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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí, Bonneagair, Athchóiriúcháin Seirbhíse Poiblí agus Digitiúcháin: 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 status of the Government's new infrastructure plan, Accelerating Infrastructure-Report and Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [70883/25]

2. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide an update on the situation of defective homes built on a flood plain at Elm Park, Buncrana; the predicted cost of installing flood defences to Elm Park; whether he will consider relocating the residents of Elm Park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [71122/25]

3. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the status of protected disclosure legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [70884/25]

4. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the status of the removal of pay ceilings for CEOs of Irish commercial State-owned enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [70885/25]

5. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the plan to advance flood defences for Crookstown, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [71225/25]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

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 Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [70551/25]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

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 Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [70370/25]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

88. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of notifications through the NCSE’s parent notify portal by the 1 October 2025 deadline; the number of children that have contacted the NCSE after the deadline with a recommendation for a special class or special school place; the way in which both categories of applications (pre- and post-1 October) will be progressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [71048/25]

89. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the plans to deliver pension parity for school secretaries and caretakers as of December 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70181/25]

90. 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 to date in the 2025/2026 school year; the measures she is taking to support schools financially 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. [71049/25]

91. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will report on her Department's forward planning for special education places in the academic year 2026-2027. — Jen Cummins. [70886/25]

92. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether it is her intention to set up a redress scheme for victims of historic sexual abuse perpetrated by both lay and religious teachers in schools; and the timeline for the establishment of any such redress scheme. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70943/25]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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 gcnuasach scoile atá ann agus chun stádas buan a thabhairt don tionscadal; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — John Connolly. [69894/25]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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]

117. 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]

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

119. 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]

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

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

130. 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]

131. 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]

132. 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]

133. 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]

134. 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]

135. 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]

136. 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]

137. 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]

138. 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]

139. 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]

140. 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]

141. 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]

142. 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]

143. 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]

144. 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]

145. 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]

146. 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]

147. 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]

148. 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]

149. 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]

150. 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]

151. 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]

152. 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]

153. 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]

154. 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]

155. 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]

156. 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]

157. 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]

158. 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]

159. 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]

160. 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]

161. 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]

162. 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]

163. 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]

164. 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]

165. 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]

166. 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]

167. 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]

168. 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]

169. 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]

170. 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]

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

172. 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]

173. 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]

174. 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]

175. 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]

176. 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]

177. 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]

178. 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]

179. 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]

180. 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]

181. 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]

182. 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]

183. 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]

184. 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]

185. 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]

186. 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]

187. 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]

188. 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]

189. 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]

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

191. 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]

192. 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]

193. 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]

194. 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]

195. 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]

196. 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]

197. 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]

198. 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]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

199. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps his Department is taking to develop and reform the placement and allocation system for apprentices, ensuring that these are reasonably within a commutable area close to where they live; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [67911/25]

200. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps his Department is taking in relation to the reports that a €17 million business school at University College Cork has been permanently shelved; and for an update on the status of the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [67912/25]

201. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to ensure universities have up-to-date and working equipment for the sciences. — Jen Cummins. [66948/25]

202. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason there are no professors at technological universities (TUs); if his Department will review this; if not, the reasons not to include professors under the remit of TUs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [67913/25]

203. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to address concerns relating to student accommodation and affordability; if he is aware that these concerns are driving regional disparities and increasing commuting burdens and costs for rural students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [67669/25]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

204. 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]

205. 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]

206. 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]

207. 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]

208. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he 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]

209. 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]

210. 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]

211. 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]

212. 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]

213. 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]

214. 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]

215. 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]

216. 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]

217. 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]

218. 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]

219. 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]

220. 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]

221. 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]

222. 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]

223. 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]

224. 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]

225. 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]

226. 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]

227. 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]

228. 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]

229. 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]

230. 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]

231. 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]

232. 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]

233. 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]

234. 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]

235. 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]

236. 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]

237. 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]

238. 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]

239. 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]

240. 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]

241. 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]

242. 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]

243. 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]

244. 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]

245. 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]

246. 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]

247. 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]

248. 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]

249. 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]

250. 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]

251. 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]

252. 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]

253. 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]

254. 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]

255. 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]

256. 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]

257. 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]

258. 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]

259. 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]

260. 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]

261. 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]

262. 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]

263. 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]

264. 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]

265. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*266. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the average waiting time for a person applying via the standard online replacement application following a lost or stolen passport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [70930/25]

*267. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department, and agencies under the Department's remit, purchase data on the habits and activities of social media users and other platforms; if so, the reasons for purchasing such data; the amount spent in 2024 and 2025 year to date on such expenditure, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70865/25]

*268. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on the absence of reciprocal driving licensing agreements between Ireland, America and Canada (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70878/25]

*269. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the efforts her Department is making to raise the issue with the Russian authorities of the incarceration of an Irish citizen (details supplied), in a pre-trial detention facility in Chelyabinsk, Russia, for over two months without charge; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [71028/25]

*270. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline the plans to expand Ireland's diplomatic and trade footprint in Latin America. — Malcolm Byrne. [71038/25]

*271. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department has taken or will take action concerning the decision of the Government of Mali to recriminalise homosexuality; and if she will express the Irish Government's concern. — Malcolm Byrne. [71087/25]

*272. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department has taken or will take action concerning legislative proposals in Ghana to recriminalise homosexuality; and if she will express the Irish Government's concern. — Malcolm Byrne. [71088/25]

*273. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department has taken or will take action about restrictions on expression of faith in China, including by Christians; and if she will express the Irish Government's concern. — Malcolm Byrne. [71089/25]

*274. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to report on Ireland's position on the way in which the United Nations will be reformed to operate more effectively and to be more reflective of today's world; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [71090/25]

*275. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the level of engagement between her Department and the Government of Barbados in 2024 and to-date in 2025. — Sorca Clarke. [71280/25]

*276. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the list of Irish Embassies and Consulate General offices worldwide that currently have a housekeeper post filled, in tabular form; and if those post holders are sourced from local recruitment agencies. — Sorca Clarke. [71281/25]

*277. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if an additional passport printer will be provided at the Passport Office in Dublin. — Roderic O'Gorman. [71282/25]

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

*278. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to examine a submission in respect of the wild salmon and sea trout tagging scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [71047/25]

*279. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department, and agencies under the Department's remit, purchase data on the habits and activities of social media users and other platforms; if so, the reasons for purchasing such data; the amount spent in 2024 and 2025 year to date on such expenditure, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70859/25]

*280. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if there are specific regulations for the operation of battery energy storage systems; the monitoring powers that exist in terms of ensuring that these systems are operating according to existing regulations and operational standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [70964/25]

*281. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department will request that the Commission for Regulation of Utilities provide arrears data disaggregated by income group, welfare status and household type as part of its monthly monitoring returns to the Department, to allow better assessment of households at highest risk of long-term energy debt; and the timeline for introducing such reporting. — Ken O'Flynn. [71056/25]

*282. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the National Energy Affordability Taskforce has completed modelling on projected long-term electricity and gas arrears over the next three years; if the modelling will be published; and how this modelling is informing the development of targeted supports. — Ken O'Flynn. [71057/25]

*283. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the criteria his Department will use to determine the transition from universal energy credits to targeted supports; and if he will outline the evidence base that will inform this decision. — Ken O'Flynn. [71058/25]

*284. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has assessed whether the current Energy Engage Code provides sufficient protection to households in chronic arrears; and if any reforms are under consideration as part of the forthcoming Energy Affordability Action Plan. — Ken O'Flynn. [71059/25]

*285. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the dates on which his Department received correspondence from, or met with, a company (details supplied) or its representatives since March 2025; and the subject of any such correspondence and/or meeting, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [71205/25]

*286. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on if the proposed new large energy users and data centre grid connection policy being developed by the CRU will be aligned with the urgent need to connect new housing developments and small businesses in constrained areas to the electricity network; the extent to which the new requirement for on-site or nearby dispatchable generation or storage for new data centres will reduce grid constraints in the Dublin region over the next decade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [71206/25]

*287. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will publish an updated year-by-year trajectory to 2030 for renewable electricity generation, broken down by onshore wind, offshore wind and solar PV capacity; the contingency measures he will introduce to stay on track to meet the 80% renewable electricity target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [71208/25]

*288. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment how the operation of the greenlink interconnector with Great Britain and the forthcoming celtic interconnector with France will be optimised to lower wholesale prices, improve energy security and support higher renewable integration; the expected annual consumer savings by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [71209/25]

*289. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding the proposed interconnector with Spain to import large-scale solar energy; the preliminary cost-benefit analysis, expected delivery timeline and projected impact on Ireland's decarbonisation and energy security; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [71210/25]

*290. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the Heat (Networks and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024 will be fully commenced; if he will publish a detailed district heating implementation roadmap including projected connection numbers to 2030; and the regulatory measures to ensure price transparency and consumer protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [71211/25]

