 2024 and up to 1 December 2025, in chronological order. — Alan Kelly. [70138/25]

*704. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department intends to publish a NDP sectoral plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [70146/25]

*705. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to ensure that all buildings under his Department's control have solar panels installed, including Garda stations, court buildings, prisons and any other buildings under his control; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70153/25]

*706. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on the review of vetting legislation and provision for re-vetting; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [70166/25]

*707. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if recent statements by him and his Department regarding a person (details supplied) waiving their entitlement to a pension contribution of 18.4% of salary is confirmation that they did not or will not receive any pension arising from their employment as Garda Commissioner. — Alan Kelly. [70167/25]

*708. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether, despite recent statements by him and his Department regarding a person (details supplied) waiving their entitlement to a pension contribution of 18.4% of salary, they did or will receive any pension arising from his employment in their former role; and if so, the precise amount of the pension and any gratuity paid to them or yet to be paid to them by the Irish State. — Alan Kelly. [70168/25]

*709. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a person (details supplied) will continue to hold an Irish passport, which was only sought and provided to him in advance of their employment as Garda Commissioner; and if not, if they will now return their Irish passport and revert to the British passport they held/used in advance of taking up the role of Garda Commissioner and Head of Service for the Irish Intelligence Service. — Alan Kelly. [70169/25]

*710. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the career averaging pension scheme, as applied to all newly attested members of An Garda Síochána and other new entrants to the public/civil service since 2012, is applied in the precise same manner to ex-members of the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI)/Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) who joined and were attested to An Garda Síochána since 2012. — Alan Kelly. [70170/25]

*711. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of electronic devices collected by An Garda Síochána for technical examination from witnesses/complainants in the course of criminal investigations under the Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act 2020; the average length of time between collection of these devices and when technical analysis was begun; the average length of time between collection and when the device was returned to its owner; and the maximum length of time between collection and when the device was returned to its owner, from 9 February 2021 to 30 November 2025, by district, offence name and year, in tabular form. — Máire Devine. [70175/25]

*712. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the career averaging pension scheme, as applied to all newly attested members of An Garda Síochána since and other new entrants to the public/civil service since 2012, is applied in the precise same manner to any pension being provided to a person (details supplied), given that their employment with an Garda Síochána only took effect in September 2018 following their retirement from the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI)/Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC). — Alan Kelly. [70176/25]

*713. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total costs of the additional security features implemented on a property prior to the occupancy and during the occupancy of a person (details supplied) in each of the years 2017 to 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [70195/25]

*714. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current pathway of services and supports available to women in Ireland who are experiencing DSGBV; and the mechanisms in place to ensure coordinated access across emergency, health, legal and refuge supports. — Sorca Clarke. [70207/25]

*715. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration her Department's plans to establish a dedicated and specially trained national Garda unit for responding to DSGBV, to ensure that victims seeking help receive an equal and consistent standard of response regardless

of where in the country they present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [70208/25]

*716. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current average waiting time for individuals who have lodged an appeal or request for revocation of a deportation order; the measures being taken to reduce delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [70211/25]

*717. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason a full-time student (details supplied) who was born in Ireland and is required to apply for an Irish residency permit was only issued with a permit for a period of six months, which expires on the 6 March 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70232/25]

*718. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the vetting processes which are applied during the naturalisation and citizenship process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [70236/25]

*719. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if prior criminal convictions in another State prohibit being granted citizenship here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [70237/25]

*720. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of any complaints made about individuals in the citizenship process by persons who had knowledge of a person's criminal background; if he clarify the way in which such complaints are handled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [70238/25]

*721. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons with criminal convictions who have been granted citizenship, including naturalised citizenship, from 2010 to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [70239/25]

*722. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of employees currently in his Department; the number of staff per year each year since 2015, broken down by grade, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70249/25]

*723. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of employees currently employed in the Prison Services; the number of staff per year each year since 2015, broken down by grade, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70250/25]

*724. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of active members of An Garda Síochána, broken down per year in each year since 2015, by rank, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70251/25]

*725. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average time over the past six years it has taken to produce a stamped final bill in his Department from the time when his Department has received government approval for the general scheme and the heads of a bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70277/25]

*726. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide a schedule of all funding and grant aid provided by heading and subhead to Kildare, Wicklow and Meath

local authorities in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the amount returned and or not expended over the same period. — Aidan Farrelly. [70313/25]

*727. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide details of new migration arrangements (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [70353/25]

*728. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the minimum funding level of €200,000 for the Stepping Out Programme Athlone will be increased for 2026 and for each year thereafter (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [70383/25]

*729. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on negotiations to provide additional funding to Stepping Out for the 2025 period (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [70384/25]

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

*730. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the proposals to implement a positive messaging strategy and campaign to inform farmers about the importance and benefit of Ireland's carbon emissions reduction targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70110/25]

*731. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding available for the upgrading of slaughterhouses and boning halls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [69008/25]

*732. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown by county of the total amounts paid under the BISS, CRISS, ANC and complementary income support for young farmers in 2025, in tabular form. — Aindrias Moynihan. [69461/25]

*733. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if farm payments issued to the executor of a deceased person's estate, following their passing, form part of the deceased personal estate; or if they transfer with the deceased land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [69691/25]

*734. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of a job competition (details supplied) relevant to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [69758/25]

*735. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has assessed the impact on dairy farm operations resulting from the over subscription of the available permits for dairy farm assistants; if contingency supports are being considered to address labour shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [69780/25]

*736. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is permissible to use recycled telegraph/ESB poles for fencing under the non-productive investments for the ACRE scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [69925/25]

*737. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of any Brazilian beef recalled from the shelves of Irish shops due to it containing banned growth hormones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [69926/25]

*738. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has contacted the EU Commission in relation to the importation of Brazilian beef that was contaminated with growth hormones; how this beef was not identified at abattoir level in Brazil; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [69927/25]

*739. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if all beef imported into the EU is tested for growth hormones and other illegal substances; if not, if just random samples are tested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [69928/25]

*740. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether contributions from the State or from employers towards the My Future Fund pension scheme will be reckonable as income for the purposes of assessing the eligibility of an individual or household for any means-tested services or schemes operated by his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70014/25]

*741. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether beef production in Ireland is less carbon intensive than other EU countries; if he will estimate the degree to which it is less carbon intensive; the way in which this calculation is made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70081/25]

*742. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether dairy production in Ireland is less carbon intensive than other EU countries, if he will estimate the degree to which it is less carbon intensive; the way in which this calculation is made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70082/25]

*743. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of trees planted in Ireland in each of the years 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70124/25]

*744. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the level of funding provided to Crann and any other organisation which promote the planting of trees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70125/25]

*745. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the national afforestation programme; the number of trees planted in Ireland in each of the years 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70126/25]

*746. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the national forestation programme, if any assessment is made of the quality of land before an agreement is made with a farmer to plant trees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70127/25]

*747. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the species of trees planted under the national afforestation programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70128/25]

*748. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports available for farmers to promote environmentally friendly practices and to reduce their carbon emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70129/25]

*749. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will request the EU Commission to remove the beef and poultry import concessions proposed under the EU-Mercosur agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [70197/25]

*750. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will request the EU Commission to mandate an urgent, targeted DG SANTE audit in Brazil focused specifically on practical enforcement of prescription only rules for veterinary antimicrobials, control of highest priority critically important antimicrobials and the effective operation of national identification and traceability systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [70198/25]

*751. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will request the EU Commission to ensure that the EU's internal AMR and animal welfare commitments are fully reflected in the conditions attached to beef and poultry imports, in order that public health protection and high welfare are not compromised for the sake of trade concessions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [70199/25]

*752. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average time over the past six years it has taken to produce a stamped final bill in his Department from the time when his Department has received government approval for the general scheme and the heads of a bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70265/25]

*753. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a schedule of all funding and grant aid provided by heading and subhead to Kildare, Wicklow and Meath local authorities in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the amount returned and or not expended over the same period. — Aidan Farrelly. [70301/25]

*754. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to a shortage of Department vets in meat factories; the location of these shortages; the reason for these shortages; and the way in which he intends to resolve this issue. — Martin Kenny. [70338/25]

*755. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the vaccine for bluetongue will be licenced and approved for farmers to use given the outbreak of the disease on the Island; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [70339/25]

*756. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures his Department is taking to stop the spread of bluetongue across the island of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [70340/25]

*757. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of aquaculture licence determinations issued by him and his Department in 2025, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [70359/25]

*758. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of aquaculture licence applications processed with appropriate assessments completed by the Marine Institute and his Department in 2025, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [70360/25]

*759. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will publish an 'Aquaculture Licensing Plan' for the sector, similar to the 'Forestry Licensing Plan 2024' with key targets, projected licence applications, licence output and turnaround times in order to give certainty to the industry and licence applicants. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [70361/25]

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

*760. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if funding will be provided for the proposed equine therapy centre at Toghermore campus in Tuam, County Galway; if she can provide an update on this project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [69776/25]

*761. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if he will consider extending unpaid parental leave so that it remains available until a child finishes post primary school in order to give parents greater flexibility during the school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69828/25]

*762. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department maintains a central register of all suppliers and payees across her Department and its agencies, including supplier legal type such as limited company, partnership, sole trader or charity; if not, the reason this information is not recorded as part of financial governance and procurement oversight; the date on which her Department last reviewed this control; and the steps being taken to introduce supplier-type classification across all agencies funded under her vote. — Ken O'Flynn. [69069/25]

*763. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the procedures in place within her Department and its agencies to verify the legal status, beneficial ownership and tax compliance of all corporate suppliers prior to payment; the systems used to confirm whether payees are incorporated entities; and whether internal audits have identified gaps in controls due to incomplete supplier-classification data. — Ken O'Flynn. [69070/25]

*764. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has carried out any audit, risk assessment or value-for-money review relating to the absence of legal-status classification among suppliers to her Department or its agencies; the findings of any such review; and the measures being introduced to ensure future payments to external entities are supported by complete governance and compliance data. — Ken O'Flynn. [69071/25]

