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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

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]

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Paul Lawless. [67917/25]

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]

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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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*87. To ask the Taoiseach the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025. — Cathal Crowe. [70532/25]

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

*88. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide a breakdown of all consultants engaged with his Department; the costs associated with their services, by year, and name of consultant, in each of the years 2012 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [70438/25]

*89. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the main policy achievements of her Department since 22 January 2025. — Cathal Crowe. [70524/25]

*90. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when a person (details supplied) who applied to the foreign birth register will have their application processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [70641/25]

*91. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Question No.145 of 4 December 2025, the areas of legal uncertainty she is referring to as to whether the inclusion of services is permissible under EU law. — Conor D. McGuinness. [70842/25]

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

*92. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide a breakdown of all consultants engaged with his Department; the costs associated with their services, by year, and name of consultant, in each of the years 2012 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [70432/25]

*93. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is aware that the SEAI solar PV for medically vulnerable households scheme, administered by Electric Ireland, is effectively unavailable to the majority of medically vulnerable customers despite being publicly promoted; the rationale for operating a scheme on a random-selection basis rather than on clinical or vulnerability need; the number of medically vulnerable households registered on the priority services register; the number contacted to date; the number who have actually received solar PV installation under this scheme; and if he will urgently review this process to ensure that medically vulnerable individuals who rely on life-support equipment can access the supports that were announced for them. — Ken O’Flynn. [70448/25]

*94. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the total number of staff employed by the EPA; the percentage of its staff working directly on processing licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [70461/25]

*95. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025. — Cathal Crowe. [70518/25]

*96. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Questions Nos 45 and 46 of 2 December 2025, if there has been a change in the Government commitment in the Programme for Government to “provide investment in sorting technology in Ireland’s materials recovery facility (MRF) network to improve recycling processes and rates” (pg. 55); if he intends to provide any investment in this area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [70553/25]

*97. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the planned investment and Programme for Government commitment to “provide investment in sorting technology in Ireland’s materials recovery facility (MRF) network to improve recycling processes and rates” (pg. 55); the timeline for delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [70554/25]

*98. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update regarding the 2021 Government policy statement on the importation of fracked gas (details supplied); if he agrees that the previously identified requirements to ensure security of fossil gas supply have been addressed via the development of a strategic national gas reserve facility; if his attention has been drawn to multiple studies that have shown that compliance with the legally binding carbon budget programme and with the Programme for Government commitment to “to achieve a 51% reduction in GHG emissions from 2018 to 2030 and net-zero emissions no later than 2050”; if he will state clearly that development of any commercial LNG import facility in the State would be contrary to the achievement of the Government’s climate policy objectives and responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70646/25]

*99. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if an external investigation into Inland Fisheries Ireland took place over the period 2021 to 2025; if so, when it concluded; the findings of the report; the actions that have taken place as a result of an investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70841/25]

Chun Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*100. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide a breakdown of all consultants engaged with her Department; the costs associated with their services, by year, and name of consultant, in each of the years 2012 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [70434/25]

*101. To ask the Minister for Defence the main policy achievements of her Department since 22 January 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70520/25]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*102. To ask the Minister for Transport the efforts underway within the local government sector to promote shared mobility transport options for local-authority employees, including steps to reduce reliance on private vehicles for commuting and work-related travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [70512/25]

*103. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department or local authorities would consider working with or partnering with commercial shared-mobility operators to expand shared transport options for local-government employees, and to help build the level of shared-mobility capacity required to support Ireland's transport decarbonisation targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [70513/25]

*104. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the status and future of the proposed pedestrian and cycle bridge over the river Corrib in Galway given the NTA's recent indication to Galway City Council that it no longer supports the project, despite €5.5 million in URDF funding having been allocated five years ago; if his Department will support the project and recommend alternative sources of funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [70385/25]

*105. To ask the Minister for Transport to set out the policy direction powers available to him under the Roads Act 1993 to the Roads Act 2015 in relation to Transport Infrastructure Ireland; and to confirm whether these powers permit him to issue a direction to review or amend national toll exemption policy for disability service providers. — Ken O'Flynn. [70386/25]

*106. To ask the Minister for Transport if any equality assessment, disability-impact assessment, or public sector duty evaluation was carried out prior to the 2020 changes to the disability toll exemption scheme, which ended the previous practice of toll exemption for registered disability charities; if so, to provide the findings; if not, to explain the basis for proceeding without such an assessment. — Ken O'Flynn. [70387/25]

*107. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider establishing a formal discretionary or grandfathering mechanism for registered disability service providers that previously received toll exemptions on a goodwill basis prior to 2020, in order to protect continued access to day services for adults with severe disabilities; and the policy considerations informing his position. — Ken O'Flynn. [70388/25]

*108. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown of all consultants engaged with his Department; the costs associated with their services, by year, and name of consultant, in each of the years 2012 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [70446/25]

*109. To ask the Minister for Transport to share the cost of the NTA's 2024 household travel survey; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [70497/25]

*110. To ask the Minister for Transport the efforts underway within Government to promote shared mobility transport options for those working across the public sector, including measures

to reduce reliance on private vehicles for commuting and work-related travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [70508/25]

*111. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider working with or partnering with commercial shared-mobility operators as a means of expanding shared transport options for public-sector employees, including for work trips; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [70509/25]

*112. To ask the Minister for Transport the identity of the current leaseholder or owner of a facility (details supplied) located off Park Lane, Dublin Docklands; the date on which the current lease for the facility is due to expire; whether the Department or any agency under its remit plans to renew the lease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [70514/25]

*113. To ask the Minister for Transport the annual operational and maintenance costs associated with a facility (details supplied) operated by the National Transport Authority; the details of the usage levels of the facility; the number of coach operators availing of it; whether the Department intends to renew the lease for the site for continued coach parking services; and whether the site is being considered for alternative use, including for facilities or enabling works associated with any major rail infrastructure project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [70515/25]

*114. To ask the Minister for Transport the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70533/25]

*115. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding available for river rescue services such as an organisation (details supplied); if he will consider formalising governance and funding arrangements with such groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [70534/25]

*116. To ask the Minister for Transport the arrangements in place to ensure that vehicles purchased in the North of Ireland have valid MOTs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [70546/25]

*117. To ask the Minister for Transport the arrangements in place to ensure that vehicles purchased in the North of Ireland are roadworthy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [70547/25]

*118. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures in place to ensure compliance with Irish insurance requirements for foreign-registered vehicles operating in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [70565/25]

*119. To ask the Minister for Transport to review the roll out of new bus routes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [70599/25]

*120. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the public transport provision serving Garristown and the surrounding rural areas of north County Dublin; if he will consider extending or adapting the 192 bus service, or introducing a new local loop route from Ashbourne through Ballymadun, Nutstown, Adamstown and Newhaggard, returning to Ashbourne; to examine the feasibility of providing a door-to-door Local Link service to assist residents, particularly older and isolated individuals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [70647/25]

*121. To ask the Minister for Transport when the necessary charging infrastructure will be in place to support the full electrification of the Dublin Bus fleet; the timeline for completion of charging depots in the Dublin Metropolitan Area north; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70663/25]

*122. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a breakdown of progress on charging infrastructure at individual Dublin Bus depots, including plans for depot upgrades serving the Fingal area, such as those linked to the 33 and 33X services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70664/25]

*123. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of reported faults or failures in real-time passenger information systems at rail stations in north County Dublin over the past 12 months; the stations with the highest number of reported issues; the measures being taken to improve the reliability and accuracy of these systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70665/25]

*124. To ask the Minister for Transport if Irish Rail has undertaken a review of the effectiveness of station audio systems, including speaker clarity, volume levels and audibility at Pearse Station and other commuter stations; the findings of any such review; if there are plans in place to upgrade or improve these systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70666/25]

*125. To ask the Minister for Transport if a service audit has been conducted by Irish Rail or the National Transport Authority in the past 12 months in relation to punctuality, cleanliness, accessibility and passenger experience on the northern commuter line; if so, to provide the findings of that audit; and if he will request that such an audit be commissioned and made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70667/25]

*126. To ask the Minister for Transport if Irish Rail, the National Transport Authority or Dublin Bus conduct internal staff surveys to ascertain the proportion of their workforce who use public transport for commuting; if such data is broken down by staff grades or roles; if he will provide the most recent results of any such survey; if not, to request that such a survey be commissioned and made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70673/25]

*127. To ask the Minister for Transport the current number of international trading ships on the Irish Ship Register; the names of each of these ships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70674/25]

*128. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of additional passenger places which will be provided, on a daily basis, on the northern commuter line following the deployment of the new battery electric train sets in 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70675/25]

*129. To ask the Minister for Transport if the deployment of the new train sets on the northern commuter line will facilitate any additional services; if not, when additional services are planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70676/25]

*130. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department and the National Transport Authority have considered the rapid population growth along the northern commuter line corridor, including

Skerries, Rush and Lusk, and Balbriggan, in planning for additional capacity and service frequency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70677/25]

*131. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the next generation ticketing programme; the expected timeline for national implementation across all modes of public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70678/25]

*132. To ask the Minister for Transport the projected operational date for the national train control centre; the current status of commissioning and software integration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70679/25]

*133. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the delays to the national train control centre and associated traffic management system; the revised cost and schedule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70680/25]

*134. To ask the Minister for Transport the contingency measures in place to protect rail service reliability and capacity on the northern commuter line pending the full operation of the national train control centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70683/25]

*135. To ask the Minister for Transport the impact that delays to the national train control centre will have on planned capacity enhancements on the northern commuter line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70684/25]

*136. To ask the Minister for Transport how 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. [70685/25]

*137. 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. [70686/25]

*138. 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. [70687/25]

*139. 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. [70688/25]

*140. 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. [70689/25]

*141. 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. [70690/25]

*142. 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. [70691/25]

*143. 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. [70692/25]

*144. 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. [70693/25]

*145. 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. [70694/25]

*146. 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. [70695/25]

*147. 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. [70696/25]

*148. To ask the Minister for Transport the rationale for the recent toll increases on the M50 and Dublin port tunnel; whether any portion of the additional revenue generated will be ring-fenced for congestion relief measures, public transport improvements, or health and air-quality monitoring in affected areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70697/25]