*291. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will publish a joined-up strategy linking SEAI retrofit supports, grid reinforcement and connection policies to prioritise households in energy poverty and homes with the lowest BER ratings for low-carbon heating upgrades; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [71212/25]

*292. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his plans to support the deployment of long-duration energy storage solutions, including pumped hydro, large-scale batteries, green hydrogen and vehicle-to-grid services as part of Ireland's renewable electricity strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [71213/25]

*293. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will commission an independent and transparent assessment of the potential role, cost and risks of nuclear energy, including small modular reactors, in Ireland's future energy mix; if such an assessment would include public engagement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [71214/25]

*294. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will commit to developing an open, real-time public dashboard that tracks key energy transition metrics including renewable capacity, emissions, grid constraints, energy poverty and the impact of large energy users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [71215/25]

*295. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to explain the steps involved in the review and approval process for the forthcoming carbon budgets, and the expected timeline for this process, in light of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Climate Action's recommendation that the budgets be aligned with the Paris test rather than temperature neutrality; how the Climate Change Advisory Council will ensure that the final proposed budgets are aligned with this standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [71264/25]

Chun Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*296. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department, and agencies under the Department's remit, purchase data on the habits and activities of social media users and other platforms; if so, the reasons for purchasing such data; the amount spent in 2024 and 2025 year to date on such expenditure, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70861/25]

*297. To ask the Minister for Defence the position regarding any deployment of Irish personnel (details supplied); the number of personnel, their roles, the duration of their deployment, and the locations of the operations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70899/25]

*298. To ask the Minister for Defence if any member of the Defence Forces or other State staff have received or are scheduled to receive training at a location (details supplied); the details of the number of personnel, type of training, and dates training occurred or is planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70901/25]

*299. To ask the Minister for Defence the capacity the Defence Forces have to deal with drone incursions such as the one reported during the visit of President Zelenskyy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70915/25]

*300. To ask the Minister for Defence the actions she is taking to locate the drones that were reportedly active during the visit of President Zelenskyy (details supplied); if she is confident that they will be found; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70916/25]

*301. To ask the Minister for Defence the progress since 2022 to provide the Defence Forces with a primary radar system capable of detecting and tracking rogue and non-conforming aircraft within airspace controlled by the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [71254/25]

*302. To ask the Minister for Defence the efforts made since 2022 to provide the Defence Forces with aircraft capable of intercepting and policing rogue or non-conforming aircraft within Irish controlled airspace; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [71255/25]

*303. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department will provide details of the efforts made since 2022 to increase the technical and radar operator/controller manpower levels within the Irish Defence Forces; and the success which have achieved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [71256/25]

*304. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department will identify strategies used since 2022 to recruit persons into the Defence Forces in Ireland; the success which has been achieved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [71257/25]

*305. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department will identify the strategies used since 2022 to recruit persons into the Reserve Defence Forces; the success which has been achieved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [71258/25]

*306. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department will provide details of the efforts made since 2022 to encourage former members of the Defence Forces and, former Defence Forces technicians and other specialists to transfer to the Reserve Defence Forces or to return

to uniform in the Reserve; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [71259/25]

*307. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount the Defence Forces spent on purchasing military equipment from French and German companies respectively, in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Roderic O’Gorman. [71291/25]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*308. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports his Department will make available to complete the Gorey to Courtown footpath in County Wexford, including a footbridge over the Ounavarra River; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [71092/25]

*309. To ask the Minister for Transport the dates on which his Department sent correspondence to or met with Commissioner McGrath or the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers since March 2025; and the subject of any such correspondence and/or meeting, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [71197/25]

*310. To ask the Minister for Transport the dates on which his Department received correspondence from or met with a company (details supplied) or its representatives since March 2025; and the subject of any such correspondence and/or meeting, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [71200/25]

*311. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of Ireland’s implementation of the EU secure repair and maintenance information SERMI framework under regulation EU 2018/858; the legislative changes required to allow a national conformity assessment body to receive Garda vetting results for the certification of independent repairers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [71216/25]

*312. To ask the Minister for Transport following the recent publication of the Accelerating Infrastructure - Report and Action Plan, if he or his Department will be allocated additional resources to expediate the delivery of large scale transport infrastructure projects, such as the Metrolink and the Finglas Luas extension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [70788/25]

*313. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department, and agencies under the Department’s remit, purchase data on the habits and activities of social media users and other platforms; if so, the reasons for purchasing such data; the amount spent in 2024 and 2025 year to date on such expenditure, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70874/25]

*314. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the absence of reciprocal driving licensing agreements between Ireland, America and Canada (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70877/25]

*315. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of court notifications received by the District Court in each of the years since 2022, of drivers convicted of penalty point offences; the number of penalty points attached to each conviction; the number of notifications that included a valid driver number; the number of convictions that could not be matched to the driver to apply the penalty points to their driving licence record on the NVDF; the number whereby a separate

record file had to be created by his Department in order to keep a record of unmatched drivers with penalty point offences. — Emer Currie. [70881/25]

*316. To ask the Minister for Transport to immediately address the extremely dangerous lags on the R-559 Cill Fhiontain, the Long Road, Slea Head Drive, Dingle, County Kerry and resurface this strategic road in west Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [70895/25]

*317. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline in which the taxi regulations will be updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70912/25]

*318. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is any requirement or monitoring whether the vehicles used by roads and other construction companies are registered in Ireland and conform to European standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70913/25]

*319. To ask the Minister for Transport in relation to vehicles hired by equipment hire companies, if there is any obligation that those vehicles are registered in Ireland, taxed in Ireland and subject to Irish regulations and standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70914/25]

*320. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider increasing funding for safety improvement schemes in Sligo in order that Sligo County Council can address the safety needs of the county. — Martin Kenny. [70923/25]

*321. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of a situation (details supplied); the measures he is taking to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [70929/25]

*322. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if he will address concerns raised therein; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [70932/25]

*323. To ask the Minister for Transport if any of the 185 new carriages ordered for the greater Dublin area, due to enter service from Q2 2027 onwards, will be allocated to services operating in Kildare North, specifically on the Maynooth line, Longford line, Hazelhatch–Celbridge, Sallins and Naas, and Kilcock routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [70987/25]

*324. To ask the Minister for Transport the rationale for the delay of the DART+ South West project; if there is flexibility in bringing forward the timeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [71017/25]

*325. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the implementation of a new bus network for Galway city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [71029/25]

*326. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the new Local Link routes that have commenced to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [71030/25]

*327. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the implementation of all routes planned for County Galway in the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [71031/25]

*328. To ask the Minister for Transport when his Department will commence the development of the next Rural Ireland Mobility Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [71032/25]

*329. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions he will take to increase the number of direct flights from Ireland to Canada. — Malcolm Byrne. [71093/25]

*330. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the establishment of the transport security force. — Shane Moynihan. [71121/25]

*331. To ask the Minister for Transport the statutory basis under road traffic legislation for the authorisation described by operators as a “tram licence”; to confirm whether this authorisation constitutes a recognised driving licence category under the Road Traffic Act 1961 and associated regulations; and the Department’s position on whether tram drivers operating on public roads fall within the definition of persons carrying passengers for reward for the purposes of PSV licensing requirements. — Ken O’Flynn. [71188/25]

*332. To ask the Minister for Transport the Department’s assessment of the extent to which tram drivers operate under their private driving licences when a tram is driven on a public road; the Department’s evaluation of the insurance and indemnity arrangements in place for tram operations transporting large passenger volumes; and the current post-collision procedures issued to tram drivers align with obligations under the Road Traffic Acts regarding reporting and remaining at the scene. — Ken O’Flynn. [71189/25]

*333. To ask the Minister for Transport the oversight mechanisms in place to verify that tram operators comply with all relevant road traffic, licensing, and insurance requirements when trams operate on public roads; if the Department has carried out any compliance audits of tram operations in the past five years; and any legislative or regulatory changes under review to ensure the legal status and safety framework for tram operations are fully aligned with State law. — Ken O’Flynn. [71190/25]

*334. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to serve notices to treat for the DART+ South West project before the end of the 18 month deadline. — Roderic O’Gorman. [71193/25]

*335. To ask the Minister for Transport if Government approval is required to serve notices to treat for the DART+ South West project under the infrastructure guidelines. — Roderic O’Gorman. [71194/25]

*336. To ask the Minister for Transport the effect the delayed timeline for the procurement for DART+ South West announced in the sectoral plan for transport will have on the procurement for DART+ West noting that two pre-qualification questionnaires for design and build single supplier frameworks for the entire DART+ project were advertised in May 2025. — Roderic O’Gorman. [71195/25]