*765. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average cost per child per week in residential care for each placement category, disaggregated between subcontracted private providers and Tusla-operated centres, for each of the past five years; and the methodology used by her Department and by Tusla's management accounting unit when calculating these figures. — Ken O'Flynn. [69115/25]

*766. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children placed in subcontracted private residential placements and Tusla-operated residential centres; and the total annual expenditure associated with each category, in order to assess budgetary exposure and value-for-money oversight, in each of the past five years. — Ken O'Flynn. [69116/25]

*767. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the governance framework, audit controls and financial-oversight mechanisms used to verify the cost structures of

subcontracted private residential-care providers; the frequency of audits or financial reviews carried out by Tusla or her Department in the past five years; and the actions taken where discrepancies or excessive cost variances have been identified. — Ken O’Flynn. [69117/25]

*768. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the work of an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [69136/25]

*769. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider meeting with an organisation (details supplied) to discuss their concerns related to the welfare of children who are subject to court proceedings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [69137/25]

*770. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the concerns of members of an organisation (details supplied) related to the regulation of the guardian ad litem profession; the actions she will take to address these specific concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [69138/25]

*771. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of residential respite beds required in County Kerry for children with disabilities under 18 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [69306/25]

*772. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of residential respite beds required in County Kerry for adults with disabilities, over 18 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [69307/25]

*773. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of residential respite beds requested in County Kerry for children with disabilities under 18 years of age, during the past 5 years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [69308/25]

*774. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of residential respite beds requested in County Kerry for adults with disabilities, over 18 years of age, during the past 5 years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [69309/25]

*775. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the instructions issued to the HSE and section 38/39 organisations regarding the operationalisation of the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People; and the reporting system that will monitor progress at service-delivery level under the strategy. — Erin McGreehan. [69383/25]

*776. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the immediate measures she is taking to address the significant staffing shortages across the children’s disability network teams (CDNTs) in south Tipperary (details supplied); the steps being taken to fill these posts as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [69446/25]

*777. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the actions being taken to reduce the long waiting lists for assessment and therapies in the south Tipperary CDNTs (details supplied); the expected timeline for improvements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [69447/25]

*778. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the evaluation of interim measures currently being used by CDNTs in south Tipperary, including the DIR pilot programme, parent coaching model, SLT communication clinic, and positive behaviour support involvement to address therapy backlogs; the outcomes of these initiatives to date; and the long-term plan to ensure sustainable, fully-staffed interdisciplinary CDNTs in the region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [69448/25]

*779. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the specific recruitment and retention strategies being implemented to overcome the HSE-identified difficulties in filling posts in south Tipperary CDNTs; whether financial incentives, streamlined recruitment pathways, or international recruitment campaigns are being considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [69449/25]

*780. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will report on the impact that current delays in assessment and therapy provision in south Tipperary CDNTs are having on children and families; and the steps being taken to ensure that no child loses developmental potential due to delays in access to early intervention; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [69450/25]

*781. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the implementation of the recommendations contained in a report (details supplied); the current status of all outstanding recommendations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69597/25]

*782. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the timeline for full implementation of all outstanding recommendations arising from a report (details supplied); the measures being taken to improve communication and engagement with survivors who have expressed concerns regarding delays and lack of updates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69598/25]

*783. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current status of the development of Tusla's Responsible Use Framework for artificial intelligence and automation technologies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69621/25]

*784. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if Tusla has established a governance structure to oversee the introduction of emerging technologies including automation and artificial intelligence and the expected timeline for this structure to become fully operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69622/25]

*785. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if Tusla has completed a risk assessment of automated processes within its case management systems to ensure that no automated decision making takes place in relation to child protection or child welfare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69623/25]

*786. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if Tusla intends to trial forms of automation to reduce administrative burden on caseworkers in a way that complies with data protection and ethical standards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69624/25]

*787. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the progress of the new case management system and the timeline for its full deployment across all regions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69625/25]

*788. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality how Tusla ensures compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation and the Children First Act in the design and testing of any digital transformation or artificial intelligence supported tools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69626/25]

*789. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if additional staffing or specialist resourcing has been allocated to Tusla's information and communications technology and data governance units to support responsible innovation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69627/25]

*790. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if Tusla has considered engagement with external providers who specialise in safe use of artificial intelligence and automation for non decision making tasks in order to support its digital transformation programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69628/25]

*791. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 769 of 25 November 2025, if under the current national childcare scheme attendance compliance rules, a pattern of under-attendance for seven consecutive weeks followed by one week of full attendance would effectively reset the under-attendance count; if such a pattern could be repeated indefinitely for the duration of the scheme without triggering any compliance consequences for either the provider or the parent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [69672/25]

*792. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to the publication of her Department's Sectoral Capital Plan 2026–2030 as part of the Government's National Development Plan (NDP) to provide a breakdown of the proposed 112 key infrastructure developments for specialist disability services across the six health regions which include residential services properties, high support residential services units, day services units, adult/children multi-disciplinary network team units, adult respite houses and child respite houses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [69761/25]

*793. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for a breakdown per HSE region of the number of individuals transitioned from congregated settings to new enhanced residential and HIQA approved settings from 2021-2025 as part of the Transforming Lives Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [69762/25]

*794. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for a breakdown per HSE region of the number of new enhanced residential and HIQA approved settings created from 2021-2025 as part of the Transforming Lives Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [69763/25]

*795. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for a breakdown per HSE region of the number of beds removed from congregated settings from 2021-2025 as part of the Transforming Lives Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [69764/25]

*796. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a breakdown per HSE region as per The Disability Capacity Review to 2032 (published in 2021); the extra capacity required in disability services to address unmet need and demographic growth; the percentage of same that was achieved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [69765/25]

*797. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of meetings her Department have had with an organisation (details supplied) over the past number of years in advance of the new regulations for the section; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [69775/25]

*798. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the proposed reorganisation of a youth services facility in Cork (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [69777/25]

*799. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality is she will review the core funding scheme's funding model to ensure sustainability for long-established services, to guarantee that families are not priced out of accessing childcare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [69783/25]

*800. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of providers that have withdrawn from core funding each year since it was introduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [69788/25]

*801. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps her Department is taking to improve access to affordable and flexible after school care for families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69827/25]

*802. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether contributions from the State or from employers towards the My Future Fund pension scheme will be reckonable as income for the purposes of assessing the eligibility of an individual or household for any means-tested services or schemes operated by her Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70015/25]

*803. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of a situation in Newbridge, County Kildare (details supplied) where local providers are withdrawing from Core Funding; the way in which she plans to address the lack of affordable childcare places in Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [70031/25]

*804. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers that have withdrawn from Core Funding in the past four years in County Kildare, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [70032/25]

*805. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if a residential placement will be offered to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [70085/25]

*806. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans regarding the installation of solar panels on all Tusla buildings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70145/25]

*807. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of respite hours available to adults in south Lee; the type of respite provided; the number of people who have availed of this service in in each of the years 2021 to 2024 and to date in 2025; the number of hours provided for in each of the years 2021 to 2024 and to date in 2025; the number on the waiting list to access such services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [70147/25]

*808. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of respite hours available for children in south Lee; the type of respite provided; the number of people who have availed of this service in in each of the years 2021 to 2024 and to date in 2025; the number of hours provided in each of the years 2021 to 2024 and to date in 2025; and the number on the waiting list to access such services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [70148/25]

*809. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of adults in south Lee on the waiting list for respite, broken down by those waiting 3 months, 6 months, 9 months and over 12months. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [70149/25]

*810. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children in south Lee on the waiting list for respite, broken down by those waiting 3 months, 6 months, 9 months and over 12months. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [70150/25]

*811. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on correspondence (details supplied); if she is aware of the difficulties for adults accessing these supports; her Department's plan to address these issues specifically in Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70221/25]

*812. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 849 of 12 November 2025, the reason the response differs from Tusla (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [70264/25]

*813. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average time over the past six years it has taken to produce a stamped final bill in her Department from the time when her Department has received government approval for the general scheme and the heads of a bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70266/25]

*814. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of services that have exited Core Funding since its introduction, by year and county. — Aidan Farrelly. [70294/25]

*815. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will clarify whether her officials track the fee levels charged by services after they exit Core Funding; and the average % scale of fee increases. — Aidan Farrelly. [70295/25]

*816. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on whether the current exit rules give adequate protection to families from sudden fee shocks; and if changes are being considered. — Aidan Farrelly. [70296/25]

*817. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the analysis which has been done on the impact of the current model on long established services compared with new services. — Aidan Farrelly. [70297/25]

*818. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will clarify the basis for requirement of ECCE deductions to be spread over 10 months rather than 12 months; and the impact this has on monthly costs for parents. — Aidan Farrelly. [70298/25]

*819. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the supports available to families when a service exits Core Funding and imposes major fee increases. — Aidan Farrelly. [70299/25]

*820. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current number of Core Funding services and places in County Kildare, Meath and Wicklow; and the assessment of risk of further exits. — Aidan Farrelly. [70300/25]

*821. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide a schedule of all funding and grant aid provided by heading and subhead to Kildare, Wicklow and Meath local authorities in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the amount returned and or not expended over the same period. — Aidan Farrelly. [70302/25]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*822. To ask the Minister for Health if she will report on cross-Departmental engagement regarding child and youth health promotion in relation to UV exposure and skin-cancer prevention; and if HSE will commit to supporting the integration of sun-safety education as a standard element of wellbeing policy for children and young people. — Erin McGreehan. [69382/25]

*823. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on CDNTs in Armagh Road, Dublin 12; and the length of time children have been waiting, in tabular form. — Jen Cummins. [70173/25]

*824. To ask the Minister for Health the reforms being introduced to address staffing shortages and recruitment bottlenecks in frontline public services for health; the way in which these reforms will improve service delivery in counties such as Laois; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [70341/25]

*825. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinical indemnity claims for ear nose and throat in each HSE region, in tabular form, for each year from 2020, to date in 2025; if there is an excessively high number in the HSE Mid-West Hospital Region comparative to other regions; if this is a cause of concern, and the actions undertaken, or planned, to resolve this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [69002/25]