*149. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider introducing a concessionary scheme for low-income commuters who are disproportionately impacted by recent toll increases on the M50 and Dublin port tunnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70698/25]

*150. To ask the Minister for Transport the total toll revenue collected from the M50 and Dublin port tunnel in each of the past three years; if he will provide a breakdown of how this revenue has been allocated, including any ring-fenced funding for congestion relief, public transport improvements, or health and air-quality monitoring; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70699/25]

*151. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the greater Dublin area orbital road project, as outlined in the GDA Transport Strategy 2022–2042; whether the Government remains committed to delivering this route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70700/25]

*152. To ask the Minister for Transport the recent safety audits, reviews, or assessments that have been carried out on the M50 and Dublin port tunnel by Transport Infrastructure Ireland or his Department; if these assessments included analysis of collision data, capacity constraints, and emergency response performance; if he will publish the findings and outline any measures being implemented to address identified safety risks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70727/25]

*153. To ask the Minister for Transport the recent safety assessments, audits, or reviews, including road safety audits or network-wide assessments, that have been commissioned by Transport Infrastructure Ireland or his Department on the M50 and the Dublin port tunnel; whether these assessments incorporated crash statistics, capacity projections, or safety performance measures over the last five years; if he will publish the results, and outline any corrective actions that have been mandated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70728/25]

*154. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures being taken to integrate health impact assessments, including air quality and emissions monitoring, into congestion management strategies for the M50 and other major routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70729/25]

*155. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details on the operator of the 195 Local Link service operating between Ashbourne and Balbriggan; for an update on the performance of this service; if his Department has received reports of delays and service failures since the summer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70730/25]

*156. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the contractual obligations in place for the operator of the 195 Local Link service; the enforcement measures available to the National Transport Authority in cases of repeated service failures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70731/25]

*157. To ask the Minister for Transport if contingency plans are in place to ensure that passengers, particularly elderly commuters, are not left stranded when scheduled Local Link services do not operate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70732/25]

*158. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an updated delivery timeline and confirm whether any interim corridor protection or preparatory work is underway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70733/25]

*159. To ask the Minister for Transport how the Government's investment in BusConnects orbital bus corridors and the Luas 2050 vision for orbital light rail will complement or substitute for the proposed orbital road in addressing congestion and connectivity challenges in the greater Dublin area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70734/25]

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

*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of compliance checks carried out on foreign-registered vehicles in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [70566/25]

*161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide a breakdown of all consultants engaged with his Department; the costs associated with their services, by year, and name of consultant, in each of the years 2012 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [70437/25]

*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025. — Cathal Crowe. [70523/25]

*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to certain ride-sharing operators offering services in Ireland that are registered and invoice from abroad which require drivers in Ireland to register with the Revenue Commissioners for VAT purposes (details supplied); his plans to mandate that all ride-sharing operators must invoice from Ireland as part of their dispatch operator licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [70613/25]

*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners have penalised or taken action against taxi drivers for their failure to register for VAT purposes which is required if they avail of certain ride-sharing services (details supplied); the number of enforcements and penalties processed for each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [70614/25]

*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total value in euros of assets which the State owns in foreign jurisdictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [70723/25]

*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total value in euros of assets which the State owns in foreign jurisdictions outside the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [70724/25]

*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the current reporting framework for monitoring non-resident and foreign-controlled company acquisitions of residential and commercial property; the data gaps his Department has identified in the tracking of overseas investment flows into the Irish property market; and whether reforms are under consideration to improve transparency, including mandatory disclosure of beneficial ownership in all property transactions above a set threshold. — Ken O'Flynn. [70738/25]

*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the measures in place to ensure compliance with Irish registration and taxation requirements for foreign-registered vehicles operating in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [71484/25]

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

*169. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide a breakdown of all consultants engaged with his Department; the costs associated with their services, by year, and name of consultant, in each of the years 2012 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [70443/25]

*170. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70529/25]

*171. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the details of the Office of Public Works Sectoral Investment Plan 2026 – 2030 in respect of the GPO; those responsible for undertaking the strategic assessment and preliminary case within the OPW and the relevant senior official responsible for this project; if he can identify the provenance of the cost range identified between €200 million and €500 million; the meaning of term approval gate; the procurement timeline identified; the line Department responsible in this process or if it is vested solely in the OPW; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [70760/25]

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

*172. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide a breakdown of all consultants engaged with his Department; the costs associated with their services, by year, and name of consultant, in each of the years 2012 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [70436/25]

*173. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70522/25]

*174. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 193 of 2 December 2025, if he will provide the key performance indicators and metrics related to the responses already provided by the tourism bodies. — Aidan Farrelly. [70548/25]

*175. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide a schedule of payments made to sports journalists in respect of paid partnership arrangements for social media content by Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland in 2024 and to date in 2025; the breakdown, by amount; the name of online account and or platform and or medium the sports journalist promoted content on; the details of any payments withheld and or returned to the bodies; and the key performance indicators and metrics related to the campaigns. — Aidan Farrelly. [70549/25]

*176. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 196 of 21 February 2024, if he will review the eligibility for the insolvency payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [70635/25]

*177. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if there is development funding for a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [70642/25]

*178. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the volume and sectoral profile of commercial property acquisitions by overseas investment groups in the past five years; the assessment his Department has carried out of the impact of such acquisitions on local enterprise, competition, and community ownership; and whether policy measures are being examined to safeguard Irish business continuity in regional towns. — Ken O'Flynn. [70739/25]

*179. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if an application for a general employment permit for a dairy farm assistant has been refused on the basis that the quota has been filled, if the application be treated as an existing application when the quota system has been reviewed and a new quota limit set, in view of the lengthy nature of the application process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70811/25]

*180. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if a tourism marketing initiative will be expanded (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [70821/25]

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

*181. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reasons for the reduction in early intervention classes in multiple counties; if she plans to increase the supply of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [70389/25]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will ask schools to prioritise students living locally to the school when allocating places (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [70395/25]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a breakdown of all consultants engaged with her Department; the costs associated with their services, by year, and name of consultant, in each of the years 2012 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [70435/25]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools in Ireland offering the Baccalaureate. — Jen Cummins. [70463/25]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of students taking the Baccalaureate in the last five years. — Jen Cummins. [70464/25]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has specific policies in place regarding first aid provision and emergency preparedness in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [70494/25]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department plans to introduce an allergy awareness campaign in the current school year for students, SNAs, teachers, and other school staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [70495/25]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will publish the statement of account for school transport expenditure for the past number of years (details supplied) and if she will make these statements accessible again; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [70496/25]

*189. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the details of the current special schools, by location; whether these schools are in permanent or interim/temporary buildings; the current number of children attending each school; the number waiting on a place in each school, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [70499/25]

*190. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the main policy achievements of her Department since 22 January 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70521/25]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the eligibility criteria for the school transport scheme for primary school pupils, particularly for those living approximately 4.8 km from their nearest school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [70541/25]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider reviewing the school transport arrangements serving schools in County Louth (details supplied); if she will examine the feasibility of a coordinated transport system to reduce congestion and emissions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [70542/25]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason the entire north West of Ireland—Sligo, Mayo Donegal, Roscommon Leitrim and Cavan has been excluded in the current NCSE recruitment drive for senior and staff grade occupational therapists and speech and language therapists for the national educational therapy service (ETS) in special schools, with the plan for it to be extended to special classes in mainstream schools; if this to be a phased roll out; when will the OTs and SLTs be recruited for Sligo, Mayo, Donegal, Roscommon, Leitrim and Cavan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [70556/25]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures being taken to address overcrowding and staffing challenges in schools in County Louth; if additional funding or resources are planned to support schools in high-demand areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [70562/25]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on the financial challenges faced by some parents regarding the payment of mock examination fees at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [70570/25]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [70571/25]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has given consideration to the delivery of a new primary school in the Castlelands area of Balbriggan, given the new 817 housing development planned for the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70596/25]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on whether migrants and refugees will be discouraged from accessing education, training and upskilling supports that require people to be in receipt of a social welfare payment in light of proposals from the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to penalise migrants and refugees who rely on essential social welfare supports such as disability allowance, carer's allowance or working family payment in terms of eligibility for naturalisation; if her Department was consulted about these proposals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [70608/25]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a school did not receive funding (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [70618/25]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a matter regarding school places (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [70751/25]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a matter regarding school places (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [70752/25]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a school project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [70753/25]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the new school building project (details supplied); the reason for the delays of its completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [70834/25]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current level of funding provided for a school (details supplied); the plans to increase funding in the near future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [70835/25]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the completion of a car park at a school (details provided); if a timeline has been laid out for its completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [70836/25]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the planned extension for a school (details supplied) in County Leitrim, which is ready to proceed to tender; the expected timeframe for the commencement of construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [70840/25]

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

*207. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will give detailed consideration to a report published by a national organisation (details supplied). — Brendan Smith. [70826/25]

*208. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide a breakdown of all consultants engaged with his Department; the costs associated with their services, by year, and name of consultant, in each of the years 2012 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [70433/25]

*209. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport Ireland's position on the question of whether the European Commission's upcoming proposals for new Digital Networks Acts should take the forms of a regulation or a directive (details supplied); the rationale for Ireland's position on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [70506/25]

*210. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70519/25]

*211. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the schedule of payments made to sports journalists and online personalities in respect of paid partnership arrangements for social media content by Sport Ireland and National Governing Bodies in 2024 and to date in 2025; the breakdown, by amount; the name of online account and or platform and or medium the sports journalist or online personality promoted content on; the details of any payments withheld and or returned to the bodies; and if he will he will provide the key performance indicators and metrics related to the campaigns. — Aidan Farrelly. [70550/25]

*212. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether he will intervene to purchase a Dublin arts space threatened with closure; if he will make funds available to Dublin City Council to purchase the space (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70557/25]

*213. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the amount of the total allocation of sports capital grants in Dublin Bay south, and by local area, for each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [70657/25]

*214. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his views on a report published by a national organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [70762/25]