*337. To ask the Minister for Transport if, in light of Iarnród Éireann’s confirmation that the Galway-Limerick service is already operating ‘at capacity’, and given that both the Galway-Limerick and Galway-Dublin services are currently constrained by the single-track bottleneck

between Galway Ceannt and Athenry, if he intends to fund the full double-tracking scheme on this section; if not, the specific additional capacity measures that will be implemented to avoid reductions or pathing displacement of these existing services when the Western Rail Corridor services are introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [71262/25]

*338. To ask the Minister for Transport to advise on the stakeholder process further to approval in principle for a service (details supplied) to use the bus lane network while carrying out their services; the proposed timelines for such activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [71263/25]

*339. To ask the Minister for Transport the rules and regulations regarding the construction of EV charging points in petrol stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [71266/25]

*340. To ask the Minister for Transport the planning guidelines which apply to the installation of canopy structures at public EV charging stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [71267/25]

*341. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has examined international best practice regarding the provision of shelter at EV-charging points; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [71268/25]

*342. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road safety improvement schemes funded in Westmeath from 2022 to date in 2025, by year, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [71274/25]

*343. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of a project (details supplied); the progress that will be made within the lifetime of this Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [71294/25]

*344. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of a project (details supplied); the progress that will be made within the lifetime of this Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [71295/25]

*345. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of a project (details supplied); the progress that will be made within the lifetime of this Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [71296/25]

*346. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of a project (details supplied); the progress that will be made within the lifetime of this Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [71297/25]

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

*347. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has examined policy options used in other jurisdictions, including Canada and New Zealand, regarding restrictions or higher stamp duty on purchases of existing residential property by non resident and non EEA buyers; whether any assessment has been made of the expected impact of such measures on prices, supply and market access for Irish households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [71129/25]

*348. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department, and agencies under the Department's remit, purchase data on the habits and activities of social media users and other platforms; if so, the reasons for purchasing such data; the amount spent in 2024 and 2025 year to date on such expenditure, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70864/25]

*349. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the steps taken by his Department to assess whether regulated credit institutions have, at any time since 2007, applied undisclosed credit exposures or internal credit lines to SME borrowers that were not disclosed in loan documentation; the role of the Central Bank in monitoring such practices; and the protections in place to ensure that all borrower exposures are transparently documented and reported. — Ken O'Flynn. [71040/25]

*350. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will outline whether the Central Bank has conducted any supervisory reviews since 2007 into the use of embedded derivative risks, undisclosed credit lines, or internal exposure modelling in connection with fixed-rate loans or interest-rate risk management products sold to SMEs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [71041/25]

*351. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has assessed whether historical supervisory actions by the Central Bank adequately evaluated the treatment of SME borrowers whose loan-to-value positions or credit classifications may have been influenced by undisclosed internal bank calculations or exposures; and his views on whether further examination is warranted. — Ken O'Flynn. [71042/25]

*352. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the safeguards currently in place to prevent regulated lenders from enforcing security or restructuring SME loans where material elements of the borrower's assessed credit exposure were not transparently disclosed; and whether the Central Bank has issued guidance on the requirement for full borrower visibility of all credit exposures that contribute to loan-to-value, servicing, or covenant assessments. — Ken O'Flynn. [71043/25]

*353. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will instruct the Central Bank to establish a defined review mechanism for SME borrowers who believe their historical loan performance, credit grading, or restructuring outcomes were negatively affected by undisclosed credit exposures or derivative-related liabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [71044/25]

*354. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance what mechanisms are currently in place within his Department to monitor emerging banking-conduct risks that were not present or recognised during the 2004-2008 period, including risks arising from complex credit products, derivative exposures, and non-bank financial intermediaries; and how these mechanisms differ from those that were in place prior to the crisis. — Ken O'Flynn. [71158/25]

*355. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has issued any guidance, circulars, or internal directives setting out lessons learned from supervisory shortcomings identified in the reports of Honohan, Nyberg, or the Banking Inquiry; and if so, to publish such guidance and explain how it informs current oversight of the Central Bank. — Ken O'Flynn. [71159/25]

*356. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if the Central Bank of Ireland received any disclosures during the period 2007 to 2012 from Ulster Bank or other lenders concerning additional credit exposures arising from interest rate swaps or fixed-rate loan products sold to

SMEs; the supervisory framework in place at that time governing the reporting of contingent credit liabilities to the Central Bank. — Ken O’Flynn. [71163/25]

*357. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the extent to which the Central Bank has reviewed the presence of undeclared credit exposures or contingent liabilities embedded in SME lending products during or after the financial crisis; and if any sectoral analysis has been conducted since 2015 to reassess the transparency of derivative-linked lending to SMEs. — Ken O’Flynn. [71164/25]

*358. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has been briefed by the Central Bank regarding allegations that hidden credit lines were attached to SME hedging products in these islands during the period 2007 to 2012; and the actions he has initiated to determine whether similar practices affected SMEs within the State. — Ken O’Flynn. [71165/25]

*359. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will report on any engagement between his Department and UK authorities concerning cross-border regulatory matters arising from interest rate swap mis-selling and related credit-exposure mechanisms; and the processes in place for assessing risks to Irish consumers and SMEs arising from such cross-jurisdictional practices. — Ken O’Flynn. [71166/25]

*360. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has considered commissioning an independent review of SME hedging products sold in Ireland during the period 2007 to 2012 to determine whether undeclared contingent liabilities or non-transparent credit exposures may have affected SMEs operating within the State. — Ken O’Flynn. [71167/25]

*361. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has received any reports, briefing material, or supervisory updates from the Central Bank following Ulster Bank’s public communications of June 2025 concerning repayment miscalculations on approximately 90,000 mortgage accounts; and the Department’s current understanding, based on that material, of the scale and nature of the issues arising. — Ken O’Flynn. [71171/25]

*362. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the statutory supervisory and consumer-protection obligations that apply to the Central Bank when a regulated lender publicly confirms widespread repayment calculation errors; and if those obligations require the Bank to consider any additional account changes described by the lender as “not associated with this error”. — Ken O’Flynn. [71172/25]

*363. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if the issues publicly disclosed by Ulster Bank in June 2025 meet the criteria for mandatory review under the Central Bank’s supervisory framework, the Consumer Protection Code 2025, or any related regulatory protocols; and the steps these frameworks require in circumstances where repayment inaccuracies affect a significant number of mortgage holders. — Ken O’Flynn. [71173/25]

*364. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has undertaken any assessment of consumer-protection risks arising from the repayment errors and the additional account changes referenced in Ulster Bank’s June 2025 customer letters; and the Department’s understanding of the potential implications for borrowers whose loans have since transferred to other institutions. — Ken O’Flynn. [71174/25]

*365. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if the Central Bank has initiated, or is considering, a system-wide thematic review of mortgage-repayment calculation accuracy across

all lenders in light of Ulster Bank's June 2025 disclosures; and the Department's understanding of the purpose and scope of such a review where applicable. — Ken O'Flynn. [71175/25]

*366. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the governance and reporting arrangements that apply between the Central Bank and his Department in circumstances where a regulated lender publicly confirms widespread customer-impacting errors; and the manner in which the Department satisfies itself that statutory consumer-protection obligations are being met in such cases. — Ken O'Flynn. [71176/25]

*367. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of WTE vacancies, by job title currently at the Financial Services and Pension Ombudsman; the length of time each vacancy has been for; the expected timeframe for filling each of those vacancies, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [71276/25]

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

*368. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the full details of the market valuation of Spa Lodge in the Phoenix Park in October 2018, when it was first occupied by the former Garda Commissioner (details supplied) in 2018; and the details of the annual revisions made to the valuation of that property for each of the years 2018-2025 inclusive. — Alan Kelly. [70990/25]

*369. 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) 3 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. — Cathal Crowe. [70475/25]

*370. 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) 4 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. — Cathal Crowe. [70476/25]

*371. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department, and agencies under the Department's remit, purchase data on the habits and activities of social media users and other platforms; if so, the reasons for purchasing such data; the amount spent in 2024 and 2025 year to date on such expenditure, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70870/25]

*372. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the plans and the present stage of the planned Ballinasloe flood relief scheme. — Martin Daly. [70960/25]

*373. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if funding will be maintained and ring-fenced for a standalone flood mitigation project in Derrymullen, Ballinasloe; and the planned works and timelines in light of the area's persistent flood risk and the inability of all residents to house insurance. — Martin Daly. [70961/25]

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

*374. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department, and agencies under the Department's remit, purchase data on the habits and activities of social media users and other platforms; if so, the reasons for purchasing such data; the amount spent in 2024 and 2025 year to date on such expenditure, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70863/25]

*375. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to apply the enhanced SME test to the English language education sector in relation to the stamp 2 visa changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [70910/25]

*376. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if a work permit application can be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [71023/25]

*377. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment in light of the recent announcement that the quota for general employment permits for dairy farm assistants has been exhausted, with no new applications being accepted, the representations his Department has received from farming representative bodies regarding the urgent need to increase the quota for the upcoming spring season. — Michael Murphy. [71063/25]