*826. To ask the Minister for Health if a root cause analysis been undertaken into serious ENT incidents in the Health Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [69003/25]

*827. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has completed a systematic serious adverse incident investigation process, as required, into any ENT incident in the past 10 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [69004/25]

*828. To ask the Minister for Health the lessons that have been documented and shared from adverse ENT incidents nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [69005/25]

*829. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to concerns related to the Mental Health Bill 2024, as passed by Dáil Éireann (details supplied); the actions she will take to address the specific concerns highlighted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [69014/25]

*830. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE speech and language therapists posts, by grade, that were filled at Kings Island Primary Care Centre in the years of 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [69017/25]

*831. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE public health nurse posts filled within CHO3 in each of the years of 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [69018/25]

*832. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant cardiologists based at University Hospital Limerick in each of the years of 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [69019/25]

*833. To ask the Minister for Health the average cost per unit of a holter monitor device; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [69025/25]

*834. To ask the Minister for Health the action she will take in an urgent neurosurgical case for a person (details supplied) where the patient has been placed on a lengthy waiting list despite clinical advice that surgery is required promptly; and if she will ensure the HSE provides an expedited review and treatment date. — Conor D. McGuinness. [69028/25]

*835. To ask the Minister for Health if shunt replacement or similar neurosurgical procedures are eligible for support through the cross-border healthcare scheme, the treatment abroad scheme, or the national treatment purchase fund, particularly in cases where significant delays exist in accessing such treatment in the State; and the criteria governing access to each scheme. — Conor D. McGuinness. [69029/25]

*836. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting list figures for CAMHS services at the end of November 2025, by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [69030/25]

*837. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount of HSE funding that has been provided to a service (details supplied) since the WRC agreement in 2023; the dates these payments were made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [69038/25]

*838. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement which the HSE has had with a service (details supplied) in 2025 regarding the implementation of the agreed 8% uplift which is due to staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [69039/25]

*839. To ask the Minister for Health the operational impact on Accident and Emergency Departments she is preparing for, in advance of the proposed strike action by a service (details supplied) on 18 December 2025 and the subsequent dates that are planned for week commencing 22 December 2025, as members of the public will not have access to out of hours services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [69040/25]

*840. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the fact that approximately 9,000 women are currently waiting up to 10 weeks or longer for a follow-up appointment after being referred by their GP for suspected breast cancer; the reason such delays are occurring; the clinical risk posed by these waiting times; the actions she is taking to ensure that urgent breast care referrals are assessed within recommended timeframes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [69041/25]

*841. To ask the Minister for Health the clinical consequences identified by her Department and the HSE regarding prolonged delays in breast cancer follow-up appointments; the number of cases that have breached the recommended urgent referral timeframe; the measures which are being implemented to safeguard early detection and timely diagnosis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [69042/25]

*842. To ask the Minister for Health the status of out-of-date, old or non-compliant diagnostic equipment in breast cancer assessment units; the number of machines requiring replacement or upgrade; the timeline for bringing all breast units in line with modern clinical standards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [69043/25]

*843. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be formally allocated to replace outdated breast diagnostic equipment; the reason for the delay in confirming this funding; and whether the 2026 capital plan includes specific ring-fenced investment for breast cancer services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [69044/25]

*844. To ask the Minister for Health the recruitment, staffing, and capacity challenges contributing to delays in breast cancer follow-up appointments; the number of vacant consultant, radiographer, and breast care nurse posts nationally; the plan to address these gaps; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [69045/25]

*845. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which current waiting times for breast cancer follow-up appointments align with the targets set out in the National Cancer Strategy; the accountability measures which exist for persistent breaches of these targets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [69046/25]

*846. To ask the Minister for Health the immediate actions, such as extended clinic hours, outsourcing of scans, or temporary capacity expansion, which are being considered to reduce the backlog of 9,000 women awaiting follow-up appointments; the projected timeline for clearing this backlog; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [69047/25]

*847. To ask the Minister for Health the work her Department is doing to progress the approval from HSE Medicines Management Programme for dupilumab for the treatment of paediatric eosinophilic oesophagitis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [69050/25]

*848. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [69051/25]

*849. To ask the Minister for Health the governance framework applied by her Department to non-statutory bodies that receive direct funding, including the internal controls, verification steps, and oversight mechanisms used prior to releasing public funds. — Ken O'Flynn. [69066/25]

*850. To ask the Minister for Health the due diligence process carried out before funding is approved for non-statutory bodies; the risk assessments completed; and the measures taken to ensure appropriate stewardship of Exchequer funds. — Ken O’Flynn. [69067/25]

*851. To ask the Minister for Health if she intends to introduce standardised reporting requirements, annual financial statements, audit obligations or sanctions for non-statutory bodies receiving direct funding from her Department; and any reforms now under consideration. — Ken O’Flynn. [69068/25]

*852. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications approved under the treatment abroad scheme for gender-affirming surgery; the number of applications refused; and the total cost to the State in each year, including associated clinical and administrative costs, from 2018 to 2025, by year. — Ken O’Flynn. [69088/25]

*853. To ask the Minister for Health if she is satisfied that the current approval process for gender-affirming surgery under the treatment abroad scheme operates without any standardised national clinical review panel or centralised governance structure; the steps she intends to take to introduce national oversight; and when such measures will be operational. — Ken O’Flynn. [69089/25]

*854. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referring consultants in Ireland who have issued the clinical recommendation and multidisciplinary-team letters relied upon for treatment abroad scheme approvals for gender-affirming surgery; the clinical specialties of these consultants; and the number of such recommendations issued in each of the years 2018 to 2025. — Ken O’Flynn. [69090/25]

*855. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria used by her Department to determine which gender-affirming procedures are eligible for approval under the treatment abroad scheme; the clinical basis for excluding procedures such as facial feminisation surgery; and whether a review of these criteria is underway or planned. — Ken O’Flynn. [69091/25]

*856. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE hydro-pools in the State; the location of each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [69092/25]

*857. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding her Department has allocated to drug addiction prevention since 2020. — Paul McAuliffe. [69096/25]

*858. To ask the Minister for Health when a service will be provided in Letterkenny University Hospital (LUH), for patients who require intravitreal injections as this service is already in place in LUH for diabetic retinopathy patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [69098/25]

*859. To ask the Minister for Health the contingency or interim service arrangements that have been put in place for children on the waiting list for the community ophthalmology service in south Tipperary, following the unsuccessful recruitment of a consultant community ophthalmologist and the retirement of the previous postholder; if weekend clinics, private sourcing, inter-HSE area referrals, or other contractual supports are being utilised to address this service gap; the current number of children on the waiting list; when children referred as far back as 2021, as well as those added to the list in mid-2023 including two specific cases (details supplied) can expect to receive an appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [69106/25]

*860. To ask the Minister for Health the monthly average waiting times for admission from the emergency department to an inpatient bed at Naas General Hospital over the past 12 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [69107/25]

*861. To ask the Minister for Health the daily number of patients on trolleys at Naas General Hospital in the past month; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [69108/25]

*862. To ask the Minister for Health the emergency department waiting time targets under the HSE Winter Plan; the extent to which Naas General Hospital is meeting these targets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [69109/25]

*863. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to reduce waiting times and trolley numbers at Naas General Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [69110/25]

*864. To ask the Minister for Health the current bed occupancy rate at Naas General Hospital; the steps being taken to ensure adequate capacity for emergency admissions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [69111/25]

*865. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing levels in the emergency department at Naas General Hospital; the number of vacancies; and the actions being taken to address staff shortages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [69112/25]

*866. To ask the Minister for Health the planned capital investment for Naas General Hospital over the next three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [69113/25]

*867. To ask the Minister for Health the measures in place to ensure patient dignity and privacy for those on trolleys at Naas General Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [69114/25]

*868. To ask the Minister for Health the national clinical guidance that applies to the prescription or recommendation of anti malaria medications for Ministers, civil servants and Defence Forces personnel travelling abroad on official State business; and the risk assessment protocols used for Lariam and other anti-malaria medications in these circumstances. — Ken O'Flynn. [69126/25]

*869. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of the total cost of gender-affirming surgeries funded by the HSE under the treatment abroad scheme in each of the years 2018 to 2025; the average and median contribution paid by the State per procedure; the average and median co-payment borne by patients in the host country; the countries in which the surgeries took place; and the methodology used by the HSE to calculate the State contribution in each case. — Ken O'Flynn. [69131/25]

*870. To ask the Minister for Health the current policy position on the provision of gender-affirming surgeries within the State; the number of patients currently approved for such surgeries under the treatment abroad scheme; the number awaiting approval; the expected cost of developing domestic surgical capacity; and the actions under way within the Department to assess service need, governance, and long-term cost planning. — Ken O'Flynn. [69132/25]

*871. To ask the Minister for Health the total annual expenditure incurred by the HSE on gender-affirming surgeries funded under the treatment abroad scheme in each of the years 2018 to 2025; the number of patients funded each year; the average cost per patient; the highest and lowest costs reimbursed in each year; and the Department's projections for expenditure for 2026 to 2028. — Ken O'Flynn. [69133/25]

*872. To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency department patients who waited more than twelve hours on trolleys in each of the past six months, by hospital, based on verified HSE TrolleyGar data, and to outline any discrepancies identified between internal reports and the daily published HSE urgent and emergency care reports. — Ken O'Flynn. [69147/25]

*873. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of emergency department patients who waited more than twenty-four hours on trolleys in each of the past six months, by hospital, and to set out the maximum trolley wait recorded at each hospital during that period. — Ken O'Flynn. [69148/25]

*874. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional senior clinical decision maker hours rostered in emergency departments, medical assessment units and inpatient wards since the introduction of the public only consultant contract, including evening, weekend and public holiday hours separately for each hospital group. — Ken O'Flynn. [69149/25]

*875. To ask the Minister for Health the number of diagnostic appointments provided outside core hours in each of the past six months, including CT, MRI, ultrasound, cardiac investigations and endoscopy separately for each hospital. — Ken O'Flynn. [69150/25]