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

*215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average and median statutory decision making times recorded in An Coimisiún Pleanála for each of the past five years for planning appeals, strategic housing developments, large scale residential developments and strategic infrastructure cases, in tabular form; and to confirm the year-on-year change in each category as held by his Department. — Ken O'Flynn. [70397/25]

*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number and proportion of planning appeal cases, large scale residential development cases and strategic infrastructure cases in each of the past five years that did not meet their statutory decision timeframes; and to provide the Department's analysis of the principal factors contributing to breaches of timelines. — Ken O'Flynn. [70398/25]

*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current performance monitoring framework his Department uses to assess the operational output and decision timelines of An Coimisiún Pleanála, including the specific indicators tracked, the reporting schedule, and any interventions or support actions taken by his Department in response to identified underperformance. — Ken O'Flynn. [70399/25]

*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide the commencement schedule for each section of the Planning and Development Act 2024 relating to An Coimisiún Pleanála, including the expected dates for the introduction of statutory time periods, the new appeals processes, and the implementation of the section 588 declaration requirements. — Ken O'Flynn. [70400/25]

*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the resourcing plan agreed between his Department and An Coimisiún Pleanála for 2024 and 2025, including sanctioned staffing levels, the number of posts filled, the number unfilled, the recruitment timeline

for remaining sanctioned posts; and his Department's assessment of whether current staffing is adequate to meet statutory decision timeframes. — Ken O'Flynn. [70401/25]

*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to detail his Department's assessment of the impact of judicial review volumes on planning decision timelines in An Coimisiún Pleanála over the past five years, including data on the number of judicial review (JR) cases initiated each year; the proportion relating to housing or infrastructure; and his Department's analysis of the expected effect of the JR reforms in the Planning and Development Act 2024. — Ken O'Flynn. [70402/25]

*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm whether his Department holds internal performance reviews, audits or risk assessments regarding the operational capacity of An Coimisiún Pleanála; and the findings from the most recent reviews relating to governance, output, and decision making delays. — Ken O'Flynn. [70403/25]

*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his Department's role in ensuring consistency of decision making timelines across planning authorities and An Coimisiún Pleanála; and the cross-agency coordination mechanisms which exist to identify systemic causes of delay and to implement corrective actions. — Ken O'Flynn. [70405/25]

*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his Department's current governance oversight arrangements for An Coimisiún Pleanála, including reporting obligations, performance metrics, compliance assessments and the measures used by his Department to ensure that statutory timeframes, once commenced, are met in practice. — Ken O'Flynn. [70406/25]

*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures in Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025–2030 that deal with delayed hospital discharges for older people and disabled persons who are medically fit for discharge but unable to leave due to housing shortages; and the delivery timelines attached to these measures. — Ken O'Flynn. [70418/25]

*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has set annual output targets in Delivering Homes, Building Communities for the provision of housing suitable for older people and disabled persons transitioning from hospitals or nursing homes; and if so, the targets for 2025, 2026, and 2027. — Ken O'Flynn. [70424/25]

*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of all consultants engaged with his Department; the costs associated with their services, by year, and name of consultant, in each of the years 2012 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [70441/25]

*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70527/25]

*228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if funding will be made available for an updated fire station in Glencolmille, County Donegal; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [70537/25]

*229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if all monies for Traveller accommodation has been drawn down by local authorities; the reason the planned work at a allocation (details supplied) has not started; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [70538/25]

*230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the establishment of the new town and infrastructure investment fund; and if community facilities, such as family centres, will be funded. — Shane Moynihan. [70544/25]

*231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average wait time for each land registration involving Tailte Éireann; the number of staff working under the agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [70559/25]

*232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities are empowered to design and implement local rates waiver schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [70560/25]

*233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of all organisations which the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in place with; if all of the MoUs with these organisations are subject to the current review of MoUs being undertaken by NPWS; the process and timeline for the reviews; the way in which the organisations are to be involved in the reviews; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [70587/25]

*234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number and amount of vacancy grants funded by his Department each year since it was introduced, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [70658/25]

*235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number and value of residential property purchases completed by non-resident buyers in each of the past five years, disaggregated by price band and county; the proportion of these purchases completed without mortgage finance; and the actions his Department is considering to protect housing affordability for domestic buyers in light of rising non-resident activity. — Ken O'Flynn. [70737/25]

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

*236. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is satisfied that the Pensions Authority and the Revenue Commissioners are working in tandem on the efficient roll out of the auto-enrolment pension for 1 January 2026; if he is satisfied that the system set up for this task is fit for purpose; if the system is proving unworkable, if he will extend the date for auto-enrolment given employers may be deemed non-compliant through no fault of their own (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [70577/25]

*237. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will respond to correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [70610/25]

*238. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide a breakdown of all consultants engaged with his Department; the costs associated with their services, by year, and name of consultant, in each of the years 2012 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [70445/25]

*239. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70531/25]

*240. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports and activation measures in place to enable and assist long-term welfare recipients to re-enter the workforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [70561/25]

*241. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated annual budget for NEARSA, for the administration and running of My Future Fund, along with a breakdown of estimated costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [70654/25]

*242. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total estimated cost of paying the Christmas bonus social welfare payments this year. — Eoin Hayes. [70655/25]

*243. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated demographics of people who are expected to participate in the auto-enrolment scheme, to include details of age, sector of employment, income levels, geographic location, and so on, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [70656/25]

*244. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will give due consideration to changing the current discriminatory practice which grants a half rate of carer's allowance to recipients of maternity benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70681/25]

*245. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will urgently reconsider the decision not to recognise Covid-19 as an occupational illness; to outline in detail the reason Ireland remains an outlier in the European Union, as one of only two Member States that does not formally recognise Covid-19 as an occupational illness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70716/25]

*246. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the pension increase to retired An Post pensioners, which is backdated from January 2025 will be paid after agreeing the increase in September 2025. — Shay Brennan. [70812/25]

*247. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a full-time student (details supplied) is not entitled to any financial assistance when completing their Trinity College access programme. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [70850/25]

*248. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) who was born in Belfast is having issues with their habitual residence condition which has resulted in them being unable to apply for any financial assistance. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [70851/25]

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

*249. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration Ireland's position on the European Commission's proposals to update the Cyber-Security Act. — Emer Currie. [70507/25]

*250. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of prisoners currently in custody across the State; the number of prisoners serving short-term

sentences (under 18 months); and for a breakdown of the number of prisoners serving sentences under 18 months, for each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [70390/25]

*251. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average monthly cost to the State of housing a prisoner. — Paul Lawless. [70391/25]

*252. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current level of overcrowding in prisons; the percentage occupancy rate for each prison; and the measures being taken to address overcrowding. — Paul Lawless. [70392/25]

*253. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a breakdown of all consultants engaged with his Department; the costs associated with their services, by year, and name of consultant, in each of the years 2012 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [70442/25]

*254. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current status of the electronic tagging programme; whether the procurement process has been completed and a contract awarded; the expected timeline for implementation and operational rollout; the estimated annual cost of introducing and maintaining electronic tagging; and the number of offenders expected to be subject to electronic tagging in its first year of operation. — Paul Lawless. [70447/25]

*255. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the budget that has been allocated by his Department to the Planning and Environmental Court for 2025; the projected budget for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [70450/25]

*256. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding any engagement he has had with the English language education sector in relation to proposed changes in visa regulations for those seeking to temporarily reside in Ireland under related visas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70500/25]

*257. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to the concerns in the English language education sector in relation to proposed changes in visa regulations for those seeking to temporarily reside in Ireland under related visas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70501/25]

*258. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of citizenship applications received; the number of citizenship applications processed; the number of citizenship applications still processing; the average processing time for citizenship applications, broken down by year; from 2018 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [70502/25]

*259. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70528/25]

*260. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current processing times for applications for naturalisation based on section 16; the reason applications of this nature can take significantly longer to process than applications based on Irish residency; the number of

applications currently in processing for one year, two years, and over three years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [70572/25]

*261. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if an assessment will be carried out to understand how discouraging welfare access for refugees and migrants by linking it to eligibility for naturalisation will affect the labour market, education participation, integration outcomes and poverty rates. — Paul Murphy. [70601/25]

*262. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has given consideration to the human rights impact of penalising migrants and refugees who rely on essential social welfare supports such as disability allowance, carer's allowance or working family payment in terms of eligibility for naturalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [70602/25]

*263. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a comprehensive impact analysis will be conducted in respect of the new proposals to discourage welfare access for refugees and migrants by penalising them in terms of eligibility for naturalisation; if he will commit not to further the development of these policies until such an analysis is conducted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [70603/25]

*264. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consult with relevant stakeholders (details supplied) before developing further or implementing proposals to link eligibility for naturalisation to welfare access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [70604/25]

*265. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures being taken to address ongoing delays in the processing of immigration and residency applications; and the current processing times. — Sorca Clarke. [70611/25]

*266. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of firearm licenses issued for handguns, broken down by county, between 2020 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [70653/25]

*267. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration following approval of the Rules of Court for the District and Circuit Court by the relevant Committees, if he has approved the updated rules (details supplied); if not, the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70719/25]

*268. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has provided full and comprehensive details in relation to all aspects of the remuneration package of a former Garda Commissioner (details supplied) and all costs to the Exchequer associated with providing accommodation for the former Garda Commissioner during their tenure.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [70726/25]

*269. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to review the case of a person (details supplied), acknowledge the mistakes in handling their case by the Immigration Service Delivery Team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [70767/25]

*270. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of refuge and safe home accommodation spaces in Kildare; the plans to expand that number and services

provided by an organisation (details supplied) in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [70831/25]

*271. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the 95 actions across the four pillars of prevention, protection, prosecution, and policy coordination set out as part of the Cuan strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [70833/25]

*272. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of charges or penalties issued for non-compliance with registration, tax, or insurance requirements, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [71509/25]

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

*273. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a breakdown of all consultants engaged with his Department; the costs associated with their services, by year, and name of consultant, in each of the years 2012 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [70430/25]

*274. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has programmes in place to ensure effective communications and English language skills are taught to non-Irish fishermen in safety training; if his Department will consider implementing such a programme; the measures in place to ensure that safety protocols and training are understood by non-Irish workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [70493/25]