*378. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment given the critical labour shortages being reported in the dairy-farming sector, particularly during the busy spring calving season, if he will commit to immediately reopening or extending the quota for dairy farm assistants, or otherwise fast-tracking additional permits to ensure farms have sufficient staff for the spring workload. — Michael Murphy. [71064/25]

*379. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the timeframe for when the current review of the occupations lists for employment permits will conclude; and if the Department will publish interim arrangements or special allowances for agricultural employers facing urgent labour shortages while that review is ongoing. — Michael Murphy. [71065/25]

*380. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide Ireland's full indicator-level scores under the Blavatnik Index of Public Administration for 2024, disaggregated by each theme and sub-domain, given that this information was not included in his previous reply; to confirm whether the National Competitiveness and Productivity Council has furnished these data to his Department; and to outline the process through which such datasets are collated and reviewed for policy and benchmarking purposes. — Ken O'Flynn. [71081/25]

*381. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the actions taken under the Consumer Protection Act 2007 to address misleading commercial practices relating to the description, presentation or marketing of meat products supplied to food service businesses and retail outlets; the coordination mechanisms in place between his Department, the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission and the Food Safety Authority to ensure consumers receive accurate information on meat origin and characteristics; and the reporting structures used to monitor compliance. — Ken O'Flynn. [71082/25]

*382. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if an independent external evaluation framework has been established to assess the value-for-money and productivity impact of the Built to Innovate programme, including the €6.8 million in approved grants;

if not, when such an evaluation will be commissioned; and the indicators that will be used to measure demonstrable productivity gains at sector level rather than firm level. — Ken O’Flynn. [71083/25]

*383. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the work undertaken with the Central Statistics Office and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage since 2022 to enable the publication of residential-specific productivity statistics, including GVA, hours worked and modern methods of construction output; if his Department has sought a Eurostat derogation to permit disaggregated residential construction data; and the expected timeline for publication once such a framework is agreed. — Ken O’Flynn. [71084/25]

*384. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures his Department has in place to support main street/bricks and mortar retail stores and to enhance main streets as retail destinations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [71094/25]

*385. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the reason data centres are a critical part of Ireland’s digital infrastructure; the measures in place to support the development of environmentally sustainable data centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [71095/25]

*386. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department holds any analysis of the impact of complex interest rate hedging products on the viability of Irish SMEs during the financial crisis; and if any examination has been undertaken of contingent liabilities embedded in swap-linked lending by banks operating in the State. — Ken O’Flynn. [71168/25]

*387. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the policy instruments available to support SMEs that may have been affected by non-transparent or complex hedging structures in the 2007 to 2012 period; and his intentions to initiate a review of SME credit fairness and contract transparency in light of recent international allegations. — Ken O’Flynn. [71169/25]

*388. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if any elements of the Credit Guarantee Scheme, SME Lending Code, or statutory protections for small businesses have been evaluated to determine if they would have captured or prevented the use of hidden contingent credit exposures within SME loan products. — Ken O’Flynn. [71170/25]

*389. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the dates on which his Department sent correspondence to or met with Commissioner McGrath or the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers since March 2025 and the subject of any such correspondence and/or meeting, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [71198/25]

*390. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the dates on which his Department received correspondence or met with a company (details supplied) or its representatives since March 2025; and the subject of any such correspondence and/or meeting, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [71201/25]

*391. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the dates on which his Department received correspondence from, or met with, a company (details supplied) or its representatives since March 2025; and

the subject of any such correspondence and/or meeting, in tabular form.
. — Eoin Ó Broin. [71204/25]

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

*392. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on a new school building project (details supplied). — Maeve O'Connell. [70632/25]

*393. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the work of her Department to ensure the provision of adequate school places for the Kiltarnan school planning area. — Maeve O'Connell. [70631/25]

*394. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on capital projects across schools in Dublin south central. — Jen Cummins. [70887/25]

*395. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children waiting for an appropriate school place. — Jen Cummins. [70888/25]

*396. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department is engaging with counterparts in Northern Ireland on curriculum development, teacher exchanges or shared educational initiatives. — Michael Murphy. [62805/25]

*397. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason no enquiry was carried out following allegations of sexual harassment occurring in the case of a child (details supplied) as recommended by the Ombudsman; the reason no questions were asked on behalf of the family when the then Minister was present at the school after the information was disclosed to her; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [68415/25]

*398. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware that a former school principal (details supplied) was made aware of an investigation following seven reports of harassment in 2022; the reason this information was not disclosed to the family; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [68416/25]

*399. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she was aware that in 2019 the KWETB held an investigation into complaints received by family (details supplied) regarding claims of alleged sexual harassment occurring in a school; the reason the family who submitted the complaints were not invited to participate in the investigation; the reason the family who submitted the complaints were not informed of the investigations findings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [68417/25]

*400. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the details of the reasons for the delay with building works for (details supplied) a project that was authorised by her Department to proceed to the tender stage in November 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [68618/25]

*401. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps she is taking to support youth facilities and youth-led community initiatives in rural parts of Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [68168/25]

*402. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department, and agencies under the Department's remit, purchase data on the habits and activities of social media users and other

platforms; if so, the reasons for purchasing such data; the amount spent in 2024 and 2025 year to date on such expenditure, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70862/25]

*403. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding a school building project (details supplied), and when construction works will commence. — Robert Troy. [70896/25]

*404. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a sports hall will be provided for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [70917/25]

*405. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the detailed timeline for the provision of school buildings for a school (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [70924/25]

*406. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 993 of 8 September 2025, the position regarding the proposed building works at a school (details supplied). — Séamus McGrath. [70978/25]

*407. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on plans to demolish and rebuild schools (details supplied); in particular, the reason the stage 2A review has been delayed; when will it be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [71018/25]

*408. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of new school development projects in County Galway currently at pre-stage 1 of the development process; the date each project commenced, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [71024/25]

*409. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of new school development projects in County Galway currently at stage 1 of the development process; the date each project entered stage 1, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [71025/25]

*410. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of new school development projects in County Galway currently at stage 2A of the development process; the date each project entered stage 2A, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [71026/25]

*411. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of a capital project for a school (details supplied); the details of the works involved; the timeline for completion of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [71098/25]

*412. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of a capital project for a school (details supplied); the details of the works involved; the timeline for completion of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [71099/25]

*413. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of a capital project for a school (details supplied); the details of the works involved; the timeline for completion of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [71100/25]

*414. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of a capital project for a school (details supplied); the details of the works involved; the timeline for completion of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [71101/25]

*415. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of a capital project for a school (details supplied); the details of the works involved; the timeline for completion of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [71102/25]

*416. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the school building projects for a number of schools in Dublin Mid-West (details supplied). — Shane Moynihan. [71116/25]

*417. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when funding to replace a school’s roof (details supplied) will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [71218/25]

*418. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when funding from emergency works will be released to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [71219/25]

*419. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school (details supplied) will be permitted to progress from stage 2b of the additional accommodation scheme for a new building; if she will engage with the school on this proposal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [71261/25]

*420. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the percentage of her Department’s 2024 Capital Budget allocation that was spent. — Sorca Clarke. [71277/25]

*421. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a project (details supplied) will proceed to the next stage; the timeline for this project to go to construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [71298/25]

*422. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a project (details supplied) will proceed to the next stage; the timeline for this project to go to construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [71299/25]

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

*423. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when An Post pensioners will receive the increase that is due from January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [70920/25]

*424. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department, and agencies under the Department’s remit, purchase data on the habits and activities of social media users and other platforms; if so, the reasons for purchasing such data; the amount spent in 2024 and 2025 year to date on such expenditure, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70860/25]

*425. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding any review ongoing within his Department into the requirement for age verification checks on social media platforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70879/25]

*426. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding any proposals to provide for additional regulations, policies and protections to increase safeguarding of children and young adults online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70880/25]

*427. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the support being made available to secure the Complex Arts Centre as a centre for artists. — Shane Moynihan. [71120/25]

*428. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether any funding streams are available to upgrade accessibility access in an arts centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [71230/25]

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

*429. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of plans on universal design for independent living purposes, considering that around 1,300 disabled people live in nursing homes; if he will give assurances that the State support for disabled people can and will ensure independent living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [70983/25]

*430. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department, and agencies under the Department's remit, purchase data on the habits and activities of social media users and other platforms; if so, the reasons for purchasing such data; the amount spent in 2024 and 2025 year to date on such expenditure, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70868/25]

*431. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 516 of 25 November 2025, if being priced out of private rental options as inflation rises will in future reverse sufficiently to place persons back within reach of their income threshold (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [70921/25]

*432. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the introduction of a new single stage process for social housing delivery; when this process will be available to local authorities; and the number of applications that have been received under this process to date. — Eoin Ó Broin. [70926/25]