*876. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients transferred from emergency departments to surgical hubs, rapid access clinics, ambulatory care clinics, crisis cafes, virtual wards, reablement services or expanded rehabilitation services in each of the past six months, and the percentage of these transfers that prevented an emergency admission. — Ken O'Flynn. [69151/25]

*877. To ask the Minister for Health the escalation criteria used by the HSE national oversight team during twice daily reviews of unscheduled care pressures; and to provide the number of times each hospital triggered escalation in each of the past six months. — Ken O'Flynn. [69152/25]

*878. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds closed for infection-control, staffing or maintenance reasons in each of the past six months, by hospital; and the impact of these closures on trolley numbers reported to the HSE. — Ken O'Flynn. [69153/25]

*879. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has reviewed the preparedness of each regional health area for winter pressures; setting out the actions approved, the timelines for delivery, and the performance indicators being used to measure readiness. — Ken O'Flynn. [69154/25]

*880. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE paediatric speech and language therapists, by grade based at Springfield-Tallaght primary care centre in each of the years of 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [69161/25]

*881. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE paediatric emergency medicine registrars based at CHI Tallaght University Hospital in each of the years of 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [69162/25]

*882. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE psychologists by grade based at Kilnamanagh/Tymon primary care centre in each of the years of 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [69163/25]

*883. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE occupational therapists, by grade based at Killinarden health centre in each of the years of 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [69164/25]

*884. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant rheumatologist based at Tallaght University Hospital in each of the years of 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [69165/25]

*885. To ask the Minister for Health to review the case of a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [69178/25]

*886. To ask the Minister for Health if the new endometriosis framework will be applied retrospectively to provide reimbursement and supports to those who were forced to pay for treatment privately prior to the introduction of the framework; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [69182/25]

*887. To ask the Minister for Health the rates of Government levies on health insurance premiums; the way in which a family could be liable to pay almost 56% in Government levies before lifetime community rating loadings are applied (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [69184/25]

*888. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the protest organised by a group (details supplied) outside the National Gender Service (NGS) in Dublin on 27 November 2025; the actions she will take to engage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [69192/25]

*889. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be available for oral immunotherapy in Ireland as some parents are traveling abroad for treatments as they cannot receive care here in Ireland. — Shay Brennan. [69205/25]

*890. To ask the Minister for Health if she will report on the availability of training teachers/coaches to administer lifesaving EPI pens in schools, sports clubs and childcare facilities. — Shay Brennan. [69206/25]

*891. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the capital project referred (details supplied); if she will request that local TDs are consulted prior to any report being finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [69210/25]

*892. To ask the Minister for Health the reason carer's allowance is taken into account for the over 70 medical card income assessment, as its inclusion is putting many people over the income threshold for a medical card and is a disincentive to take up important caring, duties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [69297/25]

*893. To ask the Minister for Health if she will examine the case of a person (details supplied) who was referred by their general practitioner on 23 September 2025 an assessment at CUH, and advised they will not be seen until February/March 2026; if she considers this delay to be clinically acceptable; if she will intervene to ensure the person is offered an earlier appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [69304/25]

*894. To ask the Minister for Health the current average waiting times for symptomatic breast assessments at the rapid access breast clinic in CUH; the percentage of patients being seen within the recommended two-week timeframe; the factors contributing to extended delays; and the steps being taken to restore timely access for symptomatic patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [69305/25]

*895. To ask the Minister for Health if she will urgently review the case of a person (details supplied) who is an inpatient in UHK and has been deemed too unwell to travel to Cork for her scheduled haematology chemotherapy; if she will clarify why this treatment cannot be provided in UHK, given that similar treatments have previously been facilitated there; if she will intervene to ensure that her care is not delayed further; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [69312/25]

*896. To ask the Minister for Health if, given current staffing shortages, she will consider making midwives eligible for the training programme in public health nursing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [69320/25]

*897. To ask the Minister for Health the current capacity within the health service to provide surgical treatment for incontinence, including the number of trained surgeons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [69324/25]

*898. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people diagnosed with an eating disorder in the State as of the end of November 2025; and the number of those individuals who had to seek treatment abroad during 2025. — Sorca Clarke. [69325/25]

*899. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people diagnosed with dementia in each of the last 5 years, broken down by age group, gender and county. — Sorca Clarke. [69326/25]

*900. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to ensure the continuation and long-term sustainability of the 22q11 deletion syndrome clinic currently operating in CHI Crumlin, in light of its recognised award-winning model of coordinated care; if she will confirm whether dedicated, ring-fenced funding and staffing will be provided for this clinic within the new children's hospital, given that it currently relies on a single consultant and a single care coordinator without formalised resources; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [69330/25]

*901. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing home beds opened in 2025, per county; and the number of new beds approved for opening in 2026. — Sorca Clarke. [69331/25]

*902. To ask the Minister for Health the Government's rationale for ceasing the financial support on 31 December for healthcare staff who contracted life changing COVID infections, though no fault of their own, in their workplace, in the early pandemic; and can the Minister consider continuing this financial support. — Ann Graves. [69335/25]

*903. To ask the Minister for Health if changes have been made since 2020 to the eligibility criteria or decision-making principles applied by the HSE when assessing discretionary medical card applications for people aged over 70 who exceed the income threshold but face high medical or living costs; and to publish any such changes. — Ken O’Flynn. [69346/25]

*904. To ask the Minister for Health the circulars, directives, guidance notes, or interpretative instructions issued by her Department or the HSE since 2020, relating to the assessment of discretionary medical card applications for people aged over 70; and to make these documents available. — Ken O’Flynn. [69347/25]

*905. To ask the Minister for Health the number of discretionary medical card applications received for people aged over 70, the number approved, the number refused, and the resulting approval rate from 2020 to 2025, by year; and whether the Department has reviewed these trends. — Ken O’Flynn. [69348/25]

*906. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has assessed the decline in discretionary medical cards issued to people aged over 70 against the documented annual growth in the over-70 population; and to provide the analysis carried out. — Ken O’Flynn. [69349/25]

*907. To ask the Minister for Health if medical inflation and increased costs of essential healthcare for older persons including GP visits, medications, diagnostics and home-care supports are factored into her Department’s approach to discretionary medical card policy; and the way in which such cost pressures are considered. — Ken O’Flynn. [69350/25]

*908. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has carried out a review of governance, consistency, or fairness in discretionary medical card decision-making for people aged over 70 since 2020; if so to provide the findings; and if not, the reason no such review has taken place. — Ken O’Flynn. [69351/25]

*909. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has evaluated if current income thresholds, hardship definitions, or supporting-documentation requirements for discretionary medical cards remain appropriate for the needs of people aged over 70; and to set out any planned revisions. — Ken O’Flynn. [69352/25]

*910. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has examined the impact of rising household costs including energy, rent, utilities and food on older persons who are above the income threshold but have high unavoidable expenses; and whether this has informed discretionary medical card policy. — Ken O’Flynn. [69353/25]

*911. To ask the Minister for Health the budgetary provision allocated for discretionary medical cards for older persons in each year from 2020 to 2025; and whether any changes in funding have influenced approval trends during this period. — Ken O’Flynn. [69354/25]

*912. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has undertaken equality or vulnerability impact assessment regarding the sharp reduction in discretionary medical card approvals for persons aged over 70 since 2020; and to provide any assessment conducted. — Ken O’Flynn. [69355/25]

*913. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given to include the weight loss drug mounjaro on the drugs payment scheme for people who do not have diabetes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [69367/25]

*914. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HPV vaccinations expired without being used in each year 2015-2025, in tabular form; the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [69368/25]

*915. To ask the Minister for Health the number women identified as having CIN1 and CIN2+ lesions for excision in each of the years 2015 to date 2025, in tabular form. — Roderic O’Gorman. [69369/25]

*916. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for which her Department has chosen not to implement the NIAC guidelines to offer the HPV9 vaccine to previously unvaccinated women aged ≤ 45 years with CIN2+; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [69370/25]

*917. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for which her Department has chosen not to implement the NIAC guidelines to offer vaccination to previously unvaccinated women aged ≤ 45 years with CIN1 lesions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [69371/25]

*918. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide updated data on annual melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancer incidence; the HSE’s current and projected expenditure on treatment for skin cancer; and whether her Department has assessed the potential cost-savings associated with early, curriculum-based prevention interventions in schools. — Erin McGreehan. [69379/25]

*919. To ask the Minister for Health the actions being taken by the HSE national cancer control programme to expand public awareness of sun-safety and UV risks; the level of funding allocated to these campaigns in each of the past three years; and whether additional resources will be provided to support increased national visibility. — Erin McGreehan. [69380/25]

*920. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider introducing enhanced regulatory measures regarding sunbed use, particularly for minors; if her Department has evaluated current enforcement activity; and whether further protections are being examined to reduce preventable skin cancer cases. — Erin McGreehan. [69381/25]

*921. To ask the Minister for Health the reason endometriosis diagnostics and surgical treatments are not eligible for referral under the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF), given the extensive waiting lists experienced by patients; if the NTPF has assessed the feasibility of including endometriosis procedures; and if not, whether she will direct the NTPF to begin collecting the necessary data to allow such procedures to be funded. — Erin McGreehan. [69384/25]

*922. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the exclusion of endometriosis treatment from the National Treatment Purchase Fund aligns with commitments in the National Endometriosis Framework to reduce diagnostic delays and waiting times. — Erin McGreehan. [69385/25]

*923. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the NTPF has not been tasked with collecting procedure-level data for endometriosis surgery, despite the condition’s prevalence and the complexity of access pathways; and the steps her Department will take to ensure transparent waiting list reporting for endometriosis treatment across the health service. — Erin McGreehan. [69386/25]

*924. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an assessment of whether the reliance on the endometriosis surgery abroad interim scheme (ESAIS), combined with the exclusion of endometriosis treatment from the NTPF, risks creating unequal access to timely surgical care; and her plans to ensure equitable access for patients unable to travel abroad. — Erin McGreehan. [69387/25]

*925. To ask the Minister for Health the expected timeline for domestic service capacity at the supra-regional endometriosis centres in Tallaght and Cork to meet demand without the need for interim overseas pathways; and whether her Department has considered using the NTPF as an interim mechanism to relieve pressure on these centres. — Erin McGreehan. [69388/25]