*275. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason registered foresters are no longer allowed individual webcam access at his Department's webinars (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [70498/25]

*276. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the compensation available for farmers with outbreaks of bluetongue on their farms. — Martin Kenny. [70503/25]

*277. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70516/25]

*278. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [70659/25]

*279. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the action his Department has taken on recent reports that the European Commission has recalled consignments of frozen Brazilian beef products imported in to the European Union recently in view of the fact that prohibited growth hormones were detected in these products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70810/25]

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

*280. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider a change in policy for parental leave in terms of the amount of leave that can be transferred between parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [70540/25]

*281. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a breakdown of all consultants engaged with her Department; the costs associated with their services, by year, and name of consultant, in each of the years 2012 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [70431/25]

*282. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the main policy achievements of her Department since 22 January 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70517/25]

*283. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the options for funding, specifically for the purchase of premises for the provision of early learning and childcare services; the application procedures; the dates for application processes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [70568/25]

*284. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on the human rights impact of proposals to penalise migrants and refugees who rely on essential social welfare supports such as disability allowance, carer's allowance or working family payment in terms of eligibility for naturalisation, if her Department was consulted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [70605/25]

*285. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department will carry out an analysis of the likely impact on child poverty, disability rights or community wellbeing of proposals to discourage welfare access for refugees and migrants by penalising them in terms of eligibility for naturalisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [70607/25]

*286. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the fee increase and assessment process will be open for application for eligible childcare providers and partner services who are in the core funding scheme in Louth and elsewhere; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [70640/25]

*287. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if there are any circumstances through which a child can access assistive technology equipment under AIM level 5 support in advance of being enrolled in an ECCE programme; the reason eligibility for assistive technology is linked specifically to ECCE; the basis for this; if this criteria will be reconsidered given such technology would also assist younger children enrolled in community childcare settings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [70822/25]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*288. To ask the Minister for Health if parents/guardians are legally entitled to see/receive medical records for their 17-year old child who has been given an ADHD diagnosis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [70598/25]

*289. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical staff that have been assaulted whilst on duty in RHO3 in 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70393/25]

*290. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical staff that have been assaulted whilst on duty nationally in 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70394/25]

*291. To ask the Minister for Health the formal governance arrangements in place between her Department, the HSE, and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for addressing delayed transfers of care linked to housing shortages, including reporting channels, escalation processes, and scheduled interdepartmental reviews. — Ken O’Flynn. [70415/25]

*292. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE does not maintain national data on the number of disabled persons who have been clinically certified as medically fit for discharge but cannot leave hospitals or nursing homes due to unsuitable or unavailable housing; if her Department intends to introduce mandatory national reporting for this cohort; and the expected timeline for establishing this dataset. — Ken O’Flynn. [70416/25]

*293. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed transfers of care recorded in 2023, 2024, and to date in 2025 in the categories of Home Support Service and Homelessness or Housing for persons aged 65 and over; the annual targets her Department has set for reducing these delays; and the measures being implemented to meet those targets. — Ken O’Flynn. [70417/25]

*294. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has carried out any assessment of the financial impact on the health service arising from delayed transfers of care caused by housing shortages; and the estimated cost of acute and step-down bed days occupied by persons awaiting suitable housing in 2023, 2024, and 2025. — Ken O’Flynn. [70421/25]

*295. To ask the Minister for Health the process used by her Department to monitor the HSE’s performance in resolving delayed transfers of care linked to housing; the frequency of internal reviews; and the mechanisms used to hold the HSE accountable for meeting its annual reduction targets. — Ken O’Flynn. [70423/25]

*296. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of all consultants engaged with her Department; the costs associated with their services, by year, and name of consultant, in each of the years 2012 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [70440/25]

*297. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) in County Clare will receive an urgent appointment at Crumlin Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70449/25]

*298. To ask the Minister for Health to set out the policy basis under which WPATH guidance and standards were incorporated into State policy on gender identity healthcare between 2018 and 2023; the departmental assessments carried out to determine the scientific, clinical and regulatory standing of WPATH before that alignment; and the documentation underpinning that policy decision. — Ken O’Flynn. [70451/25]

*299. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the Government's current policy position regarding WPATH guidance in light of the Cass Review; whether any formal review has been initiated into the suitability of WPATH standards for use in Irish clinical services; and the timeline for a revised evidence-based national clinical framework. — Ken O'Flynn. [70452/25]

*300. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the governance, approval processes and risk assessments used when referring Irish children and young people to external providers, including foreign clinics; and to confirm whether any departmental policy ever permitted or endorsed referral pathways involving private clinics in Antwerp, Belgium. — Ken O'Flynn. [70453/25]

*301. To ask the Minister for Health to explain the contradiction between the HSE's written assurance that no Irish child has been referred to a clinic in Antwerp and references in judicial review documentation to a care pathway involving such a clinic; and to outline what steps the Department is taking to reconcile and verify these conflicting claims. — Ken O'Flynn. [70454/25]

*302. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the Department's assessment of governance failures identified in the Cass Review as they relate to historical Irish referrals to Tavistock; the lessons identified by the Department; and the policy adjustments introduced to prevent a recurrence in Ireland. — Ken O'Flynn. [70455/25]

*303. To ask the Minister for Health to publish the Department's analysis of the referral figures for Irish children sent to the Tavistock Gender Identity Development Service, as referenced in the HSE report on the implications of the Cass Review; and to outline how these data informed policy changes since 2020. — Ken O'Flynn. [70456/25]

*304. To ask the Minister for Health the policy rationale used by the Department when approving the 2021 consultant post in child and adolescent psychiatry requiring adherence to WPATH Standards of Care; and whether this requirement will now be reviewed or withdrawn in light of international evidence and the Cass Review. — Ken O'Flynn. [70457/25]

*305. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the Department's safeguarding and clinical governance standards for gender identity services for minors; and to confirm whether these standards require full psychiatric assessment, developmental history, autism screening, and differential diagnosis before any medical intervention is considered. — Ken O'Flynn. [70458/25]

*306. To ask the Minister for Health to set out the Department's policy on the collection, verification and publication of data relating to gender identity services for children and young people, including referral numbers, diagnostic profiles, comorbidities and treatment outcomes; and to confirm the timeline for establishing a national dataset meeting international evidence standards. — Ken O'Flynn. [70459/25]

*307. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Department has reviewed the 2014 Irish prevalence study by a person (details supplied) and colleagues regarding suspected or confirmed gender dysphoria in adults; and to detail how such prevalence data inform planning, service capacity and risk assessment for youth services. — Ken O'Flynn. [70460/25]

*308. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts underway to promote shared mobility transport options for HSE staff and other health service employees, including initiatives to reduce reliance

on private vehicles for commuting and work-related travel; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [70510/25]

*309. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department and HSE would consider working with or partnering with commercial shared-mobility operators as a means of expanding shared transport options for public-sector employees, including for work trips; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [70511/25]

*310. To ask the Minister for Health the main policy achievements of her Department since 22 January 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70526/25]

*311. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be made for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [70535/25]

*312. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on plans for a primary healthcare centre in the Belmayne/Clongriffin area of north Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [70536/25]

*313. To ask the Minister for Health the Government agency or body responsible for the regulatory oversight of private companies contracted by the HSE to provide in-home care (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [70539/25]

*314. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of the €770,000 funding her Department has provided for the development of the transgender model of care for 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [70563/25]