*433. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he intends to publish the planning policy statement on short-term letting; and if he will give a commitment to publish the statement in draft form to allow the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Housing to scrutinise the statement prior to its adoption by Government. — Eoin Ó Broin. [70927/25]

*434. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the regulations included in the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 to permit victims of domestic abuse to end a joint application and, with the agreement of a landlord and without

delay, submit and secure a new application for the same property to ensure the victim, not the perpetrator, can stay in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [70959/25]

*435. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the regulations included in the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 that prevent a joint HAP application from being split into two separate applications in cases of domestic abuse (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [70962/25]

*436. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when existing purpose built student accommodation (PBSA) developments will be permitted to reset rents to market levels under new rent control rules that come into effect in April 2026, if it has been drawn to his attention that the current wording is unclear; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70977/25]

*437. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the implementation of the Galway Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [71033/25]

*438. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current timelines being met by An Coimisiún Pleanála for the assessment of planning appeals and planning applications made to An Coimisiún Pleanála; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [71034/25]

*439. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number and type of sanctions imposed by the Property Services Regulatory Authority on licensed property services providers following anti-money-laundering compliance audits in each of the past five years; the number of cautions, formal directions, financial penalties, licence suspensions, licence revocations and referrals to An Garda Síochána, Revenue or other competent authorities; and the policy framework that guides sanction selection in each case. — Ken O'Flynn. [71050/25]

*440. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the escalation procedures the Property Services Regulatory Authority is required to follow where an audit identifies that a property sale completed without the customer due diligence or identity verification required under the Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) Act 2010; whether the Department has issued guidance on required notifications to competent authorities; and to provide the timeline for each step in this escalation process. — Ken O'Flynn. [71051/25]

*441. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the risk model used by the Property Services Regulatory Authority to select property services providers for anti-money-laundering audits; the proportion of high-risk licensees subject to more frequent inspections than the standard five-year cycle; and whether the current model aligns with the property sector risk profile in the National Risk Assessment for Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing. — Ken O'Flynn. [71052/25]

*442. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the staffing levels and specialist expertise available within the Property Services Regulatory Authority for anti-money-laundering supervision; the number of inspectors assigned to AML audit work in each year since 2021; the specialist AML training completed by those inspectors; and whether additional staffing or expert support will be allocated in 2026 to strengthen oversight. — Ken O'Flynn. [71053/25]

*443. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how he reconciles the identification of only three non-compliant businesses out of 1,761 anti-money-laundering audits in the period 2021 to 2025 with the risk profile for the property sector set out in the National Risk Assessment for Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing; whether his Department has reviewed the PSRA's audit methodology and recording of non-compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [71054/25]

*444. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the additional supervisory powers and sanctioning tools he expects the Property Services Regulatory Authority to gain following implementation of the 6th Anti-Money Laundering Directive; the legislative timeline; and how these reforms will alter the Authority's approach to repeated or serious non-compliance by property services providers. — Ken O'Flynn. [71055/25]

*445. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of civil servants and appropriate professionals involved in drafting the regulations governing wind farm developments; if the qualifications of each person involved in the work of drafting the regulations will be provided; if the input of affected communities already impacted by such developments will be sought; the time spent to date on this work; the indicative timeframe for its completion; the costs incurred to date by Government on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [71086/25]

*446. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department holds disaggregated information on residential property purchases by non resident and non EEA buyers, including number and value of transactions by local authority area, price band and property type since 2020; whether he will arrange for publication of this information on a regular basis in line with existing CSO reporting on non household purchasers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [71128/25]

*447. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he intends to bring forward proposals for a public register of beneficial ownership for residential and commercial property in the State, including properties held through overseas companies or trusts; the status of any scoping work underway with relevant Departments and agencies on such a register; the expected timeline for policy decisions and any required legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [71130/25]

*448. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider introducing an appeals mechanism for tenant-in-situ refusals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [71177/25]

*449. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when legislation to underpin the defects remediation schemes will come before the Oireachtas Housing Committee for pre-legislative scrutiny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [71183/25]

*450. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his expectations for the full legislative process on the Apartment and Duplex Defects Remediation Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [71184/25]

*451. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the working group to review qualifications for engineering roles in the local Government sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [71185/25]

*452. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the working group to review qualifications for engineering roles in the local Government sector will include clerks of works/building inspectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [71186/25]

*453. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 550 of 30 September 2025, to list the aspects of the Ballymun regeneration project were uncompleted as of the end of 2013, when the project was “largely completed,” and those which remain incomplete today. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [71223/25]

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

*454. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the campaigns by the Government to attract construction workers to come to Ireland and to return home to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [71091/25]

*455. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department, and agencies under the Department’s remit, purchase data on the habits and activities of social media users and other platforms; if so, the reasons for purchasing such data; the amount spent in 2024 and 2025 year to date on such expenditure, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70872/25]

*456. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an application for disability allowance by a person (details supplied) will be decided given the family urgently need assistance. — Frankie Feighan. [70934/25]

*457. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it can be ensured that in cases where a parent has been awarded full custody of their children, the child benefit payment will be paid to them in full, and regardless of gender, even if they remain living with their former partner or spouse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [70941/25]

*458. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the disability allowance is means-tested for couples who are cohabiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [70988/25]

*459. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the eligibility of a person (details supplied) for a pension (non-contributory); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [71182/25]

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

*460. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on any changes to the personal injuries guidelines proposed by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [71236/25]

*461. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department, and agencies under the Department’s remit, purchase data on the habits and activities of social media users and other platforms; if so, the reasons for purchasing such data; the amount spent in 2024

and 2025 year to date on such expenditure, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70869/25]

*462. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding any deployment of Irish personnel (details supplied); the number of personnel, their roles, the duration of their deployment, and the locations of the operations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70898/25]

*463. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if any member of An Garda Síochána or other State staff have received or are scheduled to receive training at a location (details supplied); the details of the number of personnel, type of training, and dates training occurred or is planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70900/25]

*464. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to carry out a public consultation in relation to the changes to stamp 2 permissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [70908/25]

*465. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will engage with the English language education sector (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [70909/25]

*466. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to advise on a resident permit renewal application that has been refused (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [70928/25]

*467. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason a person (details supplied) has not received a response to their spousal visa appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [70931/25]

*468. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the statistics on the number of penalty points issued for tailgating, by county, in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [70968/25]

*469. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the full details of all the payments made, for domestic utilities, waste collection, home maintenance, cleaning services, security and gardening services and any other contractual services paid for by the State at tax payers expense and provided to a person (details supplied) while they lived at Spa Lodge in the Phoenix Park between September 2018 and August 2025. — Alan Kelly. [70991/25]

*470. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason the provision of such a significant benefit as the provision of housing at the total expense of the taxpayer was not made known to any of the candidates on the shortlist for the role of Garda Commissioner in the course of the public competition held for the role in the Spring of 2018. — Alan Kelly. [70992/25]

*471. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he or his Department are now finally aware that in July 2021 the Garda National Technical Bureau (GNTB), with the expert assistance of the Garda ICT Department, diligently unearthed a catastrophic loss of biometric data amounting to in excess of 17,000 livescan fingerprint records that had fallen into ‘suspended’ status during the period June 2009 to July 2021. — Alan Kelly. [70998/25]

*472. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of members of the Garda National Technical Bureau (GNTB) who are currently certified in the area of CBRNe; when such certification is due to expire; and the expiration dates of the CBRN suits/masks on issue to them. — Alan Kelly. [71004/25]

*473. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to the servicing and repair of privately owned firearms being undertaken by Garda armourer personnel attached to the Garda firearms stores section in 2018, where such firearms were belonging to a hunt and pony club based in the Kildare area and where the cost of such servicing and repair was defrayed by public funds. — Alan Kelly. [71009/25]

*474. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the proposed timeline for the passage of the Inspection of Places of Detention Bill 2022; and for an update on its progress. — Paul Murphy. [71022/25]

*475. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of firearms/gun licences issued by the State for each year 2015 to 2024, and to date in 2025, broken down by new licences and renewals. — Malcolm Byrne. [71035/25]

*476. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of a change of circumstances application (details supplied) submitted in September 2024. — John McGuinness. [71097/25]

*477. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the publication of an updated code of practice for CCTV systems operated by local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [71106/25]

*478. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the due diligence processes his Department applies before approving an accommodation provider for IPAS contracts, including checks on ownership, financial standing, governance, and compliance history; if these procedures were followed in the case of Secure Accommodation; and the steps he is taking to strengthen approval standards for all future providers. — Ken O'Flynn. [71123/25]

*479. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total payments issued by his Department to Secure Accommodation since its engagement; the financial controls in place to track contract performance and verify the delivery of services; and the measures now being implemented to protect public funds where a provider enters liquidation. — Ken O'Flynn. [71124/25]

*480. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the contingency arrangements triggered when an IPAS accommodation provider ceases trading; the steps taken to maintain continuity of accommodation for residents previously housed through Secure Accommodation; and the governance standards applied to ensure uninterrupted service in similar situations. — Ken O'Flynn. [71125/25]