*926. To ask the Minister for Health if the endometriosis hubs and supra-regional specialist centres have been provided with sufficient staffing and theatre capacity to deliver the National Endometriosis Framework; and if she will provide current waiting lists for consultations and surgeries at each site. — Erin McGreehan. [69389/25]

*927. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications received under the endometriosis surgery abroad interim scheme (ESAIS) since its establishment; the number approved; the number refused; and the primary reasons for refusals. — Erin McGreehan. [69390/25]

*928. To ask the Minister for Health the current processing time for the endometriosis surgery abroad interim scheme (ESAIS) applications from submission to decision; the average waiting time for patients approved for treatment abroad; and whether her Department is taking steps to reduce delays in the application and approval process. — Erin McGreehan. [69391/25]

*929. To ask the Minister for Health the total funding allocated to the endometriosis surgery abroad interim scheme (ESAIS) each year since its establishment; the amount drawn down to date; and whether underspend or overspend has occurred in each year. — Erin McGreehan. [69392/25]

*930. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who have received endometriosis surgery abroad under endometriosis surgery abroad interim scheme (ESAIS) since the scheme's commencement; the countries and hospitals used; and the average cost per patient, including travel supports. — Erin McGreehan. [69393/25]

*931. To ask the Minister for Health the financial supports which are available to children over the age of 12 with molecular degeneration (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [69394/25]

*932. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients recommended for specialist endometriosis surgery by Irish consultants but remain on waiting lists without access to treatment under ESAIS; and the way in which the Department intends to address this unmet demand. — Erin McGreehan. [69395/25]

*933. To ask the Minister for Health if an assessment has been carried out to determine whether ESAIS disproportionately excludes patients who cannot travel abroad due to cost, caring responsibilities, disability, or medical complexity; and the measures being considered to address any inequities identified. — Erin McGreehan. [69396/25]

*934. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will publish regular quarterly updates on ESAIS applications, approvals, waiting times, and expenditure; and if so, when the first such report will be made available. — Erin McGreehan. [69397/25]

*935. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a full breakdown of staffing levels across all regional specialist endometriosis services and the two supra-regional centres, including consultant posts, CNS posts, physiotherapists, dietitians, psychologists and administrative roles; and any vacancies, the length of time they have been unfilled, and the plan to ensure full multidisciplinary staffing as committed to in the national framework. — Erin McGreehan. [69398/25]

*936. To ask the Minister for Health the level of ring-fenced theatre access allocated to each regional and supra-regional endometriosis service; and the way in which the HSE will ensure adequate surgical capacity to meet demand and reduce wait times for women with severe or complex disease. — Erin McGreehan. [69399/25]

*937. To ask the Minister for Health the challenges identified in recruiting specialist gynaecologists with advanced laparoscopic training to Irish endometriosis services; and the measures being put in place to make these posts more competitive internationally. — Erin McGreehan. [69400/25]

*938. To ask the Minister for Health to publish the funding allocation for the endometriosis framework, including establishment costs, staffing, theatre expansion, diagnostic capacity and data infrastructure; and if this funding is ring-fenced within women's health budgets. — Erin McGreehan. [69401/25]

*939. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has identified any funding shortfalls that could impede the full rollout of specialist endometriosis services in all six regions; and if so, what additional funding will be provided in 2025–2027 to ensure commitments are met. — Erin McGreehan. [69402/25]

*940. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which funding is being distributed geographically to prevent regional inequity in access to specialist care, particularly for the west, north-west and midlands. — Erin McGreehan. [69403/25]

*941. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated for GP education and upskilling on endometriosis recognition and management, including the promised general practice update referenced in the framework; and to clarify timelines for national rollout. — Erin McGreehan. [69404/25]

*942. To ask the Minister for Health if GPs will be funded for protected training time to support early diagnosis and empirical treatment of endometriosis, in line with the frameworks emphasis on primary-care-led management. — Erin McGreehan. [69405/25]

*943. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided to expand community-based access to ultrasound and specialist radiology expertise, given the framework's acknowledgement of significant variation in availability. — Erin McGreehan. [69406/25]

*944. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will establish a national endometriosis dataset, including staging, surgical outcomes, recurrence rates and waiting times, as committed to in the framework; and to detail the funding allocated for this work. — Erin McGreehan. [69407/25]

*945. To ask the Minister for Health the level of investment being made in Irish endometriosis research, including collaboration with supra-regional centres, fertility hubs and academic institutions; and whether dedicated research funding will be provided in Budget 2026. — Erin McGreehan. [69408/25]

*946. To ask the Minister for Health if endometriosis will be formally integrated into the national clinical trials framework, given emerging international research in imaging, AI diagnostics and novel treatments. — Erin McGreehan. [69409/25]

*947. To ask the Minister for Health the timelines and funding for the proposed structured national endometriosis fellowships between Tallaght and Cork, and whether these posts will be formally accredited through the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. — Erin McGreehan. [69410/25]

*948. To ask the Minister for Health the incentives being considered to attract internationally trained surgeons with deep infiltrating endometriosis expertise, including relocation supports, expanded consultant posts, or protected surgical lists. — Erin McGreehan. [69411/25]

*949. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional consultant gynaecologists with advanced laparoscopic skills the HSE estimates will be required over the next five to ten years to fully staff regional and supra-regional services; and what actions are being taken in line with the national workforce strategy to meet these needs. — Erin McGreehan. [69412/25]

*950. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will publish an annual implementation report on the endometriosis framework, including key performance indicators such as referral timelines, surgery wait times, diagnostic delays and patient experience. — Erin McGreehan. [69413/25]

*951. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which patient feedback will be formally integrated into service evaluation and redesign, particularly given the framework's emphasis on women's lived experience. — Erin McGreehan. [69414/25]

*952. To ask the Minister for Health the number and proportion of staff in each acute hospital and maternity hospital who have completed courses (details supplied); and the figures relative to total staffing levels in each hospital, in tabular form. — Erin McGreehan. [69415/25]

*953. To ask the Minister for Health the compliance targets, if any, the HSE has set regarding uptake of trauma-informed and culturally competent training among frontline staff; the current completion rates against those targets for each hospital group; and the measures in place to ensure hospitals with low uptake achieve compliance. — Erin McGreehan. [69416/25]

*954. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details for each hospital of the number and share of staff who have completed the DSGBV and intercultural modules, by medical and dental staff, nursing and midwifery staff, allied health professionals, social workers, healthcare assistants and administrative and support staff. — Erin McGreehan. [69417/25]

*955. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff in each hospital who work directly with international protection applicants and who have completed the sexual health services signposting training; and whether this training is mandatory for staff in maternity and sexual health services serving IPAS residents. — Erin McGreehan. [69418/25]

*956. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals where fewer than 25%, 50% and 75% of staff have completed the DSGBV and intercultural modules; and the interventions which are being implemented to raise training uptake. — Erin McGreehan. [69419/25]

*957. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE's current capacity to deliver trauma-informed and intercultural training across hospital groups; whether additional resources are being allocated to expand training availability; and the timeframe for full availability of these courses to all staff. — Erin McGreehan. [69420/25]

*958. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has conducted any evaluation of the impact of training programmes on patient experience particularly for migrant women and international protection applicants; if so, to publish the findings; if not, and when such evaluation will be undertaken. — Erin McGreehan. [69421/25]

*959. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 434 of 6 November 2025, to clarify the courses which are mandatory, recommended, or optional for staff working in maternity, sexual health, and frontline services dealing with trauma or DSGBV; and the rationale for the current status of each. — Erin McGreehan. [69422/25]

*960. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Meath will receive an appointment with a pain management specialist. — Darren O'Rourke. [69423/25]

*961. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Meath will receive results from a scan. — Darren O'Rourke. [69424/25]

*962. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time to see a pain management specialist, by county. — Darren O'Rourke. [69425/25]

*963. To ask the Minister for Health the governance, referral and decision-making framework that operated when Irish children and young people were sent abroad for gender-identity assessment or treatment, including the basis on which the Tavistock Gender Identity Development Service and University College Hospital London were used; and the policy reviews undertaken following the closure of Tavistock. — Ken O'Flynn. [69427/25]

*964. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and young people referred abroad for gender-identity assessment or treatment in each year since 2009, including the number referred; the number seen; age at referral and sex at birth; and if her Department holds any clinical outcomes or follow-up information arising from these referrals. — Ken O'Flynn. [69428/25]

*965. To ask the Minister for Health the clinical guidelines, national policy instructions or formal agreements that applied to the use of puberty-suppressing medication for minors assessed overseas; and to specify whether any safeguarding, clinical-risk or budgetary assessments were carried out before these treatments were facilitated under the treatment abroad scheme. — Ken O'Flynn. [69429/25]

*966. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has undertaken a detailed assessment of the implications of the Cass Review for Irish policy on gender-related healthcare for minors; and the resulting changes to policy, clinical standards or risk-mitigation measures. — Ken O'Flynn. [69430/25]

*967. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has conducted any audits or reviews relating to historical referral practices, clinical oversight, training pathways or governance arrangements in gender-identity services for minors; and the scope and findings of any such work along with the current safeguards that apply to new referrals. — Ken O’Flynn. [69431/25]

*968. To ask the Minister for Health the number of MRI scans that take place in UHL by day of the week, for each month since October 2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [69436/25]

*969. To ask the Minister for Health the supports available for self-employed people who are unable to work due to a life changing medical diagnosis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [69444/25]

*970. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department engaged with the National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA) regarding their views on the independence of a chair (details supplied); if the NTMA expressed any concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [69445/25]

*971. To ask the Minister for Health the payment which will be put in place for workers who are on the long-Covid payment sick pay through the HSE (details supplied); if she will review this payment again and revise the decision to close it given many families are dependent on this payment to make ends meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [69457/25]

*972. To ask the Minister for Health the details in relation to properties owned by her Department and the HSE at a location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [69469/25]