*315. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the membership of the cross-speciality clinic advisory group; the number of times it has met to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [70564/25]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health to review the case of a person (details supplied); the reasons this person was refused the treatment referenced in the correspondence; the options available to them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [70569/25]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Wexford General Hospital's diabetic department does not currently provide insulin pump therapy for patients in County Wexford (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [70573/25]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on the waiting list to receive a diabetic pump; the waiting times, broken down per county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [70574/25]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health if she will approve a 20-bed demountable unit for Wexford General Hospital, noting the serious need for such following ambulance delays reported on 3 December 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [70579/25]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health when routine specialist dental services will be reinstated for a school (details supplied); if she will review the long waiting lists for specialist dental procedures for children with special needs, to ensure timely access to care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [70597/25]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [70600/25]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health if she will examine the introduction of a subsidy or exemption for medical card holders and older patients using monitored dose systems, given pharmacies will continue charge privately from January 2026. — Pa Daly. [70617/25]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the inclusion of all ostomy products on the long term illness scheme; if she will remove the need for a prescription for these products; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [70636/25]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the current list of conditions covered under the long-term illness scheme, which has remained unchanged for over 50 years, with a view to including inflammatory bowel disease, given the significant financial burden of ongoing medication and treatment for patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70637/25]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost to the State of extending the long-term illness scheme to include IBD; the cost-benefit analysis undertaken in relation to expanding the scheme to cover additional chronic conditions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70638/25]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health the supports currently available to patients with IBD who do not qualify for the long-term illness scheme, including access to the drugs payment scheme and discretionary medical cards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70639/25]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment can be offered to a person (details supplied) at a more convenient location. — Robert Troy. [70643/25]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health the exact number of representatives with direct lived experience who are on the working group for the National Clinical Programme for Gender Healthcare. — Paul Murphy. [70648/25]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of all interim care options being considered by the HSE while the HSE's transgender model of care is being developed. — Paul Murphy. [70649/25]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health if she will commit to the trans community being consulted before implementing any interim care options while the HSE's transgender model of care is being developed. — Paul Murphy. [70650/25]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health if she will confirm that the clinician in the recording mentioned during the trans healthcare Dáil debate on 3 December 2025 (details supplied) has no involvement in the National Clinical Programme for Gender Healthcare, including as a member of the working group or clinical advisory group. — Paul Murphy. [70651/25]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or the HSE holds data on the number of patients currently on waiting lists to register with a general practitioner in Skerries, Balbriggan, Rush and Lusk, in tabular form, by town; the national average for comparison; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70668/25]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has data as to the number of general practices in north County Dublin currently accepting new patients; the measures being taken to expand GP capacity in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70669/25]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health the incentives currently available to attract general practitioners to underserved areas such as Skerries, Balbriggan, Rush and Lusk; whether additional supports are being considered to address the shortage of primary care access; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70670/25]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to expand primary care services in Skerries, Balbriggan, Rush and Lusk, including any proposals for the expansion of GP care provided through HSE clinics, additional GP contracts or service partnerships; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70671/25]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health if the Department of Health or the HSE holds data on the number of patients currently on waiting lists to register with a GP in north County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70672/25]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has assessed the impact of the expansion of pharmacist prescribing on GP workload in north County Dublin; if data is available on how this reform will improve access to GP-led healthcare in communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70682/25]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she is taking to address staff shortages in University Hospital Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70701/25]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health the number of unfilled posts in University Hospital Galway, by grade, in tabular form; and the number that are funded posts from 2024 and 2025 that remain unfilled. — Pádraig Rice. [70702/25]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health the number of regional sustainability officers in the HSE, by region and grade, in tabular form; the number that are on permanent contracts; and the number that are on agency contracts. — Pádraig Rice. [70703/25]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the vendors shortlist for electronic health records; the number of vendors on the shortlist; if any vendors have been ruled out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70704/25]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to electronic health records, the market studies and due diligence that has been carried out to date to inform the procurement process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70705/25]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals in which electronic health records are already in operation that her Department or the HSE has visited to garner learnings about the system and the specific providers; the learnings taken from these visits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70706/25]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals in which electronic health records are already in operation that her Department or the HSE has visited to garner learnings about the system and the specific providers; the learnings taken from these visits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70707/25]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to address concerns related to vendor lock-in and interoperability risks with respect to electronic health records; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70708/25]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency (VEAT) notice was chosen instead of a competitive tender to extend the National Laboratory Information System (MedLIS) contract, given that the original 2015 agreement had failed to deliver any live sites after seven years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70709/25]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health to explain the lack of progress from 2015 to 2019, on the National Laboratory Information System (MedLIS) project; her response to the fact that almost four years after the Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency (VEAT) notice, only one hospital is partially live; if the HSE conducted any market analysis before awarding hosting services directly to the vendor; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70710/25]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health the current total projected cost, not spend to date, of the National Laboratory Information System (MedLIS) project, including all CCNs and extensions, compared to the original €33 million contract; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70711/25]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health the current vendor-stated product lifecycle status of the cellular pathology and microbiology modules in the National Laboratory Information System (MedLIS) project; the hospital sites that have completed user acceptance testing for these modules and the outcomes; the feedback received from clinical and laboratory end-users on the suitability of these modules for real-world workflows; if an independent clinical safety assessment been carried out on these modules; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70712/25]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a full risk register for the National Laboratory Information System (MedLIS), including risks associated with module lifecycle, site readiness, and clinical safety concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70713/25]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health the reason reimbursement for continuous glucose monitors is only available to patients with type 1 diabetes who have required insulin from the outset; if reimbursement will be extended to patients diagnosed with type 2 diabetes who subsequently require insulin or develop type 1 diabetes later in life; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70714/25]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to increase capacity at University College Cork's Dental School following the decision not to build a new dental school; if she will reverse the decision not to move forward with the new build; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70715/25]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to a recent article regarding a public-private partnership to deliver seven new nursing homes (details supplied); the status of each nursing home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70717/25]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on commencement of section 232 of the Assisted Human Reproduction Act 2024 (details supplied); the engagements her Department has had with the Department of Justice, Migration and Home Affairs on this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70718/25]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 690 and 691 of 2 December 2025, her plans with respect to the strategic collaboration group to be established in early 2026; the proposed membership of this group; if it will include representation for vulnerable groups, in particular those impacted by changes to phased dispensing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70725/25]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a detailed breakdown of dental treatments provided through PRSI stamps and the medical card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [70735/25]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [70754/25]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on a matter (details supplied) regarding insulin delivery systems. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [70755/25]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health her response to the newly published report “Unseen and Unregulated: TFA, the ‘forever chemical’ in Europe’s Cereals” (details supplied), which identifies widespread contamination of cereal-based foods across Europe, including samples purchased in Ireland; her intentions to assess the implications for Irish consumers. — Albert Dolan. [70791/25]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has carried out an assessment of the potential health risk to children from trifluoroacetic acid exposure in cereal-based foods. — Albert Dolan. [70792/25]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health if she will allocate funding for Irish research into trifluoroacetic acid in food and the environment, given the absence of a national exposure assessment. — Albert Dolan. [70793/25]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health if she will instruct the Food Safety Authority of Ireland to immediately begin national testing of cereal-based foods for trifluoroacetic acid, given the widespread contamination reported across Europe. — Albert Dolan. [70794/25]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the Cork University Dental Hospital with a GMS panel number to enable them to make claims for medical card patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70795/25]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the addition of the drug veozah to the free HRT scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [70837/25]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who have received Transitional Care Funding due to housing adaptation requirements in 2023, 2024, and to date in 2025. — Ken O'Flynn. [71475/25]

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

*366. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a breakdown of all consultants engaged with his Department; the costs associated with their services, by year, and name of consultant, in each of the years 2012 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [70439/25]

*367. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the mechanisms for students who are taking the Baccalaureate in Ireland to access the CAO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [70462/25]

*368. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70525/25]

*369. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider expanding the free fees initiative for college students studying a four year early childhood education courses at Marino Institute of Education (details supplied) considering it an associated college with Trinity College where students are eligible for the SUSI grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [70543/25]

*370. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to ensure that tutors who are long-term employed in Further education (details supplied) and who hold existing contracts of indefinite duration are offered additional hours before new appointments are given; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [70567/25]

*371. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there have been any communications between his Department and a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [70789/25]

*372. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the necessary funding will be provided to a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70790/25]

*373. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will establish a priority system for allocations under the national training fund following the enactment of the National Training Fund (Amendment) 2025 Bill. — Maeve O'Connell. [70845/25]

*374. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the work of his Department towards enabling the delivery of student accommodation. — Maeve O'Connell. [70846/25]

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

*375. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide a breakdown of all consultants engaged with his Department; the costs associated with their services, by year, and name of consultant, in each of the years 2012 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [70444/25]

*376. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70530/25]

*377. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will report on the 2026 Community Centre Investment Fund; when the fund will be open; and if it will fund new builds. — Shane Moynihan. [70545/25]

*378. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when allocations under the 2025 town and village renewal scheme will be announced; the number of projects submitted for Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [70582/25]

*379. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when the next round of funding for RRDF will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [70583/25]

*380. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when local authorities will be notified of the reasons projects were unsuccessful for this year's outdoor recreation funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [70584/25]

*381. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his plans to address communities who do not meet criteria for footpath projects under the outdoor recreation funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [70585/25]

*382. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he has plans to expand CLÁR areas in County Westmeath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [70586/25]

*383. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will give detailed consideration to a report published by a national organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [70761/25]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH, I
gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 11 NOLLAIG, 2025
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 2025**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the priority capital projects in Dublin Bay North that fall under his Department's oversight, including planned investment to expand community infrastructure such as primary care capacity, school buildings, and targeted disability facilities to meet projected population growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [70843/25]

2. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the progress made to date with respect to the Midleton flood relief scheme, and the introduction of flood protection measures in Rathcormac, Castlemartyr, Mogeely and Killeagh in Cork east; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [70396/25]

3. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the position regarding the National Public Procurement Strategy review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [69083/25]

4. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the specific legal and regulatory reforms being implemented under the recently published Accelerating Infrastructure Action Plan; the timeline for when these measures, such as changes to judicial review processes and planning exemptions will take effect to reduce delays in housing, energy, and transport projects. — Paul Lawless. [70377/25]

5. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the way in which the new infrastructure plan will accelerate the delivery of critical infrastructure in the mid-east region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [70504/25]

6. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if the Government will commit to a reinstatement of the supplementary pension facility for uniformed services, to ensure that retention and recruitment can increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [60495/25]

7. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department has assessed the potential cost implications for public service pay and pension liabilities that would arise in the event of Irish unification. — Michael Murphy. [62807/25]

8. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the position regarding investment in critical infrastructure in the west of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [70765/25]

9. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the way in which the new infrastructure report will benefit County Offaly, particularly in terms of investment and regional development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [70413/25]

10. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if public access can be facilitated at Athenry Dominican Priory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [69834/25]

11. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he monitors external contracts within Government departments for value for money. — Thomas Gould. [69852/25]

12. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the reforms that will be introduced under the Accelerating Infrastructure Delivery plan to enable developer-led infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [70468/25]

13. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the way in which the new infrastructure plan will accelerate the delivery of critical infrastructure in Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [70551/25]

14. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if any action has been, or will be, taken to address the cross-Border flooding issue along the river Termon, which affects the town of Pettigo in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [70828/25]

15. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the initiatives being taken to tackle coastal erosion and flooding in Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [70371/25]

16. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the actions planned under Pillar 2 of the new Accelerating Infrastructure Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [70478/25]

17. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the way in which the new infrastructure plan will accelerate the delivery of critical infrastructure in Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [70485/25]

18. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the way in which the new infrastructure plan will accelerate the delivery of critical infrastructure in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [70368/25]

19. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if the OPW has identified a site for the new Laytown Garda station in Laytown, County Meath; the timeline for plans to develop the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [68598/25]

20. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if flood defence works along a river are advancing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [70797/25]

21. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the position regarding the flood defences for a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [70796/25]

22. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the assessment of the National Catchment-based Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Programme in relation to Louth; the action taken on foot of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [70366/25]

23. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on the Nenagh flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [70365/25]

24. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to outline how the new infrastructure plan will accelerate the delivery of critical infrastructure in Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [70736/25]

25. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether he will provide an update on planned investment for key regional infrastructural projects in Cork and particularly in Cork north-west; whether additional supports will be made available to address regional imbalance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [69157/25]

26. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to address persistent delays to the construction of major infrastructure projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [70771/25]

27. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to detail how the Accelerating Infrastructure Action Plan will ensure balanced regional delivery of projects, particularly in high-growth commuter areas such as Kildare north; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [70778/25]

28. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the funding in place for flood relief projects in Cork from 2026-2020, including areas of Cork north-west which are prioritised under the CFRAMS programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [69158/25]

29. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 308 of 29 May 2025, for an update on the new Garda station in Tubbercurry, County Sligo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [70750/25]

30. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the efficiency and cost-saving measures currently being implemented across the public service as part of the reform agenda under his remit; whether these measures include workforce planning, digital transformation, shared services, and procurement reforms; the projected savings associated with such initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69892/25]

31. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the level of funding provided to Cavan County Council and to Monaghan this year under the minor works drainage schemes; the proposed expenditure in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [70473/25]

32. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the engagement between the OPW and local authorities and other relevant Departments in relation to the Blackwater River and Ramparts River, Dundalk, County Louth regarding flood management and waste water management; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [70258/25]

33. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the way in which rural counties will be prioritised under the new infrastructure framework, particularly in relation to transport links, enterprise development and investment in public services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [70414/25]

34. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total Supplementary Estimates in 2025 to date. — Thomas Gould. [69853/25]

35. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the reforms that will be introduced under the Accelerating Infrastructure Delivery plan to overhaul judicial reviews; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [70467/25]

36. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the progress made to date under National Strategic Outcome (NSO) 9 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; the additional funding allocated under this NSO following the review of the NDP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [70490/25]

37. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an overview of the progress made to date under National Strategic Outcome (NSO) 2 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; the additional funding allocated under this NSO following the review of the NDP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [70486/25]

38. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the progress made to date under National Strategic Outcome (NSO) 8 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; the additional funding allocated under this NSO following the review of the NDP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [70491/25]

39. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the timeline for the passage and enactment of his Department's Critical

Infrastructure Bill; if he envisions this Bill being applied retroactively to stalled critical infrastructure projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [70228/25]

40. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the progress to date under National Strategic Outcome (NSO) 10 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; the additional funding allocated under this NSO following the review of the NDP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [70595/25]

41. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if consideration has been given to the inclusion of the University Hospital Galway Development Control Plan within the forthcoming sectoral allocations of the National Development Plan; the criteria and mechanisms by which the success of the revised National Development Plan will be measured; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [70758/25]

42. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the measures to improve cost control in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [70823/25]

43. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the current status of progress on the Blackpool (River Bride) flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70780/25]

44. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the plans and strategies to ensure value for money and fit for purpose procurement framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [70257/25]

45. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he is considering modernising the framework of accountability for senior civil and public servants as regards their operational and policy delivery responsibilities and performance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [70847/25]

46. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to report on the way in which in 2021 arboreal maintenance, costing the taxpayer €9,363.75, was spent by the Office of Public Works at a location (details supplied). — Conor D. McGuinness. [70825/25]

47. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the progress made to date under National Strategic Outcome (NSO) 6 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; the additional funding allocated under this NSO following the review of the NDP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [70489/25]

48. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the steps his Department has taken to help reduce increasing costs on ICT projects across all departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [70802/25]

49. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the way in which the new infrastructure plan will accelerate the delivery of critical

infrastructure in the midlands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [70487/25]

50. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the progress to date under the National Strategic Outcome 10 of the National Development Plan 2021 – 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [67800/25]

51. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the steps his Department is taking to address the critical shortage of skilled labour and project management expertise identified as a major constraint on delivering the National Development Plan; and whether additional funding or incentives will be provided to accelerate recruitment and training in the construction sector. — Paul Lawless. [70378/25]

52. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation how the new infrastructure plan will accelerate the delivery of critical infrastructure in Kilkenny and Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [70628/25]

53. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the progress made with the revision to the minor works scheme, particularly with regard to removing river conveyance blockages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [69533/25]

54. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to report on the publication of the OPW’s Sectoral Investment Plan, including its strategic objectives, projected timelines, and funding allocations. — Tom Brabazon. [70816/25]

55. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the position regarding the management of flooding at Seapoint, Termonfeckin, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [70849/25]

56. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an overview of the progress made to date under National Strategic Outcome (NSO) 7 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; the additional funding allocated under this NSO following the review of the NDP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [70627/25]

57. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his attention has been drawn to the €35 million penalty paid by an organisation (details supplied); and if any of this penalty will be invested into local communities in Connemara; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [70766/25]

58. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the actions planned under Pillar 1 of the new Accelerating Infrastructure Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [70477/25]

59. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the progress made to date under National Strategic Outcome (NSO) 1 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; the additional funding allocated under this NSO

following the review of the NDP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [70488/25]

60. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the position regarding the proposed new Garda station for Northern Cross in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [70770/25]

61. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if specific emphasis will be placed on accelerating infrastructural development in towns and villages where current infrastructure does not match existing need and plans for future growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [70626/25]

62. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the costs of maintaining scaffolding that has been positioned around the dome of the Four Courts for the past number of years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [70373/25]

63. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide an update on the progression of the proposed repair of Fermoy Weir; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [70425/25]

64. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his plans to reform ethics legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [70848/25]

65. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the measures to support long term funding guarantees on capital infrastructure projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [70824/25]

66. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the position regarding the reform of the ethics in public office legislation, given that the review of the statutory framework was completed in December 2022; the reason for the delay in publishing the heads of a Bill; if he expects this Bill to be introduced this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [70769/25]

67. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if consideration will be given to extending the opening season for Athenry Castle alongside a properly resourced marketing campaign to attract visitors; if this could be considered on a trial basis with reduced opening hours initially; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [69833/25]

68. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the position regarding the report on overpayments in the Civil Service and amongst office holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [70764/25]

69. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the way in which the new infrastructure plan will accelerate the delivery of critical infrastructure in Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [70370/25]

70. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the actions planned under Pillar 3 of the new Accelerating Infrastructure Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [70481/25]

71. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the action which will be taken to address the impact coastal erosion is having on the historic St Naul's Monastery and Graveyard in the Inver area of County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [70827/25]

72. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the actions planned under Pillar 4 of the new Accelerating Infrastructure Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [70482/25]

73. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the way in which the new infrastructure plan will accelerate the delivery of critical infrastructure in the border counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [70623/25]

74. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the way in which the new infrastructure plan will accelerate the delivery of critical infrastructure in Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [70367/25]

75. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the way in which the new infrastructure plan will accelerate the delivery of critical infrastructure in Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [70483/25]

76. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department has implemented steps which each department must take before they can begin an ICT project to ensure that there will not be an overspend of public funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [70803/25]

77. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the way in which he and his Department plan to address delays in delivering capital projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [67799/25]

78. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the level of capital spending on Cork and Dublin in each of the years from 2022 to June 2025; the major capital spending plans for Cork going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70781/25]

79. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his plans to review the provisions of the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012. — Tom Brabazon. [70815/25]

80. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the progress to date under National Strategic Outcome (NSO) 5 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; the additional funding allocated under this NSO following the review of the NDP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [70594/25]

81. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the types of projects that will be deemed as “critical” under his new accelerating infrastructure action plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [70227/25]

82. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether the Accelerating Infrastructure Action Plan has been integrated into his broader public service reform framework, with mechanisms for cross-departmental coordination, regular Comptroller and Auditor General reporting, PAC oversight, and fiscal monitoring by the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council; his plans on strengthening transparency and long-term accountability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [69893/25]

83. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on post primary capacity planning for locations (details supplied), including the current assessment of projected enrolment pressure; the steps her Department is taking to ensure an adequate supply of secondary school places in the coming years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [70838/25]

84. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the progress of the establishment of the new education therapy service. — Willie O’Dea. [70472/25]

85. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the provision of SEN places in a school (details supplied); if she is conscious of the shortage of places in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [68320/25]

86. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update and timeframe for the new ASD classes at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [70806/25]

87. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on Oíche na hÓige, and outline how she intends to build on the event through capital investment in youth facilities across the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [70748/25]

88. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when building works will commence for a school (details supplied) noting that this school is currently operating with a partial roof collapse since school year 2023-2024; when this building project is expected to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [68619/25]

89. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [70576/25]

90. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige cmaidir le Tionscadal na Scoileanna Beaga, cad iad na pleananna atá ag a Roinn chun cur le líon na gnuasach scoile atá ann agus chun stádas buan a thabhairt don tionscadal; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — John Connolly. [69894/25]

91. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of the ongoing challenges regarding a school (details supplied) accessing a sports capital grant due to concerns of the archdiocese relating to financial costs incurred by primary schools when undertaking such a grant; if her Departmental officials would be asked to mediate between the two parties in order to

achieve a resolution that would provide a sports amenity for a socio-economically deprived area; and if she will provide clarity to both parties. — Seán Crowe. [70411/25]

92. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when construction is expected to commence on approved school building projects (details supplied) in Galway east; if she will provide an update timeline for delivery of these projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [70757/25]

93. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which it is consistent with a fair, child-centred approach for the NCSE to refuse to issue a letter of eligibility to a child (details supplied) in south Tipperary; and the urgent steps she will take to ensure the child is not denied an appropriate placement for September 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [69737/25]

94. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the process by which the 45 special schools will be selected to take part in the education therapy service which is due to commence in special schools in the 2025-2026 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [69838/25]

95. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a school (details supplied) will receive its special class hub funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [70801/25]

96. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an outline of the objectives of the Taskforce on Models of Supply for Irish-Medium Education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [70465/25]

97. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when her Department will publish clear timelines for the delivery of new school building and extension projects in Kildare north, given the admissions data showing enrolment pressures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [70777/25]

98. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the level of funding available to schools in Waterford for summer works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [65666/25]

99. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the current system for allocating support-teaching hours to schools, given concerns that allocations are based primarily on data from previous years and therefore do not accurately reflect present-day enrolment levels, pupil needs, or the number of students requiring additional educational support (details supplied); if a more responsive or real-time allocation model is being considered to ensure schools have adequate staffing to meet actual needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [70775/25]

100. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on current delays to payments to design teams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [70756/25]

101. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a new school building (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70742/25]

102. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will amend, without further delay, the threshold requirement for the establishment of special classes taking into account the needs of smaller schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [70479/25]

103. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the work her Department has done to engage with survivors of institutional abuse and others who have been forced to undertake child labour and to estimate the cost of expanding the State contributory pension eligibility to those survivors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [62246/25]

104. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which students are currently being educated around safe and responsible use of social media; the future plans or curriculum developments being considered in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [70426/25]

105. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools referred to the Financial Service Support Unit in 2023/2024, 2024/2025 and so far in the 2025/2026 school year; the measures she is taking to support schools through the winter in the absence of a cost-of-living package this year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [70746/25]

106. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of Gaelscoileanna which have closed in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [70362/25]

107. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps her Department is taking to improve supports for students with special educational needs at post-primary level. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [70429/25]

108. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the progress which has been made in reducing pupil teacher ratios since the publication of the Programme for Government. — Tom Brabazon. [70813/25]

109. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the plans her Department has to maintain and refurbish rural primary schools in order to maintain their presence in rural communities across the country, given the threats to such funding due to rural depopulation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70185/25]

110. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of building projects at schools in west Wicklow (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [70829/25]

111. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to accelerate the building project for a school (details supplied), as demand for school places in the locality continues to grow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [70773/25]

112. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the action she has taken regarding the number of schools in County Donegal affected by defective concrete blocks, believed to be at least 12; the further action she plans to take; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [70830/25]

113. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the purpose of the new primary school ethos survey announced in recent weeks. — Peadar Tóibín. [70363/25]

114. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will introduce extra time for students with dyslexia under the RACE scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [70469/25]

115. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware that some schools are now facing up to a 60% crisis around getting a substitute teacher according to an organisation (details supplied), that is 336 schools saying they are finding this very difficult; the action her Department is taking to help alleviate this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [61035/25]

116. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the location, pupil numbers and maximum capacity by class for ASD units in each primary and post-primary school in County Clare, for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [69532/25]

117. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will publish a list of schools that have been sanctioned to open special education classes for the 2025-2026 academic year but have not yet enrolled students; and the enforcement measures being taken to ensure these classes open without further delay. — Paul Lawless. [70379/25]

118. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of panels which are in County Laois for substitute teachers; the number of teachers on each panel; the number of schools serviced by each panel; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [61036/25]

119. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the special school in Carraig na bhfeair. — Thomas Gould. [69854/25]

120. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the threshold requirement for the establishment of special classes will be amended for the next school year taking into account the needs of smaller schools and particularly those schools under the patronage of smaller churches; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [70480/25]

121. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding a new secondary school to be built in Cork north west; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [70798/25]

122. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the proposed three-school campus project in Celbridge (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [70800/25]

123. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of primary and secondary schools in Cork that are currently progressing through the application process for a new school building. — Thomas Gould. [69855/25]

124. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she supports school secretaries and caretakers being treated equally with teachers in terms of access to a public sector pension and leave entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [70817/25]

125. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures being taken to reduce waiting times for school building projects in areas such as County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [69831/25]

126. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the solutions possible to serious congestion and traffic management issues that have arisen at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [70260/25]

127. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions she will take to address the shortage of SEN places in primary schools in Shankill, County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [68321/25]

128. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the provision of increased accommodation for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [70410/25]

129. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding major capital works for refurbishment for a school (details supplied), as the school was initially built in 1911 and needs major renovations works to support the needs of the pupils in the area, particularly as the town of Mallow is growing substantially; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70783/25]

130. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on a new school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [70630/25]

131. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will sanction an ASD class in a school (details supplied) where this is an emerging need to allow autistic children in the area to learn alongside their siblings and neighbours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [70470/25]

132. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding her Department's primary school survey; the next steps following the survey's conclusion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [70226/25]

133. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the development and extension plans for a school in Cork (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [67783/25]

134. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the resources which are being provided to schools to support children with mild, moderate and severe diagnosis of dyslexia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [70743/25]

135. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will conduct a review of school transport routes in rural parts of Cork county, particularly in areas such as Duhallow and Muskerry, where students continue to be left without concessionary tickets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [69159/25]

136. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she can give an update on the new build applications and extensions for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [70321/25]

137. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of sanctioned special classes that are delayed due to incomplete modular accommodation or refurbishment works; and the contingency plans in place to prevent children from being left without a school place in September. — Paul Lawless. [70380/25]

138. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the SNA Workforce Plan; the date on which it will be published; if it will recognise the expanded role of SNAs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [70747/25]

139. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the progress of a project (details supplied); when it is expected to move beyond the stage 2b process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [69001/25]

140. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of any ongoing difficulties between sports clubs and schools run by religious institutions for access to and use of sporting facilities; if her Department is dealing with any such cases; and if there is a procedure for doing so. — Seán Crowe. [70412/25]

141. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 138 of 17 July 2025, the progress made to date by her Department to ensure that a green area is made available for the use as a playing pitch by local schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [70409/25]

142. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures she is taking to increase the number of people from working class backgrounds, especially those who have attended DEIS schools, into the teaching profession; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [70749/25]

143. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will fulfil the commitment made by the previous Minister and meet with the principal of a school (details supplied) to discuss the urgent need for additional autism class provision within the school, and wider community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [70629/25]

144. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures being taken to ensure that the expansion of autism spectrum disorder special classes at post-primary level keeps pace with provision at primary level, so that every child has access to a suitable school place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [70325/25]

145. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review her Department's policy of prioritising new special classes in larger population centres, given evidence that children in rural areas are being bussed long distances and denied local placements; and if she will commit to a rural inclusion strategy for special education. — Paul Lawless. [70381/25]

146. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the funding streams, grant programmes, or corporate partnership schemes available to support schools developing garden projects that will also serve the wider community; whether additional resources are planned to assist schools in promoting biodiversity, environmental education, and outdoor learning through such initiatives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [70774/25]

147. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [69000/25]

148. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on her work on the Programme for Government commitment to “improve supports for students with special educational needs who are transitioning to new stages of school. — Willie O’Dea. [70471/25]

149. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth an bhfuil aon phlean aici chun Gaelscoil nó Gaelcholáiste nua a oscailt, nó scoil reatha a iompú ina Gaelscoil nó ina Gaelcholáiste, an bhliain seo chugainn nó sna blianta ina dhiaidh sin, bunaithe ar an éileamh ó thuismitheoirí; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh.. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [70852/25]

150. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to establish a special school in County Leitrim for children with severe disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [70322/25]

151. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the primary school survey will allow for an assessment of the need for a Gaelcholáiste in Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [70625/25]

152. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if all students with dyslexia and dyscalculia will be afforded extra time in State exams in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [70745/25]

153. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth given the rise in demand in mental-health needs, social isolation and cost-of-living pressures, if her Department plans to expand youth services, in terms of staff, geographical coverage, types of services such as mental-health support or community-based mentoring over the next year; the proposed additional allocation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [70784/25]

154. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has responded to correspondence sent by the principal of a school (details supplied). — Conor D. McGuinness. [70820/25]

155. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of a development (details supplied); if this includes a sports and recreation facility, noting the school provides education to approximately 1,000 students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [68396/25]

156. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the engagements she has had with a trade union (details supplied) representing school secretaries and caretakers since becoming Minister; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70184/25]

157. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on a pensions deal for school secretaries and caretakers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [70818/25]

158. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures her department is taking to address the increase in absenteeism in primary and secondary schools, considering the results of a recent large scale mixed method study showed a growing trend of students missing school post Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [67784/25]

159. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools from Waterford who sought summer works scheme funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [65667/25]

160. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps her Department is taking to assist schools stuck at stage 2b in the school building project process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [70428/25]

161. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps he will take to increase special education classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [66532/25]

162. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions her Department will take to address demand for special classes and ensure sufficient placements and support for children with additional needs. — Tom Brabazon. [70814/25]

163. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the progress of the building application for a school (details supplied); and the expected timeline for advancement of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [70427/25]

164. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to implement the recommendation of the review on school transport to enable an additional 100,000 students to be carried on the school transport scheme by 2030; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [69895/25]

165. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to ensure that school secretaries and caretakers do not suffer hardship following retirement due to loss of income. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70740/25]

166. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if applications for emergency works and additional accommodation for a school (detail supplied) will be supported, as the works are urgently needed by the school and its students, in particular students with ASD; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70782/25]

167. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the roll out and funding of the proposed DEIS+ scheme, as of December 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70182/25]

168. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans for the introduction of additional special classes and supplementary supports for children with special educational needs where existing services are not currently sufficient; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [70589/25]

169. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on the delivery timelines of building works and school building programmes under her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70186/25]

170. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures being taken to ensure that schools in County Galway have appropriate SET and SNA allocations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [69832/25]

171. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will outline the accreditation status and graduate-eligibility pathways associated with the new professional doctorate in educational psychology at Maynooth University; whether graduates of this programme will be eligible to work across the full range of public services, including the HSE, children’s disability network

teams, CAMHS and Tusla, or only within the National Educational Psychological Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [67779/25]

172. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a review is being carried out of the projected teacher numbers required at primary and post primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [67791/25]

173. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update and timeframe on an educational campus (details supplied) and the capital programmes on site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [70807/25]

174. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the progress of the new classrooms for a school (details supplied). — Conor D. McGuinness. [70819/25]

175. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the forward planning measures in place to address the shortage of ASD class places in both primary and secondary schools in Kildare north, given rising population and demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [70776/25]

176. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she plans for the educational therapy service to be rolled out to all special schools and, in time, all mainstream schools; if she can provide a timeline for this rollout; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [70225/25]

177. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will commit to publishing annual regional forecasts of demand for special class places, alongside timelines for sanctioning and opening, to ensure parents have clarity and to avoid last-minute crises in securing placements. — Paul Lawless. [70382/25]

178. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the schools in north Dublin that have received approval under the 2026 climate action summer works scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [70466/25]

179. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures being taken to support the mental health and wellbeing of students in non-DEIS schools, particularly students who do not meet the criteria for special educational needs; and if she will consider expanding funding streams and staffing allocations to schools regardless of DEIS or DEIS plus status. — Paula Butterly. [69898/25]

180. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth an bhfuil sí sásta stádas DEIS a bhronnadh ar Ghaelscoil Lir. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [70853/25]

181. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the engagement with her Department and other Departments to ensure that assessment of needs reports are not required for school placements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [70259/25]

182. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update regarding each primary school to be built in Cork north west; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [70799/25]

183. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the progress made on co-educational reform and proposed school amalgamations in Dublin Bay North, particularly in view of clear parental interest shown in recent surveys; the next steps in the decision making process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [70839/25]

184. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider expanding NEPS to provide psychological services in all schools. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70741/25]

185. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Department's plans to increase the number of special education classes and expand ASD units in Cork north west, given the significant demand and rising waiting lists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [69160/25]

186. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the options available to a school (details supplied) to meet the costs of caretaking services when in receipt of NIL ancillary services grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [69837/25]

187. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children who have applied for special education places for the academic year 2026/2027; if she has considered a centralised application system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70183/25]

188. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of school building projects which are currently under construction in north Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [70624/25]

189. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which his Department is positioning Ireland's education, research and skills system as the "economic ministry" he often refers to and to that end driving national competitiveness, productivity and long-term prosperity. — Brendan Smith. [67812/25]

190. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the position regarding the publication of his Department's strategy for the provision of student accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [67831/25]

191. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps his Department is taking to ensure that the link between industry and the education and training sector is supported in order to facilitate the workforce in adapting to the changing needs of the economy. — Erin McGreehan. [67600/25]

192. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the expansion of apprenticeship and skills programmes in 2025, particularly in new and emerging sectors such as digital health, green technologies and advanced manufacturing. — James O'Connor. [67775/25]

193. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if she will outline current and planned measures to expand apprenticeship and trade-focused education opportunities in north Dublin given the significant demand for skilled workers Ireland will face through major housing delivery targets and offshore renewable energy developments over the next decade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [67806/25]

194. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the success of Irish colleges, enterprises and other stakeholders in drawing down EU Horizon research funding; and the next steps for remaining rounds under current framework programme. — Cathal Crowe. [67597/25]

195. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the action that will be taken to increase the percentage of places available on the dental training course in UCC given that less than half are currently occupied by Irish students given the need for more dentists to reduce public waiting list in the south-west region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [67263/25]

196. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress being made to address the disparity in pay being felt by some craft apprentices during their off-the-job phases of training, that is, engineering craft apprentices being paid according to outdated 2016 training allowance rates, while construction craft apprentices receive the updated 2025 rates for the very same level of skill and commitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [67787/25]

197. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are plans to vary, expand or deepen the Erasmus Programme for third level students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [67790/25]

198. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an outline of the engagement there has been with his Department, Dundalk IT and Queen's University Belfast about their recent partnership to create Dundalk University College; the plans for the future development and enhancement of the partnership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [67774/25]

199. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether he will introduce a sectoral minimum wage of at least €30,000 for PhD researchers. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [67836/25]

200. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progression pathways in place for disabled people who have completed their apprentices and are ready for employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [67259/25]

201. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to increase delivery of student accommodation in Thurles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [67823/25]

202. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the actions being taken to strengthen mental health supports in higher education institutions, given the increasing demand for counselling services and the implementation of the National Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Framework; and if he will provide details of funding allocations and timelines for full rollout across all campuses. — Paul Lawless. [67841/25]

203. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures being taken to address the severe shortage of affordable student accommodation, given that demand for beds is projected to reach 90,000 this year while supply remains at

approximately 50,000, and only 116 of the 3,700 promised beds have been delivered since 2022; and if he will commit to a timeline for delivering the remaining units and consider alternative models such as co-operative housing to alleviate the crisis. — Paul Lawless. [67838/25]

204. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress made on the provision of the personal assistants initiative for persons with a disability in third level institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [67834/25]

205. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which recent budget reforms to student supports, including the SUSI system and cost-of-education measures, reflect his approach to targeted support for learners from all backgrounds. — Sean Fleming. [67827/25]

206. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the further actions he will take to increase craft apprenticeship participation given the additional funding allocated in Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [66416/25]

207. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the investment that will be delivered under the INSPIRE Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [67785/25]

208. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which the €750 million INSPIRE programme for research infrastructure will be distributed across universities; and if additional measures will be introduced to expand postgraduate scholarship opportunities under the Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship Programme, given its current success rate of only 18%. — Paul Lawless. [67842/25]

209. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the date for the publication of the updated National Student Accommodation Strategy (2025-2035), which he committed to publish in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [67789/25]

210. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress his Department is making in supporting research that assists in meeting climate goals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [67786/25]

211. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to detail the planned operation of the new veterinary colleges, and what it will mean for Irish students and for regional growth and activity. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [67771/25]

212. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to report on progress in securing and deploying the €4.55 billion capital envelope under the National Development Plan 2026–2030, including delivery of both a new research infrastructure programme and new higher and further education infrastructure projects nationwide. — Willie O’Dea. [67813/25]

213. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the funding available to his Department in 2026 for capital development in the further education

sector; the projects that will progress in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [67811/25]

214. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps being taken to accelerate delivery of new FET infrastructure given the growing demand for apprenticeships and upskilling opportunities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [67802/25]

215. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline Ireland's progress in international research collaboration during 2025, including developments on CERN and the EU Quantum Pact. — James O'Connor. [67776/25]

216. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a college (details supplied) will be considered eligible for capital investment support; if his Department has examined options to align the college with an appropriate public body or higher education institution in order that it may access such funding; if he will consider facilitating access to capital investment through Atlantic Technological University or another suitable mechanism, in recognition of the college's contribution to agricultural education and regional development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [67829/25]

217. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science ask the Minister his views on the need to create a student finance model that would provide interest free loans to students that do not qualify for SUSI grants, to support the associated costs of attending third level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [66812/25]

218. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the National Student Accommodation Strategy 2025 to 2035 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [67564/25]

219. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to extensive waiting lists for mental health supports in third level institutions; the actions he will take to address these delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [66813/25]

220. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the up-to-date position on reducing delays for craft apprenticeships under phases 4 and 6 off-the-job training placements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [67563/25]

221. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the actions he has taken to ensure apprentices can receive off-the-job training at a location near their home. — Thomas Gould. [67565/25]

222. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures being taken to expand affordable student accommodation in the Cork region, especially for learners commuting long distances to Cork city or undertaking courses in regional further-education colleges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [67778/25]

223. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to increase student accommodation delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [67822/25]

224. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of and proportion of undergraduate students who receive support from SUSI to cover 100% student contribution, the number who receive support to cover 50% student contribution, and the number who receive €500 student contribution, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [67830/25]

225. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on a new building for Dunboyne College of Further Education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [67258/25]

226. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the outcomes of the various student accommodation programmes he has initiated, including the student accommodation strategy, to date, and how these investments are improving affordability and regional balance in higher-education provision. — Sean Fleming. [67828/25]

227. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will maintain the recent reduction in the student contribution fee; his plans to reduce costs for students, including postgraduate supports given rising living expenses and accommodation costs; and if additional funding will be allocated to the student assistance fund to meet growing demand. — Paul Lawless. [67840/25]

228. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the planned additional course provision in high demand areas such as medicine, pharmacy and nursing. — Cathal Crowe. [67598/25]

229. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps being taken by his Department to expand the number in apprenticeships and encourage more young people to take up apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [67777/25]

230. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the new student accommodation strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [67567/25]

231. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps his Department is taking to increase participation in higher education by members of the Travelling community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [67803/25]

232. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which his Department is preparing Ireland's workforce for the opportunities and challenges of artificial intelligence. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [67772/25]

233. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the support his Department provides to Skillnet Ireland. — Erin McGreehan. [67599/25]

234. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he can provide an update on the Programme for Government target of 12,500 annual apprenticeship registrations; the efforts his Department is making to promote apprenticeships to school leavers given the urgent need for them in the construction sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [66417/25]

235. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide details the length of the waiting list for off-the-job training, for craft apprenticeships, by category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [67788/25]

236. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of persons who did not take up their CEO offer of a university course in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [67804/25]

237. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on plans to expand further education and training provision in Macroom, particularly in light of the town's growth following the bypass; if his Department will prioritise new courses and facilities to support local employment and enterprise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [67267/25]

238. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the role his Department will play to ensure that there are enough construction workers with the necessary skills to balance the competing priorities of building the Metrolink without placing housing targets at risk, which will require the construction of houses as well the building out the electricity grid and wastewater infrastructure; if he has met with the Ministers of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage or Transport to discuss this; if he has met with the Taoiseach to discuss this; the plans and/or targets that have been agreed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [67796/25]

239. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the progress of the review of personal assistance services funded from the Fund for Students with Disabilities across tertiary education settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [67773/25]

240. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will review the impact of increasing number of international students on the availability of places for Irish students, given that universities are under pressure to accept higher-paying non-EU students to offset chronic underfunding; the steps that will be taken to ensure Irish students are not disadvantaged in admissions while maintaining Ireland's reputation as an international education hub. — Paul Lawless. [67839/25]

241. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which her Department is strengthening the commercialisation of publicly funded research to ensure more innovations and jobs are retained in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [67807/25]

242. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether he has met with UCC and MTU and discussed the need for a northside university campus in Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [67566/25]

243. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans to support digital literacy and improve access to online services for older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [64109/25]

244. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to report on the retrofitting of the FET sector; to provide the breakdown of the €8 million allocation that was recently announced that has been awarded; the amount that has been drawn down; the number of projects this will fund; the average value of each award; the targets including the number of retrofits completed overall and the targeted number for retrofits to a B2 standard or higher, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [67795/25]

245. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which his Development of the Swords FET College fit into his Department's wider strategy for the FET College of the Future initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [67801/25]

246. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the criteria that will be used to prioritise institutions for capital investment under the national training fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [67835/25]

247. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to expand apprenticeship opportunities in Cork, particularly in towns such as Mallow, Millstreet, Kanturk, and Macroom to address regional skills shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [67266/25]

248. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the necessary funding will be provided to the dental school in UCC, which has submitted a proposal to the Department for the expansion of their training programme, which would involve the development of a new hub in which additional students could be trained and practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [67262/25]

249. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if, in the light of decreases in funding for academic institutions in the United States, his Department has considered an initiative which can attract talent to Ireland's universities through means such as creating new courses and projects. — Paula Butterly. [67306/25]

250. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which his Department is supporting Ireland's digital transformation through research, innovation and tertiary-education initiatives. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [67832/25]