*481. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department will review the procurement and monitoring framework used for IPAS accommodation contracts in light of the liquidation of Secure Accommodation; the compliance obligations currently required of all providers; and any planned updates to contract-award or contract-monitoring rules. — Ken O'Flynn. [71126/25]

*482. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the risk-assessment tools used by his Department to identify financial or governance risks among IPAS accommodation providers; whether any concerns were identified before the voluntary liquidation of Secure Accommodation; and the steps he is taking to strengthen early-warning systems for provider-level risks. — Ken O’Flynn. [71127/25]

*483. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to set out the governance framework applied to all national and EU-funded migration and integration schemes; the audit standards in force for each scheme; and the dates on which the most recent audits were completed and submitted to his Department. — Ken O’Flynn. [71131/25]

*484. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the outcome indicators, performance metrics and evaluation methods used to assess projects funded under the National Integration Fund, Communities Integration Fund, International Protection Integration Fund and all AMIF-funded actions; and to confirm whether these indicators were met in each year since 2017 to date 2025. — Ken O’Flynn. [71132/25]

*485. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department maintains a central register showing all organisations that receive funding from more than one national or EU-funded integration scheme; if not, to state why no such register exists; and if he will now establish one to ensure oversight and prevent duplication. — Ken O’Flynn. [71133/25]

*486. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a value-for-money review has been carried out on the National Integration Fund, Communities Integration Fund, International Protection Integration Fund, AMIF-funded actions and ESF+ Integration and Employment measures; and to provide the findings, recommendations and implementation status of any such review. — Ken O’Flynn. [71134/25]

*487. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department intends to publish an annual consolidated report on all migration and integration funding streams, including total expenditure, list of funded organisations, outcomes achieved, audit results and year-on-year comparisons; and if not, to explain the policy basis for this decision. — Ken O’Flynn. [71135/25]

*488. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to detail the compliance checks required before releasing funds under each scheme; the financial reporting obligations placed on grantees; the percentage of grantees that submitted complete and timely accounts in each year since 2017; and the number of cases where payments were reduced, suspended or recovered. — Ken O’Flynn. [71136/25]

*489. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide the evaluation reports submitted to the European Commission for all AMIF and ESF+ integration actions; and to confirm whether any recommendations on financial controls, performance measurement or risk management were issued by the Commission to Ireland. — Ken O’Flynn. [71137/25]

*490. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to specify how multi-year grants under migration and integration schemes are monitored over time; the checkpoints used; the criteria for continuation or termination; and the number of projects that were discontinued or amended due to performance concerns since 2017. — Ken O’Flynn. [71138/25]

*491. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has completed an assessment on the potential consolidation of overlapping migration and integration

funding schemes; and to outline the policy analysis undertaken on cost savings, administrative efficiency and improved oversight. — Ken O’Flynn. [71139/25]

*492. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the strengthened spending controls that will be applied to future rounds of the National Integration Fund, Communities Integration Fund, International Protection Integration Fund and EU-backed measures; and to provide the timeline for implementing these controls. — Ken O’Flynn. [71140/25]

*493. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the timeframe for implementation of the recommendations of the report into the review of the operation of the in camera rule in family law proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [71178/25]

*494. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on transparency orders under the family court reporting pilot, as introduced in England and Wales; if he has given consideration to introducing these in Ireland, notwithstanding that they were not included as a recommendation in the report into the review of the operation of the in camera rule in family law proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [71179/25]

*495. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the supports that will be available for international protection applicants already in the system given the Government’s proposal to increase the citizenship residency requirement for refugees from three to five years (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [71221/25]

*496. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide clarity on the future of the accommodation recognition payment for families providing accommodation for Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [71222/25]

*497. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of unresolved cases that have been referred for peer review since 2022 to date in 2025; the number completed; the number reopened; and the number in which new investigative actions were taken. — Sorca Clarke. [71275/25]

*498. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardai, by rank attached to the Garda band as of 5 December 2025, in tabular form. — Roderic O’Gorman. [71289/25]

*499. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount spent on purchasing new Garda public order equipment in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Roderic O’Gorman. [71290/25]

*500. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí in the Westport district of Mayo, including the areas of Achill, Louisburgh and Newport, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [71300/25]

*501. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí in the Westport district of Mayo who have left the district either through resignations, retirements, promotions, transfers, including the areas of Achill, Louisburgh and Newport, the number of

cases in which the departure of these Gardaí has resulted in their replacement, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [71301/25]

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

*502. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the publication of Horse Racing Ireland's 2024 annual report; the timeline for its publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70966/25]

*503. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department, and agencies under the Department's remit, purchase data on the habits and activities of social media users and other platforms; if so, the reasons for purchasing such data; the amount spent in 2024 and 2025 year to date on such expenditure, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70857/25]

*504. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has approved vaccines for bluetongue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [70902/25]

*505. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has begun vaccinating cattle and sheep against bluetongue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [70903/25]

*506. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is satisfied that Ireland has enough vaccines against bluetongue to prevent a widescale outbreak in cattle and sheep populations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [70904/25]

*507. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has a contingency plan in place in the event of an outbreak of bluetongue in County Down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [70905/25]

*508. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his engagement with his Northern Ireland counterpart regarding the confirmed cases of bluetongue in County Down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [70906/25]

*509. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions his Department is taking to monitor the spread of bluetongue; if any forecasting exercise has been undertaken by his Department in relation to the likelihood of spread across the island of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [70907/25]

*510. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the action his Department is taking in view of the fact that the presence of bluetongue virus (BTV-3) has been identified and confirmed in a herd of cattle in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [70967/25]

*511. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the publication of Horse Racing Ireland's 2024 annual report; if there is a timeline for its publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70976/25]

*512. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether a conflict of interest exists when public representatives who own, part-own or otherwise have a financial

interest in a registered racehorse or racing greyhound vote in favour of budgetary allocations to both the horse and greyhound racing industries (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [71039/25]

*513. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department considers the exhaustion of the permit quota for dairy farm workers, at a time when labour demand in the sector is especially high, to pose a risk to farm productivity and food output in the spring; and if so, the actions his Department propose to support farmers under labour pressure. — Michael Murphy. [71066/25]

*514. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will collaborate with the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide evidence to support a quota increase for dairy farm assistants, given the clearly demonstrated ongoing shortage and the urgency described by farmers themselves. — Michael Murphy. [71067/25]

*515. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will ensure that Ireland's fish quotas are fairly reallocated for 2026 at the December Fisheries Council meeting (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [71161/25]

*516. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of rent his Department has collected from commercial units within fisheries harbour centres under the remit of his Department in the first 11 months of 2025; and how rent rates are determined within FHCs. — Roderic O'Gorman. [71288/25]

*517. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the up-to-date position regarding the retention of the Nitrates Derogation from the end of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [71292/25]

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

*518. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to cases whereby pregnant women are not given adequate job protection in advance of taking maternity leave (details supplied); if this is under review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70889/25]

*519. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the protections in place for pregnant women who believe they have been made redundant in advance of maternity leave as a means of removing them from company payroll; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70890/25]

*520. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the work that is ongoing within her Department to ensure fair treatment for pregnant women in terms of maternity leave, sick leave and appropriate working conditions, regardless of their position within a company; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70891/25]

*521. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on the adequacy of existing regulations in relation to the fair treatment of pregnant women in the workplace; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70892/25]

*522. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on how Ireland compares to other EU counties in terms of the level of employment protection given to pregnant women in advance of taking maternity leave; her views on whether existing protections are sufficient; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70893/25]

*523. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on how Ireland compares to the United Kingdom in terms of the level of employment protection given to pregnant women in advance of taking maternity leave; her views on whether existing protections are sufficient; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [70894/25]

*524. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department, and agencies under the Department's remit, purchase data on the habits and activities of social media users and other platforms; if so, the reasons for purchasing such data; the amount spent in 2024 and 2025 year to date on such expenditure, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70858/25]

*525. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current recruitment campaigns for occupational therapy; and the number of posts offered versus filled in each health region over the past 12 months. — Martin Daly. [70950/25]

*526. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures to support families and carers affected by prolonged delays in accessing occupational therapy for children with additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [70955/25]

*527. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department will consider an additional emergency winter payment for disabled people, many of whom are struggling to keep up with costs to warm their homes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [70982/25]

*528. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the status of the Equality (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024. — Paul Murphy. [71020/25]

*529. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps the Government intends will take to transpose the EU Directives on standards for equality bodies; and the timeframe envisaged. — Paul Murphy. [71021/25]

*530. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide a schedule in respect of media training, presentation training and general preparedness of Tusla officials relating to appearances Oireachtas committees; and the costs and companies engaged to deliver the training in 2025. — Aidan Farrelly. [71060/25]