*973. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons for the sustained decline in the number of new clients accessing HSE-funded crisis-pregnancy counselling services between 2019 and 2025; and the Department’s assessment of whether this reflects reduced service availability, lower public awareness, barriers to access, or changes in referral pathways. — Ken O’Flynn. [69470/25]

*974. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a full regional and service-level breakdown, for each year from 2019 to 2025, of the number of new clients accessing crisis-pregnancy counselling and post-abortion counselling through HSE-funded providers; and to confirm the datasets and reporting standards used by the HSE to compile these figures. — Ken O’Flynn. [69471/25]

*975. To ask the Minister for Health the governance, staffing model, funding allocation, and implementation timeline for the planned reconfiguration of crisis-pregnancy counselling services under the National Sexual Health Strategy 2025-2035; and to specify how the Department will ensure that unplanned-pregnancy and post-abortion counselling capacity is maintained during and after the transition. — Ken O’Flynn. [69472/25]

*976. To ask the Minister for Health the measures taken to ensure accuracy and consistency in the HSE’s quarterly reporting of counselling activity, including the use of categories that combine new and existing clients, and if the Department intends to introduce standardised reporting to avoid double-counting in national statistics. — Ken O’Flynn. [69473/25]

*977. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list for audiology services in Donegal, Sligo and Leitrim CHO1, by location, age, assessment type and procedures, and the length of time individuals have been waiting, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [69514/25]

*978. To ask the Minister for Health the current average waiting time for audiology appointments in Donegal, Sligo and Leitrim CHO1; the number currently waiting to be seen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [69515/25]

*979. To ask the Minister for Health if a review of Dermatology Service requirements for Letterkenny University Hospital was undertaken; when the results will be published if completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [69516/25]

*980. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to fill vacant Dermatology Service positions at Letterkenny University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [69517/25]

*981. To ask the Minister for Health to identify which body holds national waiting-list data for children and young people seeking gender-related assessment or treatment, in circumstances where the HSE's treatment abroad scheme has stated that it does not hold or have access to waiting-list information; the oversight arrangements the Department has in place to ensure national visibility of demand and unmet need; and the steps being taken to address the absence of a centralised dataset. — Ken O'Flynn. [69538/25]

*982. To ask the Minister for Health the Department's governance framework for paediatric referrals for gender-related treatment abroad, including the criteria used by the Department to assess clinical safety, safeguarding, and public-expenditure implications, in circumstances where applications for gender-affirming surgery abroad are automatically approved once an MDT report and referral letter are submitted. — Ken O'Flynn. [69539/25]

*983. To ask the Minister for Health the Department's oversight of public expenditure on gender-related treatment abroad for children and young people since 2020, including pre-assessment costs, multidisciplinary-team costs, travel-related costs and surgical costs; the arrangements in place to monitor value for money; and whether any expenditure controls or budget ceilings apply. — Ken O'Flynn. [69540/25]

*984. To ask the Minister for Health the national policy or clinical-governance framework which guides the assessment of children and young people for gender-related interventions, including referrals abroad; and to confirm if the Department plans to undertake a review of national governance standards in light of recent international findings in this area. — Ken O'Flynn. [69541/25]

*985. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will establish a single national reporting structure for all paediatric gender-related referrals, approvals, outcomes and costs, in order to ensure transparent oversight and policy accountability; and the expected timeline for such a structure. — Ken O'Flynn. [69542/25]

*986. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any ongoing engagement her Department is having with an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [69548/25]

*987. To ask the Minister for Health if she will make systematic changes to maternity hospital systems in order that women who have miscarried do not have follow-up appointments or receive screenings, scans and acute care in spaces shared with women who are expected to carry their babies for full term; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [69559/25]

*988. To ask the Minister for Health the circumstances in which no response was received from the Mater Hospital to this Deputy, regarding a transfer request for a patient from Letterkenny University Hospital to the Mater, despite repeated follow-ups; the reasons for the delay in communication; the measures being taken to ensure that urgent transfer requests are handled promptly in the future, particularly in light of the fact that the patient concerned sadly passed away before any reply was received (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [69567/25]

*989. To ask the Minister for Health to consider reducing the age for free breast and cervical checks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [69584/25]

*990. To ask the Minister for Health if a person suffering with severe multi-organ affected endometriosis and chronic asthma and unable to work for the past five years is entitled to a medical card / GP Visit card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [69591/25]

*991. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has examined the impact of home alcohol deliveries on vulnerable individuals, including persons with addiction, disability or limited mobility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [69615/25]

*992. To ask the Minister for Health the protocols currently in place to enable families, GPs and safeguarding teams to raise concerns about repeated harmful alcohol deliveries to a vulnerable person; if these protocols are adequate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [69617/25]

*993. To ask the Minister for Health if funding for the lymphoedema and lipoedema model was provided for in Budget 2026; if not, whether consideration would be given to providing funding for same considering that international studies show that the cost to treat patients could be reduced by 87%, if comprehensive lymphedema services were introduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [69620/25]

*994. To ask the Minister for Health the mental health supports which are available to communities that have witnessed traumatising criminal events; the way in which people can apply for these supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [69641/25]

*995. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider developing and publishing a National Allergy Strategy, including a national allergen register, national data collection on allergy prevalence and anaphylaxis incidence, and a structured plan for allergy service development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [69645/25]

*996. To ask the Minister for Health if she will commit to the establishment and national roll-out of a publicly funded Oral Immunotherapy (OIT) programme for food allergies, including peanut and tree-nut allergies; the proposed timeline for the roll-out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [69646/25]

*997. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to ensure equitable access to allergy diagnostics and treatments for children, adolescents and adults across all regions; the steps being taken to expand services beyond the limited regional availability at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [69647/25]

*998. To ask the Minister for Health if she will introduce a national scheme for improved access to emergency anaphylaxis medication, including adrenaline auto-injectors, along with structured training and guidance for schools, childcare providers and public settings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [69648/25]

*999. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has assessed the number of families travelling abroad to access allergy treatments such as OIT; the risks associated with unsupported treatment outside the State; and her plans to address this gap in domestic service provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [69649/25]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Health if she will work with the Minister for Education and Youth to ensure that all schools have access to stock adrenaline auto-injectors, rather than relying on individual students and their families to supply them; the measures being taken to provide mandatory, standardised training for teachers and school staff so they feel confident and safe in administering auto-injectors in the event of anaphylaxis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [69650/25]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that the care pathway for patients experiencing miscarriage is removed from the maternity unit in UHL and relocated, to ensure those suffering after a miscarriage are not mixing with expectant mothers, which inevitably adds to their trauma and suffering; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [69674/25]

*1002. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the ongoing independent review by the Health Products Regulatory Authority on the method of sale and supply of codeine containing medicinal products that are currently available without prescription; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [69678/25]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Health if a consultation process has been put in place with patient advocacy groups, GPs, pharmacies and other stakeholders in respect of the review being carried out by the Health Products Regulatory Authority on the method of sale and supply of codeine containing medicinal products; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [69679/25]

*1004. To ask the Minister for Health in the event of the Health Products Regulatory Authority makes recommendations which provide that codeine containing medicinal products can only be made available through prescription, the mechanisms that will be put in place to assist those who are reliant on these products and who have been able to purchase them without prescription; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [69680/25]

*1005. To ask the Minister for Health if the review being carried out by the Health Products Regulatory Authority on the method of sale and supply of codeine containing medicinal products are prepared to consider putting in place additional safeguards through pharmacies without the requirement for prescription; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [69681/25]

*1006. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding a mental health service in Dublin 11; if she will provide an update on the service's request for future funding; if she will outline the other supports that will be provided to the service going forward; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [69683/25]

*1007. To ask the Minister for Health if she is satisfied with the level of mental health support available for those seeking international protection upon arrival, particularly for those fleeing war zones and other highly traumatic situations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [69708/25]

*1008. To ask the Minister for Health if she is satisfied with the level of physical health assessment available for those seeking international protection upon arrival, particularly for those coming from countries where the level of healthcare is not at the same standard as we have in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [69710/25]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Health if she is satisfied with the level of ongoing health supports for those living in international protection centres, particularly for people suffering with long term illnesses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [69712/25]

*1010. To ask the Minister for Health if she is satisfied with the level of mental health support available for those living in international protection centres, particularly for those fleeing war zones and other highly traumatic situations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [69714/25]

*1011. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Tony McCormack. [69740/25]

*1012. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a service (details supplied) is no longer available; if this service can be returned to avoid long journeys elsewhere for essential appointments, especially given the well documented levels of deprivation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [69742/25]

*1013. To ask the Minister for Health if it has been brought to her attention that the current waiting times for primary care psychology in Midlands Regional Hospital, Tullamore which are currently in excess of two years (details supplied), her plans to address these waiting times; if she intends to provide additional primary care psychology and psychology administrative supports; the timeframe for these; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [69743/25]

*1014. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the plans for an unused building (details supplied), and when it might be expected to open again. — Darren O'Rourke. [69748/25]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that the current wait time for primary care psychology in Midlands Regional Hospital Tullamore is in excess of two years; that the head of primary care services in the Midlands Louth Meath CHO has attributed these waiting times to 'capacity challenges due to no additional primary care psychology and psychology administrative support', and that 'new and additional posts would assist the wait times and waiting lists; if and when she intends to provide these additional posts; and, if not, how she intends to address the wait times and waiting lists in Midlands Louth Meath CHO; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [69752/25]

*1016. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2454 of 29 April 2025, if it is proposed to review the position regarding the establishment of a neurology hub in the Cavan/Monaghan region to assist patients to have access to integrated services without requiring hospital in-patient care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [69753/25]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Health the number of taxi journeys funded by the HSE for cancer and other patients in each CHO area for the past three years; the cost of funding these services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [69772/25]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria, controls and inspections carried out or requested from each of the taxi firms employed by the HSE for cancer and other patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [69773/25]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Health the longest wait time nationally for the following primary care disciplines for young people (0-18) as of June 2023 and as of October 2025 (details supplied); and for the number of years and months these persons were waiting at those points in time. — Liam Quaide. [69784/25]

*1020. To ask the Minister for Health the amount being spent daily on private ambulance services, per RHA; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [69787/25]

*1021. To ask the Minister for Health if she will address the current care pathway for women and their partners experiencing pregnancy loss (details supplied) in the Midwest, specifically in Limerick Maternity Hospital, where those miscarrying are assessed and treated in the same unit as women receiving antenatal care. — Michael Lowry. [69789/25]

*1022. To ask the Minister for Health the reason prescriptions from private doctors are excluded under the medical card scheme; if she will consider extending coverage given the difficulty many face accessing their own GPs, leading them to seek private care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [69792/25]

*1023. To ask the Minister for Health to provide funding for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [69856/25]

*1024. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of hospitals, per county, which provide in-person menopause clinics that are in operation, and those that are not. — Sorca Clarke. [69919/25]

*1025. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the new emergency department for Beaumont Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [69922/25]

*1026. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies for clinical nutritionists in the HSE; her plans for recruitment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [69933/25]

*1027. To ask the Minister for Health the current level of access to specialist Parkinson's disease nurses in each RHO, in tabular form; if there are plans to expand this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [69934/25]

*1028. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date situation regarding the plans and the design for an extension and upgrading of a health centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [69945/25]

*1029. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a patient referred for a dental operation has been refused by a number of hospitals (details supplied), for a number of different reasons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [69957/25]

*1030. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a full list of all public-health risk assessments completed by her Department, the National Health Protection Office or the Health Service Executive since 1 January 2020 concerning communicable-disease risks among persons arriving into the State, including tuberculosis, measles, polio and hepatitis; and to specify the title of each assessment, the date it was completed, and the officer or unit responsible for preparing it. — Ken O'Flynn. [69959/25]

*1031. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the findings and conclusions of each public-health risk assessment completed since 1 January 2020 concerning communicable-disease risks among persons arriving into the State, including tuberculosis, measles, polio and hepatitis; and to state the public-health actions or interventions that followed each assessment. — Ken O'Flynn. [69960/25]

*1032. To ask the Minister for Health to provide copies of all public-health guidance, internal advisories or instructions issued by her Department, or the HSE since 1 January 2020 that arose from public-health risk assessments concerning communicable-disease risks among persons arriving into the State; and to list the date and issuing authority for each document. — Ken O'Flynn. [69961/25]

*1033. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department or the HSE maintains a central record or database of public-health risk assessments related to communicable-disease risks among persons arriving into the State; and if so, to outline the structure of this record, the information fields captured, and the frequency with which it is updated. — Ken O'Flynn. [69962/25]

*1034. To ask the Minister for Health if any public-health risk assessments since 1 January 2020 identified elevated risks associated with specific cohorts of persons arriving into the State, including returning residents, travellers, tourists, students or persons seeking international protection; and to provide a summary of those findings. — Ken O'Flynn. [69963/25]

*1035. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occasions since 1 January 2020 on which a public-health risk assessment at an air or maritime point of entry resulted in the issuing of public-health advice, the initiation of contact-tracing measures or any other public-health intervention; and to provide the year-by-year breakdown. — Ken O'Flynn. [69964/25]

*1036. To ask the Minister for Health when a patient (details supplied) in County Donegal will be transferred from Letterkenny University Hospital to Galway University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [69965/25]

*1037. To ask the Minister for Health the current criteria used by her Department and by the Health Protection Surveillance Centre when determining whether to recommend the introduction or re-introduction of health-screening protocols for persons entering the State, including the thresholds used in national and international epidemiological surveillance and the role of WHO

and ECDC Public Health Emergency of International Concern notifications. — Ken O’Flynn. [69966/25]

*1038. To ask the Minister for Health to list all occasions since January 2020 on which the Chief Medical Officer or the Health Protection Surveillance Centre recommended the introduction, expansion, suspension, or withdrawal of screening protocols for infectious diseases affecting persons entering or residing in the State, and to outline the actions taken by the Department in response in each case. — Ken O’Flynn. [69967/25]

*1039. To ask the Minister for Health the governance framework applying to the development of infectious-disease screening advice by the Health Protection Surveillance Centre, including the approval process, escalation procedures, inter-departmental coordination, and documentation of decision-making. — Ken O’Flynn. [69968/25]

*1040. To ask the Minister for Health if a formal capacity assessment has been carried out by the HSE to determine the resources required to provide infectious-disease screening for all persons entering the State in circumstances where public health advice recommends such screening, and to publish the findings. — Ken O’Flynn. [69969/25]

*1041. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing complement at the Health Protection Surveillance Centre and the National Health Protection Office with responsibility for surveillance, risk assessment, and screening protocol development, disaggregated by grade, specialty, and whole-time equivalent. — Ken O’Flynn. [69970/25]

*1042. To ask the Minister for Health the gaps identified by her Department in the HSE’s surge capacity to conduct infectious-disease screening during periods of elevated risk; and the steps being taken to address staffing, laboratory throughput, IT systems, and public-health infrastructure. — Ken O’Flynn. [69971/25]

*1043. To ask the Minister for Health whether a costed contingency plan exists within the Department or HSE for the rapid expansion of border-related infectious-disease screening in the event of future WHO or ECDC alerts, and to provide the projected financial and staffing requirements underpinning such planning. — Ken O’Flynn. [69972/25]

*1044. To ask the Minister for Health to detail how screening responsibilities are allocated across public-sector and private-sector actors, including universities, employers, and occupational-health providers, and whether any quality-assurance or regulatory oversight exists for screening conducted outside the HSE. — Ken O’Flynn. [69973/25]

*1045. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has reviewed the lessons learned from previous major screening initiatives, including those associated with mpox, measles resurgence in Europe in 2024, Covid-19, and travel-associated viral haemorrhagic fever protocols, and to publish any internal evaluations or recommendations arising. — Ken O’Flynn. [69974/25]

*1046. To ask the Minister for Health if she intends to establish statutory or regulatory guidelines to clarify minimum standards for infectious-disease screening for persons entering the State, including data reporting requirements, consent protocols, laboratory turnaround times, and inter-agency information-sharing. — Ken O’Flynn. [69975/25]

- *1047. To ask the Minister for Health if the refusal of an injection for a person (detailed supplied) will be reviewed by the health service; if the reason for the refusal will be outlined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70002/25]
- *1048. To ask the Minister for Health whether contributions from the State or from employers towards the My Future Fund pension scheme will be reckonable as income for the purposes of assessing the eligibility of an individual or household for any means-tested services or schemes operated by her Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70024/25]
- *1049. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [70036/25]
- *1050. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given to fully including the University Hospital Galway (UHG) Development Control Plan (DCP) within the forthcoming sectoral National Development Plan allocations for the health capital budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [70037/25]
- *1051. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of funding provided to the Caredoc out-of-hours GP service over the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70073/25]
- *1052. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on a health centre upgrade (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [70102/25]
- *1053. To ask the Minister for Health the funding available from her Department to support small businesses in the provision and installation of defibrillators; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [70103/25]
- *1054. To ask the Minister for Health her plans regarding the installation of solar panels on all buildings under the control of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70143/25]
- *1055. To ask the Minister for Health her plans regarding the installation of solar panels on all HSE buildings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70144/25]
- *1056. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for adding an addition charge for blister packaging. — Jen Cummins. [70171/25]
- *1057. To ask the Minister for Health in light of the recent updated statement by the World Health Organisation on the necessity and cost of medication that treats obesity, if she will consider the inclusion of weight loss injections in the drug payment scheme for all those who suffer from obesity. — Ruth Coppinger. [70174/25]
- *1058. To ask the Minister for Health her Department’s strategy for dealing with long-Covid; the supports available for those suffering from long-Covid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [70187/25]
- *1059. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made under the full health technology commissioned by the HSE in respect of the medicine daridoxerant (quviviq); if this will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [70202/25]

*1060. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE staff, and staff from funded services that completed the training on domestic, sexual and gender based violence in the past 5 years. — Sorca Clarke. [70206/25]

*1061. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant posts in St. Vincent's Hospital Dublin, by grade and department; and the number of posts in the same hospital that have been vacant for a period exceeding 6 and 12 months, respectively, by grade and department, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [70209/25]

*1062. To ask the Minister for Health if phlebotomy at St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, is operating at full capacity. — Ivana Bacik. [70210/25]

*1063. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to establish and resource Huntington's disease specialist multi-disciplinary teams (details supplied); the timeline for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70212/25]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a career pathway for graduates of radiation therapy and radiography within the public system upon graduation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70213/25]

*1065. To ask the Minister for Health the health care professional graduates which have guaranteed jobs in the public system upon graduation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70214/25]

*1066. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals which will be included in the radiation oncology equipment replacement and expansion programme as mentioned in the Department of Health National Development Plan Review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70215/25]

*1067. To ask the Minister for Health the comprehensive timetable for radiation oncology equipment replacement and expansion, by machine type per hospital. — Pádraig Rice. [70216/25]

*1068. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people diagnosed with cancer who started radiation therapy in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [70217/25]

*1069. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with cancer that started radiation therapy as a proportion of all people who were diagnosed with cancer in each of the years 2015 to 2025. — Pádraig Rice. [70218/25]

*1070. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons completing radiation therapy and the percentage who commenced radiation therapy within 15 working days of being deemed ready to treat, by relevant hospital, in each of the 12 months up to December 2025 and year-to-date, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [70219/25]

*1071. To ask the Minister for Health the longest a person has waited to access radiation therapy in November 2025 and in the ten months prior for each relevant hospital. — Pádraig Rice. [70220/25]

*1072. To ask the Minister for Health her views on correspondence (details supplied); the timeline for providing clarity on her plans in respect of option C from HIQA's review urgent and

emergency care in the Mid West; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70222/25]

*1073. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on uptake on the influenza vaccine among healthcare workers in the South West Health Region (details supplied); her view on whether campaigns and measures to increase the uptake have been effective; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70223/25]

*1074. To ask the Minister for Health the uptake of the influenza vaccine among HSE healthcare workers this winter season, by region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70224/25]

*1075. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 354 of 15 October 2025, when further information will issue from the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [70231/25]

*1076. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on average that attended the emergency department in Mullingar hospital in 2024 and 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [70233/25]