*531. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the whole-time equivalent number of HSE-funded occupational therapist posts in Cork city and county in each of the years 2022, 2023 and 2024, and to date in 2025; the number of posts vacant in each of those years; the number of staff who left HSE occupational therapy posts and the number appointed in each year; the resulting vacancy and turnover rates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [71071/25]

*532. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children and adults on waiting lists for occupational therapy in Cork city and county in each quarter from Q1 2022 to the most recent quarter, broken down by service area (primary care, disability services,

older persons, and mental health); the median and longest waiting times in each category; and the assessment of her Department on the impact of occupational therapist vacancies on access to assessment and treatment in Cork. — Ken O'Flynn. [71072/25]

*533. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the Government has initiated any searches, excavations, or scientific investigations at other former mother and baby homes and county homes where evidence strongly suggests the existence of unmarked mass graves; the timeline for action at each known site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [71104/25]

*534. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality why several county homes with documented maternal and infant deaths have been omitted from the redress scheme; if their exclusion will be reviewed; the evidence threshold required for their inclusion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [71105/25]

*535. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the provisions being made for childcare providers participating in core funding to cover the cost of PRSA contributions.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [71187/25]

*536. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an updated timeline to ratify the second optional protocol of the UNCRC; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [71192/25]

*537. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the future of Liberty Street House in Cork; the steps her Department has taken to prevent its potential closure; her assessment of the impact the loss of this service would have on early intervention and the prevention of youth homelessness in Cork city and county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [71220/25]

*538. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether any funding streams are available to upgrade accessibility access in an arts centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [71229/25]

*539. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children in Longford waiting for an assessment of need. — Sorca Clarke. [71278/25]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*540. To ask the Minister for Health the status of section 39 pay restoration for organisations funded by her Department; the reason workers in a team (details supplied) funded by her Department have received only one round of restoration while HSE-funded colleagues have received full restoration and scheduled increases; her plans to ensure full parity of pay and eliminate the resulting disparity among staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [70918/25]

*541. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that there are high levels of trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) in Irish foods mainly in cereals; if her Department monitors this; if there are health concerns for the public; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [70922/25]

*542. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people currently awaiting a first-time occupational therapy assessments in each county of the HSE west and north-west region; the number waiting over 12 months; the proportion this represents of the total waiting list; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [70944/25]

*543. To ask the Minister for Health the longest current waiting time for an occupational therapy assessment in the HSE west and north-west; and the actions being taken to reduce excessive delays. — Martin Daly. [70945/25]

*544. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for paediatric occupational therapy assessments in Roscommon and Galway; and the measures being prioritised to improve timely access. — Martin Daly. [70946/25]

*545. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapy posts currently vacant in each CHO area; the number of posts temporarily or permanently unfilled due to the pay and numbers strategy; and her plans to reinstate these posts. — Martin Daly. [70947/25]

*546. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapy posts frozen or not permitted to be recruited due to the HSE pay and numbers strategy in 2023 and 2024. — Martin Daly. [70948/25]

*547. To ask the Minister for Health if she has assessed the impact of the pay and numbers strategy on waiting lists for occupational therapy nationally and specifically in the West and North West regions; and if she will publish any such assessment. — Martin Daly. [70949/25]

*548. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has reviewed the findings of the health and social care professions workforce survey, which reported high levels of stress, burnout, and vacancy rates among occupational therapy; and the actions that will be taken to address these issues. — Martin Daly. [70951/25]

*549. To ask the Minister for Health if she will examine measures to improve retention of occupational therapy within the public health service, including structured career pathways, enhanced supports, and strategies to mitigate burnout. — Martin Daly. [70952/25]

*550. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinical specialist occupational therapist posts currently funded and filled; the number unfilled; and if additional posts will be created to address service demand. — Martin Daly. [70953/25]

*551. To ask the Minister for Health if she intends to introduce advanced practitioner roles for occupational therapists within the HSE. — Martin Daly. [70954/25]

*552. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which her Department is addressing regional disparities in access to occupational therapy, particularly the significant delays in the west and north west. — Martin Daly. [70956/25]

*553. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to reduce occupational therapy waiting lists by at least 50% within a defined timeframe; and the additional staffing, funding, and structural reforms required to achieve this goal. — Martin Daly. [70957/25]

*554. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant psychiatrists posts that were filled at CAMHS, Malahide Road, Dublin 3 in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025 in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [71279/25]

*555. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE speech and language therapist posts that were filled at Roselawn health centre in 2024 and to-date in 2025 in tabular form. — Roderic O’Gorman. [71283/25]

*556. To ask the Minister for Health when routine specialist dental services will be reinstated for the children of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [70856/25]

*557. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department, and agencies under the Department’s remit, purchase data on the habits and activities of social media users and other platforms; if so, the reasons for purchasing such data; the amount spent in 2024 and 2025 year to date on such expenditure, in tabular form. — Eoghan Kenny. [70867/25]

*558. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which healthcare workers who will be deemed to be unfit for work due to long-Covid will be catered for when supports expire (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [70875/25]

*559. To ask the Minister for Health whether she and the HSE will implement a dedicated space for rheumatology patients at Cork University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [70911/25]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health if the transport costs incurred by residents of private nursing homes who are in receipt of financial support under the fair deal scheme and who must attend hospital and other medical appointments, will be reimbursed; If there is a process in place whereby such residents that require transport can book it through a central office of the HSE. — John McGuinness. [70919/25]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health the assistance available to a person (details supplied) to access surgery abroad to provide treatment not offered in Ireland for a life threatening condition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [70925/25]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is receiving only 12 hours of home support per week, despite the HSE’s previous indication that 22 hours per week were being provided; if she will address the ongoing absence of weekend home support cover for both individuals; if the promised respite placement from 13-26 January has been formally communicated to the family; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [70942/25]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health if she will commission a nationwide review of long and short-stay community beds, given the urgent need to increase capacity in community hospitals, community nursing units and long-stay facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70969/25]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health the number of long and short-stay community beds delivered to date in 2025, by site and region, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [70970/25]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to increase capacity in community hospitals, community nursing units and long-stay facilities in the HSE South West Health Region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70971/25]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to ensure that hospitals have sight of community bed availability in their areas to support discharge planning; the steps being taken to support timely transfers of care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70972/25]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the implementation of each of the recommendations from the Review of Nursing Homes Complaints Policies Report, published in 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70973/25]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the implementation oversight team for the COVID-19 Nursing Homes Expert Panel Report has not published a progress report since November 2024; if one will be published in 2025; the status of the recommendations that were outstanding in the last progress report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70974/25]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health the actions taken to date to strengthen the regulatory regime in the nursing home sector (details supplied); the remaining measures that will be taken; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [70975/25]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health the specific measures in place to retain and recruit occupational therapists in Cork, including but not limited to remote or hybrid working options, structured career progression, relocation supports, and flexible working arrangements; the evaluation carried out by her Department, or the HSE, on why staff are leaving Cork-based posts for emigration or ‘improved opportunities’; and if she will outline any additional actions under consideration to address these retention issues in Cork. — Ken O’Flynn. [71073/25]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health when she will publish the completed expert group review on the implications of the Cass Review for gender healthcare services in Ireland, given that the HSE has confirmed that the review has been completed and submitted for consideration; the policy basis for withholding this material from the Oireachtas; and the steps she is taking to ensure that all clinical and governance recommendations arising from the Cass Review are transparently communicated and implemented. — Ken O’Flynn. [71074/25]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health the interim clinical safeguards she has directed the HSE to introduce for the assessment and treatment of children and young people with gender distress in response to the Cass Review; the guidance her Department has issued to CAMHS and Children’s Health Ireland on the application of a precautionary approach; and the timeframe for finalising updated national clinical guidance. — Ken O’Flynn. [71075/25]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health which diagnostic classification standards her Department recognises for the assessment of gender dysphoria or gender incongruence in children and adults, including whether DSM-5, ICD-11, or other criteria apply; and whether national diagnostic criteria or clinical guidelines have been approved for use pending completion of the new Model of Care. — Ken O’Flynn. [71076/25]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health the steps her Department has taken to establish a national data and outcomes system to monitor long-term psychological, medical, and service-