*1077. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended the national traveller mental health service, operated by a service (details supplied) broken down service, in 2023, 2024, and 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [70234/25]

*1078. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the granting of access to dupilumab for the treatment of eosinophilic oesophagitis in children up to 12; her engagement with the HSE and advocacy groups in respect of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [70235/25]

*1079. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the additional 15 whole-time equivalent (WTE) posts allocated to HSE oral health services under Budget 2024 which have been filled on a permanent basis as of 1 September 2025; if she will provide a breakdown of the WTEs filled by dental grade, by principal dental surgeon/orthodontic service; the date on which each post was filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70262/25]

*1080. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent (WTE) posts, by dental grade and principal dental surgeon/dental area, that were permanent vacancies as of 1 January 2024 which remain either unapproved or unfilled in a permanent capacity in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70263/25]

*1081. To ask the Minister for Health the average time over the past six years it has taken to produce a stamped final bill in her Department from the time when her Department has received government approval for the general scheme and the heads of a bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70275/25]

*1082. To ask the Minister for Health to ask the HSE to provide, in respect of the HSE and the three Limerick wind farm planning applications submitted to Limerick City and County Council and An Coimisiún Pleanála (details supplied), if the HSE received a scoping request for each application; the date on which any such scoping request was received; if the HSE received notification of the planning application; and the date on which the HSE received notification of the planning application. — Richard O'Donoghue. [70326/25]

*1083. To ask the Minister for Health if a medication is being considered for the drug payment scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [70327/25]

*1084. To ask the Minister for Health if proposed mandatory health warning labels on alcohol products will be provided in both Irish and English as is this case with tobacco product warnings which were made bilingual in 2008. — Shane Moynihan. [70347/25]

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

*1085. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if her Department intend to include a review of the existing culinary apprenticeship scheme in the review of the apprenticeship programme in 2026; the steps her Department is taking to increase participation in this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [69459/25]

*1086. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures being taken to expand apprenticeship and further education opportunities in Laois, particularly through Laois–Offaly Education and Training Board; if she will ensure young people have pathways into skilled employment locally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [70333/25]

*1087. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the fact that apprentice hairdressers are currently paid as little as €7 per hour, with no incremental increases over the four-year duration of the apprenticeship; if he considers this consistent with the Government’s stated ambition to expand and professionalise the apprenticeship sector; the actions he will take to ensure fair and progressive pay for apprentice hairdressers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [69020/25]

*1088. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason apprentice hairdressers are currently unable to access funding supports for tools and equipment essential to their training; if he will consider the creation of a dedicated equipment grant for apprentices in the hairdressing sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [69021/25]

*1089. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason apprentices, including apprentice hairdressers, are deemed ineligible for SUSI grants on the basis that they are “working”, despite earning training-level pay far below a living wage; if he will review eligibility criteria to ensure apprentices are not financially penalised; and if he will report on any planned changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [69022/25]

*1090. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he recognises that hairdressing is a high-skill, future-proof profession unlikely to be replaced by automation or artificial intelligence; the way in which his Department plans to invest in and support such apprenticeships, which provide long-term, human-centred employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [69023/25]

*1091. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has assessed whether low apprentice pay, lack of equipment supports, and

ineligibility for education grants disproportionately impact female apprentices in sectors such as hairdressing; if he will commit to addressing these inequities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [69024/25]

*1092. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to review correspondence (details supplied); if he will address the concerns raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [69093/25]

*1093. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to improve the availability of apprenticeships outside Dublin and other larger towns and cities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [69798/25]

*1094. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science following his announcement that professorships roles will be part of TU, the number professorships available, by each TU; the percentage of professorships that will be available across all TUs, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [69799/25]

*1095. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to address the issue of isolation for apprentices who are in placements away from their support systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [69800/25]

*1096. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to improve the application process for apprenticeships similar to the CAO model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [69801/25]

*1097. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to address reports that the national apprenticeship office is understaffed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [69802/25]

*1098. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total number of people who have dropped out of apprenticeships in the past five years, broken down by the phase in which they have dropped out, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [69952/25]

*1099. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total number of training centres for apprenticeships across the country, broken down by their name, location and the number of apprenticeships offered, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [69953/25]

*1100. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress made on the Action Plan for Apprenticeship 2021 to 2025; when a new plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [69954/25]

*1101. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total number of apprentices in the State; and the total number of craft apprentices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [69955/25]

*1102. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether contributions from the State or from employers towards the My Future Fund pension

scheme will be reckonable as income for the purposes of assessing the eligibility of an individual or household for any means-tested services or schemes operated by his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70023/25]

*1103. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to address the difficulties students experience accessing documents to prove they are not dependents in their SUSI applications, in particular care leavers and survivors of domestic violence. — Jen Cummins. [70115/25]

*1104. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the average time over the past six years it has taken to produce a stamped final bill in his Department from the time when his Department has received government approval for the general scheme and the heads of a bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70274/25]

*1105. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a schedule of all funding and grant aid provided by heading and subhead to Kildare, Wicklow and Meath Local Authorities in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the amount returned and or not expended over the same period. — Aidan Farrelly. [70310/25]

*1106. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the pending decision by Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board to reduce the student allocation for the Limerick Youth Service from 100 to 80 in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [70323/25]

*1107. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the pending decision by Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board to reduce the student allocation for the Limerick Youth Service from 100 to 80 in 2026; if he will intervene to reverse this decision (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [70324/25]

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

*1108. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide a breakdown of where the just under €44.8 million that has been spent on the 51 measures in the Dormant Accounts Fund Action Plan 2026, will be spent, by county, and nationally if not spent in one particular county, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [69365/25]

*1109. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide a breakdown of where the just under €47 million that has been approved for the 56 measures in the Dormant Accounts Fund Action Plan 2026 will be spent, by county, and nationally if not spent in one particular county, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [69366/25]

*1110. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the grants available in 2026 for communities seeking to develop new playgrounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [69741/25]

*1111. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether contributions from the State or from employers towards the My Future Fund pension scheme will be reckonable as income for the purposes of assessing the eligibility of an individual or

household for any means-tested services or schemes operated by his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70028/25]

*1112. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when the Community Centres Investment Fund will be reopened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70086/25]

*1113. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when the Local Enhancement Programme will be reopened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70087/25]

*1114. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the amount that the Exchequer will make available for a project (details supplied); the way in which the Exchequer will make these funds available; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [70194/25]

*1115. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the average time over the past six years it has taken to produce a stamped final bill in his Department from the time when his Department has received government approval for the general scheme and the heads of a bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70279/25]

*1116. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will provide a schedule of all funding and grant aid provided by heading and subhead to Kildare, Wicklow and Meath local authorities in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the amount returned and or not expended over the same period. — Aidan Farrelly. [70315/25]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 2025**

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the national security strategy. — Paul Lawless. [67916/25]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [67810/25]

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24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [68212/25]

25. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [69534/25]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [69659/25]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next. — Barry Heneghan. [69690/25]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Conor D. McGuinness. [69835/25]

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Séamus McGrath. [64216/25]

30. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Paul McAuliffe. [64218/25]

31. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [65264/25]

32. To ask the Taoiseach when the next meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Housing will take place. — Mark Ward. [65417/25]

33. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [65780/25]

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [67523/25]

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Shane Moynihan. [67578/25]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — John Connolly. [67579/25]

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Ryan O'Meara. [67843/25]

38. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [68213/25]

39. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [69321/25]

40. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [69660/25]

41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Barry Heneghan. [69689/25]

42. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Darren O'Rourke. [69703/25]

43. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Conor D. McGuinness. [69836/25]

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

45. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at COP30 in Belém. — Albert Dolan. [65713/25]

46. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at COP30 in Belém. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [65719/25]

47. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the Conference of Parties Summit in Brazil. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [67524/25]

48. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at COP30 in Belém. — Ruth Coppinger. [68214/25]

49. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at COP30 in Belém. — Darren O'Rourke. [69704/25]

50. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Malcolm Byrne. [65714/25]

51. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [65718/25]

52. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [67525/25]

53. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Pádraig Rice. [68414/25]

54. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [69322/25]

55. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Darren O'Rourke. [69705/25]

56. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Cian O'Callaghan. [63915/25]

57. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [65602/25]

58. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [65779/25]

59. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [65860/25]

60. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [69323/25]

61. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [69535/25]

62. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cork city taskforce will be established. — Séamus McGrath. [64215/25]

63. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cork city taskforce will be established. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [64217/25]

64. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Paul McAuliffe. [67575/25]

65. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Catherine Ardagh. [67576/25]

66. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Tom Brabazon. [67577/25]

67. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cork city taskforce will be established. — Pádraig Rice. [68413/25]

68. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of his Department’s annual report for 2024. — Ryan O’Meara. [65889/25]

69. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the G20 in South Africa. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [66790/25]

70. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the EU-African Union Summit. — Malcolm Byrne. [68211/25]

71. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — John Connolly. [67574/25]

72. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [67675/25]

73. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Aindrias Moynihan. [67676/25]

74. To ask the Taoiseach which Cabinet committee oversees agriculture; and when it will next meet. — Michael Cahill. [67677/25]

75. To ask the Taoiseach which Cabinet committee oversees agriculture; and when it will next meet. — Brendan Smith. [69859/25]

76. To ask the Taoiseach which Cabinet committee which oversees agriculture; and when it will next meet. — Ryan O'Meara. [69860/25]

77. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Ryan O'Meara. [67844/25]

78. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — John Connolly. [69864/25]

79. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Aisling Dempsey. [69876/25]

80. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Erin McGreehan. [69877/25]

81. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the First Progress Report of Climate Action Plan 2025. — Malcolm Byrne. [68209/25]

82. To ask the Taoiseach his assessment and response to the NESC Report: Connecting People to the Energy Transition. — Malcolm Byrne. [68210/25]

83. To ask the Taoiseach his assessment of and response to the NESC Report, Connecting People to the Energy Transition. — Tony McCormack. [68309/25]

84. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Martin Daly. [69861/25]

85. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [69862/25]

86. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Michael Cahill. [69863/25]