use outcomes for individuals receiving gender-related healthcare; the expected timeline for implementation; and how this system will support evidence-based policy and clinical governance. — Ken O’Flynn. [71077/25]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has approved a national clinical pathway for individuals seeking to discontinue or reverse aspects of gender transition; the governance standards that will apply in this area; the expected timeframe for formalising such pathways within the new Model of Care; and whether associated data on detransition will be collected and published. — Ken O’Flynn. [71078/25]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health the conflict-of-interest disclosure requirements that apply to officials, clinicians, and advisors involved in drafting the new Model of Care for gender healthcare; whether these declarations will be published for transparency; and the steps her Department is taking to ensure independence from advocacy organisations, external interest groups, or service-provider influence. — Ken O’Flynn. [71079/25]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health whether referral pathways for Irish children and young people to domestic services or to the NHS under the treatment abroad scheme have been revised since publication of the Cass Review; the clinical oversight arrangements that now apply to such referrals; and whether updated risk-assessment protocols have been issued. — Ken O’Flynn. [71080/25]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health the future development plans for Wexford General Hospital. — Malcolm Byrne. [71096/25]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite the provision of the Killarney minor injuries clinic; when works will commence on the unit; when will it be open to the public; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [71109/25]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health if she will take into consideration remoteness of where people are living and the distance from University Hospital Kerry by expediting the provision of a primary care centre for the residents of Cahersiveen town and the Iveragh Peninsula, County Kerry; when works will commence on the unit; when will it be open to the public; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [71110/25]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health if she will take into consideration the population of Killarney town (details supplied) by expediting the provision of a primary care centre in Killarney; when works will commence on the unit; when will it be open to the public; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [71111/25]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health her plans for the surplus to requirements, old St. Finan’s Hospital and lands in Killarney; when these assets will be disposed of; if all proceeds will be reinvested in the health service in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [71112/25]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite the opening of all beds in Dingle Community Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [71113/25]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health her plans for the old Dingle Community Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [71114/25]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to address overcrowding in the accident and emergency department at University Hospital Kerry; if the provision of a significant increase in the number of beds available in UHK will be expedited in order to address this longstanding issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [71115/25]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health the workforce planning request by her Department for the staffing of community nursing in each HSE region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [71117/25]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies of RGNs in community nursing roles in each HSE region; the measures being taken to address this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [71118/25]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of current staffing in community nursing in each HSE region, by function and by grade; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [71119/25]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health to improve health care of all patients in County Kerry by ensuring University Hospital Kerry is fully operational all year round, including Saturdays, Sundays and on Bank Holidays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [71162/25]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health if she intends to expand the opening hours of minor injury units at St. John's, Ennis and Nenagh; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [71180/25]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health the additional clinical capacity and services she intends to deploy at St. John's, Ennis and Nenagh hospitals in order to relieve pressure at University Hospital Limerick, Dooradoyle; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [71181/25]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite a plastic surgery outpatient appointment in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [71191/25]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health if she will engage with Cork University Hospital and the HSE to examine the need for additional facilities and dedicated space for the rheumatology outpatient department at CUH; if consideration will be given to providing an appropriate area for multidisciplinary team consultations, patient education, and associated administrative functions in order to improve service efficiency and patient experience; and if she will liaise with Cork City Council regarding the inclusion of a specific development objective in the Cork City Development Plan to support this requirement. — Roderic O'Gorman. [71196/25]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HIQA inspections of University Hospital Limerick; the number of these inspections which were unannounced in each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [71227/25]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive the Dexcom continuous glucose monitor for a person with type 1 diabetes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [71228/25]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health the key improvements delivered in mental health services in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [71237/25]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health the key improvements delivered in primary care services in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [71238/25]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health the key improvements delivered in older people's services in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [71239/25]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health the key improvements delivered in acute hospital services in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [71240/25]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children admitted to adult mental health units to date in 2025. — Martin Daly. [71241/25]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours currently being provided in each LHO area as of 1 December 2025 or the latest date available; the way that compares to target in each LHO for the same time period; the number of persons currently on the waiting list for home support hours in each LHO area; the number waiting 0-3, 3-6, 6-12 and the number waiting 12 months plus, in tabular form. — Martin Daly. [71242/25]

*602. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting placement under the fair deal scheme as of 1 December 2025 or latest date available; the average waiting time; the number of persons currently awaiting placement under the scheme for each local health area; and the length of time waiting, in tabular form. — Martin Daly. [71243/25]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges at the end of November 2025 for each public and voluntary hospital; and the total number to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Martin Daly. [71244/25]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost owing to delayed discharges to date in 2025, for each public and voluntary hospital, in tabular form. — Martin Daly. [71245/25]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health the number of spinal fusion patients currently waiting less than four months for treatment for both Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin and Temple Street Children's University Hospital for the end of November 2025 or the latest date available; the number waiting 4-8 months and more than 8 months; and if she would provide the same information for other spinal patients, in tabular form. — Martin Daly. [71246/25]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a podiatry appointment in primary care as of 1 December 2025 or the latest date available; the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and the number waiting more than 52 weeks. — Martin Daly. [71247/25]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an ophthalmology appointment in primary care as of 1 December 2025 or the latest date available; the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and the number waiting more than 52 weeks. — Martin Daly. [71248/25]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an audiology appointment in primary care as of 1 December 2025 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and the number waiting more than 52 weeks. — Martin Daly. [71249/25]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a dietetics appointment in primary care as of 1 December 2025 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and the number waiting more than 52 weeks. — Martin Daly. [71250/25]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a psychology appointment in primary care as of 1 December 2025 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and the number waiting more than 52 weeks. — Martin Daly. [71251/25]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a counselling appointment in primary care as of 1 December 2025 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and the number waiting more than 52 weeks. — Martin Daly. [71252/25]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each Local Health Office area waiting for a child and adolescent mental health services appointment as of 1 December 2025 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and the number waiting more than 52 weeks. — Martin Daly. [71253/25]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 317 of 8 October 2025, the timeframe for delivery of the new 97-bed unit for Wexford General hospital; if she will intervene in relation to the decision to refuse the Wexford General Hospital's application for a demountable 20-bed unit by the HSE in view of recent developments, where 14-ambulances were held up outside the accident and emergency department at the hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [71260/25]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time to see a consultant paediatric gastroenterologist at CHI Temple Street. — Sorca Clarke. [71270/25]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health the number of operating theatres at St. James's Hospital and St. Vincent's Hospital; and if each of the theatres are in full use. — Sorca Clarke. [71271/25]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE public health nurses posts filled at Granard health centre in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [71272/25]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant psychiatrists posts filled at Darndale Mental Health Services in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [71273/25]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dentists and dental nurses, by grade posts that were filled at Corduff Primary Care Centre in 2024 and to-date in 2025 in tabular form. — Roderic O'Gorman. [71284/25]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant neonatologists based at National Maternity Hospital in 2024 and to-date in 2025 in tabular form. — Roderic O’Gorman. [71285/25]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health the amount collected in public parking charges at Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown in 2024 and to-date in 2025 in tabular form. — Roderic O’Gorman. [71286/25]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for admission to residential addiction rehabilitation services in CHO7. — Roderic O’Gorman. [71287/25]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and advice provided on the matter; if they can be moved to the local facility where they are on a list or remain where there are until a bed becomes available to avoid upset; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [71293/25]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults on waiting lists for occupational therapy in Cork city and county in each quarter from Q1 2022 to the most recent quarter, broken down by service area (primary care, older persons, and mental health); the median and longest waiting times in each category; and the assessment of her Department on the impact of occupational therapist vacancies on access to assessment and treatment in Cork. — Ken O’Flynn. [71648/25]

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

*624. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a progress update of purpose-built student accommodation projects across all campuses. — Jen Cummins. [66949/25]

*625. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to address precarious contracts for teaching staff. — Jen Cummins. [66950/25]

*626. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a complete list of funding and access supports made available by his Department to students in the international protection system and students who are beneficiaries of temporary protection; the total number of students who have availed of these opportunities and the total costs incurred for same from 2022 to date in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [67670/25]

*627. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department, and agencies under the Department’s remit, purchase data on the habits and activities of social media users and other platforms; if so, the reasons for purchasing such data; the amount spent in 2024 and 2025 year to date on such expenditure, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70866/25]

*628. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the performance and evaluation framework for the National Demonstration Park for Modern Methods of Construction at Mount Lucas; the date on which this framework will be approved; the baseline data and target indicators that will be used to measure outcomes; the reporting structures that will be applied; whether any phase of construction commenced prior to

the finalisation of these metrics; and the reason construction proceeded in advance of an agreed evaluation framework. — Ken O’Flynn. [71045/25]

*629. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether he is aware there are no pathways for professional advancement for emergency service personnel that can be undertaken alongside full-time work in the field (details supplied); and his plans to address this. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [71235/25]

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

*630. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if his Department, and agencies under the Department’s remit, purchase data on the habits and activities of social media users and other platforms; if so, the reasons for purchasing such data; the amount spent in 2024 and 2025 year to date on such expenditure, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [70871/25]

*631. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht further to Parliamentary Question No. 38 of 4 December 2025, if his attention has been drawn to the number of the 42 volunteer-led youth clubs which are active and meet regularly; the oversight mechanisms in place to monitor activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [70897/25]

*632. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when the allocations under the 2025 town and village renewal scheme will be announced; if he will consider awarding funding to a community group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [71226/25]

*633. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the options available to a family resource centre (details supplied) in need of more space, which owns its own site and is seeking funds to build on it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [71303/25]