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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Malcolm Byrne. [65714/25]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [65718/25]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Pádraig Rice. [68414/25]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [69322/25]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Darren O'Rourke. [69705/25]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Pádraig Rice. [70180/25]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Darren O'Rourke. [71907/25]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will meet next. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [74327/25]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1547/26]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [1550/26]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Liam Quaide. [1109/26]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [1707/26]
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Barry Heneghan. [1732/26]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Conor D. McGuinness. [1822/26]

15. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [1828/26]

16. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [69323/25]

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [69535/25]

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Albert Dolan. [71594/25]

19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Albert Dolan. [71595/25]

20. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Ryan O'Meara. [71596/25]

21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Darren O'Rourke. [71906/25]

22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [72043/25]

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [74328/25]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Cian O'Callaghan. [74416/25]

25. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1548/26]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [1551/26]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Cian O'Callaghan. [72585/25]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Liam Quaide. [1110/26]

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [1708/26]

30. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Conor D. McGuinness. [1823/26]

31. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cork city taskforce will be established. — Séamus McGrath. [64215/25]

32. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cork city taskforce will be established. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [64217/25]

33. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Paul McAuliffe. [67575/25]

34. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Catherine Ardagh. [67576/25]

35. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Tom Brabazon. [67577/25]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cork city taskforce will be established. — Pádraig Rice. [68413/25]

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cork city taskforce will be established. — Pádraig Rice. [70179/25]

38. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Barry Heneghan. [72004/25]

39. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Mary Lou McDonald. [74324/25]

40. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [1832/26]

41. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of his Department's annual report for 2024. — Ryan O'Meara. [65889/25]

42. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of his Department's annual report for 2024. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [71903/25]

43. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of his Department's annual report for 2024. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [1829/26]

44. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the G20 in South Africa. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [66790/25]

45. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the G20 in South Africa. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [1833/26]

46. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the EU-African Union Summit. — Malcolm Byrne. [68211/25]

47. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the EU-African Union Summit. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [1834/26]

48. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — John Connolly. [67574/25]

49. To ask the Taoiseach for an update regarding the Programme for Government. — Michael Cahill. [71592/25]

50. To ask the Taoiseach for an update regarding the Programme for Government. — Séamus McGrath. [71593/25]

51. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Mary Lou McDonald. [74325/25]

52. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Cian O'Callaghan. [74418/25]

53. To ask the Taoiseach for an update regarding the Programme for Government. — Brendan Smith. [74525/25]

54. To ask the Taoiseach for an update regarding the Programme for Government. — Cian O'Callaghan. [72586/25]

55. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Barry Heneghan. [1733/26]

56. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [67675/25]

57. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Aindrias Moynihan. [67676/25]

58. To ask the Taoiseach which Cabinet committee oversees agriculture; and when it will next meet. — Michael Cahill. [67677/25]

59. To ask the Taoiseach which Cabinet committee oversees agriculture; and when it will next meet. — Brendan Smith. [69859/25]

60. To ask the Taoiseach which Cabinet committee oversees agriculture; and when it will next meet. — Ryan O'Meara. [69860/25]

61. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [71904/25]

62. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [71905/25]

63. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Ryan O'Meara. [67844/25]

64. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — John Connolly. [69864/25]

65. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Aisling Dempsey. [69876/25]

66. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Erin McGreehan. [69877/25]

67. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Darren O'Rourke. [71908/25]

68. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Barry Heneghan. [72005/25]

69. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [74326/25]

70. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Cian O'Callaghan. [74417/25]

71. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Cathal Crowe. [74523/25]

72. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Cian O'Callaghan. [72587/25]

73. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the First Progress Report of Climate Action Plan 2025. — Malcolm Byrne. [68209/25]

74. To ask the Taoiseach his assessment and response to the NESC report, Connecting People to the Energy Transition. — Malcolm Byrne. [68210/25]

75. To ask the Taoiseach his assessment of and response to the NESC report, Connecting People to the Energy Transition. — Tony McCormack. [68309/25]

76. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Martin Daly. [69861/25]

77. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [69862/25]

78. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Michael Cahill. [69863/25]

79. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [1411/26]

80. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the 44th British-Irish Council Summit in Wales. — Brendan Smith. [70935/25]

81. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the 44th British-Irish Council Summit in Wales. — Erin McGreehan. [70936/25]

82. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the 44th British-Irish Council Summit in Wales. — Cormac Devlin. [70937/25]

83. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the 44th British-Irish Council Summit in Wales. — Shane Moynihan. [70938/25]

84. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at a meeting of the British-Irish Council. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70963/25]

85. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the first meeting of the Delivery and Monitoring Committee for the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025-2030, which he chaired on 8 December 2025. — Martin Daly. [71662/25]

86. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the first meeting of the Delivery and Monitoring Committee for the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025-2030, which he chaired on 8 December 2025. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [71664/25]

87. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the first meeting of the Delivery and Monitoring Committee for the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025-2030, which he chaired on 8 December 2025. — Erin McGreehan. [71666/25]

88. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on implementation of the Well-being Framework published by his Department. — Martin Daly. [71663/25]

89. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on implementation of the Well-being Framework published by his Department. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [71665/25]

90. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on implementation of the Well-being Framework published by his Department. — Erin McGreehan. [71667/25]

91. To ask the Taoiseach the position regarding the Programme for Government commitment to establish a new national security committee to examine existing national security structures; and the progress made to date by the committee in relation to this review. — Colm Burke. [72010/25]

92. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the most recent meeting of the Coalition of the Willing in support of Ukraine. — Malcolm Byrne. [74069/25]

93. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the most recent meeting of the Coalition of the Willing in support of Ukraine. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [74071/25]

94. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the most recent meeting of the Coalition of the Willing in support of Ukraine. — Shay Brennan. [74073/25]

95. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the European Council on 18-19 December. — Malcolm Byrne. [74070/25]

96. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the European Council on 18-19 December. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [74072/25]

97. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the European Council on 18-19 December. — Shay Brennan. [74074/25]

98. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Department's Statement of Strategy for 2025-2028. — Cathal Crowe. [74524/25]

99. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Department's Statement of Strategy for 2025-2028. — Brendan Smith. [74526/25]

100. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Department's Statement of Strategy for 2025-2028. — Aindrias Moynihan. [74527/25]

101. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Department's Statement of Strategy for 2025-2028. — John Connolly. [74528/25]

102. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent visit to China. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1549/26]

103. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent visit to China. — Paul Murphy. [1552/26]

104. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his visit to China on 4 to 8 January 2026. — Malcolm Byrne. [1108/26]

105. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping. — Ruth Coppinger. [1709/26]

106. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Matt Carthy. [1249/26]

107. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress his Department is making in tackling child poverty. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [1755/26]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

108. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps he is taking to support small and medium enterprises facing rising costs of doing business, including energy, insurance and regulatory costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [64579/25]

109. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment in light of the recently calculated €1 billion fall in tourism revenue year-on-year, the factors his Department has identified as driving this decline; the immediate actions he intends to take to stabilise the sector and prevent further losses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [1338/26]

110. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to outline the measures his Department plans to introduce to correct the imbalance in unemployment rates between regional

areas and urban centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [2418/26]

111. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his department is concerned about the rising rate of long term unemployment, youth unemployment, which stands at nearly three times the average unemployment rate according to the CSO; the measures his Department is taking to find the cause and address these issues in the Irish labour market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [2383/26]

112. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to outline the specific North-South tourism initiatives included in the Government's new tourism strategy; how these initiatives will support the growth of sustainable all-island tourism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [2419/26]

113. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to support the development of a Dublin Bay heritage centre to enhance tourism, protect maritime heritage and increase year-round visitor numbers in the Dublin Bay North area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [1793/26]

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

114. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of jobs the IDA supported in each county in the midlands region in 2025; the way in which this compares to each county in the midlands region in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [1592/26]

115. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the development of the next generation sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [1237/26]

116. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide an update on the uptake of the seed and venture capital scheme when commitments will be made by Enterprise Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [1715/26]

117. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an overview of the new National Tourism Policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1713/26]

118. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of jobs the IDA supported in each county in the mid-east region in 2025; the way in which this compares to each county in the mid-east region in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [1529/26]

119. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if a new north east regional enterprise plan is forthcoming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [1731/26]

120. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the current status of the IDA-owned lands at Ballingarrane, south Tipperary; the extent to which IDA Ireland is actively marketing the site following the recent grant of planning permission for an advance building solution; the marketing strategy now in place, including international promotion, engagement with potential investors, and inclusion of the site in IDA property offerings; if any expressions of interest have been received; the timeline for delivery of an advance facility on the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [1440/26]

121. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the engagement his Department has had with the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration regarding current waiting times for first-time Irish residence permit registration appointments, which in many cases now exceed new employees' actual job start dates due to exceptionally high demand for appointments and limited availability (details supplied); the measures are being taken to reduce these waiting times; the supports or temporary flexibilities are being put in place to assist affected employees and employers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [1459/26]

122. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if there have been any expressions of interest in the past five years for the development of the vacant IDA site in Fermoy, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [1734/26]

123. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures currently in place within his Department to support small and medium-sized enterprises in Dublin Bay North facing rising operating costs, including energy, insurance and labour costs; the number of enterprises in the constituency that have accessed State supports administered by his Department or its agencies, in each of the years 2023 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [1752/26]

124. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the potential negative impact of the proposed Short Term Letting and Tourism Bill 2025, in particular on rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [1750/26]

125. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will report on the impact of the SME test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [1591/26]

126. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans for the development of the vacant IDA site at Ballyadam, Carrigtwohill, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [1735/26]

127. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of jobs the IDA supported in Galway in 2025; the way in which this compares to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [1536/26]

128. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will report on the work of the small business unit in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [1535/26]

129. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will reconsider the three-year delay to the introduction of the living wage, which has been postponed until January

2029; if his Department is keeping the decision to delay under constant review, in line with the recommendations of the Low Pay Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [1740/26]

130. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the potential redundancies of 400 AI workers taking place at a company (details supplied); if his Department has engaged with the company on this issue; the steps his Department is taking to protect jobs in the tech sector amid increasing labour displacement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [1739/26]

131. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to increase the tourism potential of Gaeltacht areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [1410/26]

132. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding discussions on a company (details supplied) which has confirmed closure and supports for workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [1839/26]

133. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if a new midlands regional enterprise plan is forthcoming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [1593/26]

134. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for a report on the implementation of the new Action Plan on Competitiveness and Productivity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [1539/26]

135. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the supports available to communities included in the Wild Atlantic Way initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [1408/26]

136. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if a new south-west regional enterprise plan is forthcoming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [1746/26]

137. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the progress that has been made on developing a long-term tourism strategy; the way in which it will address challenges such as climate change, seasonality and shifting international travel trends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [1343/26]

138. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to address the decrease in tourist numbers in 2025 and the overreliance on the North American market in the Irish tourism industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [1738/26]

139. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide an update on efforts to expand international marketing campaigns and improve air and sea connectivity to support tourism growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [1342/26]

140. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the review in relation to work visa arrangements for individuals in high demand roles, such as in the STEM area, in particular, the rule that an employer must employ at least 50% of non-national

workers from the EEA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [1717/26]

141. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his engagement with companies developing AI technologies to ensure that responsible and ethical tools are being developed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [1748/26]

142. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will report on his proposals to cultivate cross-Border tourism. — Cathy Bennett. [1757/26]

143. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans for additional supports for SMEs and investment in overseas in-market promotion to deliver on the Action Plan on Market Diversification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [1538/26]

144. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on any plans his Department, or State agencies under his aegis, have to improve accessibility and disability-friendly domestic tourism; and if they have explored the possibility of a register of tourist attractions in terms of disability accessibility levels. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [1847/26]

145. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the assessments his Department has made on the impact of the housing crisis on recruitment and retention of staff, investment in Ireland, and our overall competitiveness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [1743/26]

146. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the funding allocated for the smart regions enterprise innovation scheme in the southern, eastern and midland regional programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [1589/26]

147. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which he will continue to support tourism SMEs in establishing themselves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1712/26]

148. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his ambition for the future of Tourism in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [1238/26]

149. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his views on the impact on workers' quality of life of forcing remote workers to return to work; the measures he will take to address these; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1621/26]

150. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the progress made under the West Regional Enterprise Plan to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [1537/26]

151. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will end exemptions from the national minimum wage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1619/26]

152. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will report on the work of the Cost of Business Advisory Forum on a comprehensive review of the cost structure for SMEs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [1534/26]

153. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps his Department is taking to attract new foreign direct investment, particularly in emerging sectors such as green technology and digital services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [1341/26]

154. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of IDA-hosted visits to each county in 2025. — Conor D. McGuinness. [1722/26]

155. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of jobs Enterprise Ireland supported in each county in the Border region in 2025; how this compares to each county in the Border region in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [1730/26]

156. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the initiatives he or his Department or associated State agencies have taken to encourage prospective new owners to establish a business at the former in a factory (details supplied) at Carrickmacross; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1239/26]

157. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures he is taking to support the tourism industry in Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1236/26]

158. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the actions his Department is taking to support regional and community-based tourism projects in 2026, particularly in Dublin Bay North; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [1751/26]

159. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has undertaken any assessment on the impact of rising hotel costs on tourism rates in the country. — Peadar Tóibín. [64065/25]

160. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will support revising the law to grant workers a right to work remotely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1618/26]

161. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which his Department is supporting Irish SMEs who are looking to enter international markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [66678/25]

162. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the assessment his Department has completed on the effectiveness of the Increased cost of doing business grant for SMEs; whether further rounds of support are planned for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [1340/26]

163. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way he is ensuring that small and micro-businesses are not disproportionately affected by regulatory burdens compared to larger multinationals. — Albert Dolan. [1727/26]

164. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps he is taking to increase the tourism potential of County Meath. — Peadar Tóibín. [64062/25]

165. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he has considered specific supports for retailers in rural towns facing declining footfall, bank closures, and higher logistics costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [69879/25]

166. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to increase the number of overnight tourism stays in County Meath in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1719/26]

167. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the incentives available for hoteliers to build new hotels as it is currently not feasible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [1728/26]

168. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the assistance being given to SMEs and startups on the recently published Action Plan on Competitiveness and Productivity, specifically on the eight measures in this action plan relating to AI and digital adoption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [1747/26]

169. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the work his Department has done to examine the introduction of a hotel bed tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muiri. [1714/26]

170. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures his Department is taking to support SMEs facing persistently high energy costs, particularly in energy intensive sectors such as hospitality and manufacturing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [1339/26]

171. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to end all subminimum wages for apprentice workers. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [67837/25]

172. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding any engagement he has had with an organisation (details supplied) that seeks to encourage businesses to pass on the planned VAT rate reduction to customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1399/26]

173. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the capital investment strategy, and the new business and tourism initiatives that he has recently announced. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [1846/26]

174. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if the level of in-work poverty in the State has been brought to his attention; if he will consider an increase in the minimum wage as an effective means to reduce in-work poverty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [1527/26]

175. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department is concerned about the rising rate of long-term unemployment, and youth unemployment, which stands at nearly three times the average unemployment rate, according to the CSO; the measures his Department is taking to find the cause and address these issues in the labour market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [1736/26]

176. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the assessment his Department has made of the estimated 6% decline in visitor numbers nationally in 2025, as reported by tourism industry bodies; the specific impact this decline is having on tourism businesses and employment in Galway east and county; and the measures being taken to support the tourism sector and to reverse this downward trend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [1458/26]

177. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps his Department has taken to promote tourism in east County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [1407/26]

178. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the reason for the large increase in workplace fatalities in 2025; the actions being taken to ensure a reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [1749/26]

179. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to grow and support indigenous businesses; his views on an expanded role for local authorities in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1718/26]

180. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding any engagement he has had with the major supermarkets in relation to significant price increases on many of the essentials they sell; if he proposes any direct action to reduce the impact of the cost-of-living on their customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1400/26]

181. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps been taken by the IDA and his Department to increase the number of visits by prospective companies in County Laois to utilise and bring to use the lands that the IDA holds in Portlaoise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [1720/26]

182. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has been consulted on the potential impact of proposed measures to make family reunification more difficult for migrant workers on labour shortages in key sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1620/26]

183. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the new rules that will apply for short-term letting from May 2026; if the short-term let register has been launched; if it is open for registrations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [1741/26]

184. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps been taken by his Department and the IDA to get a replacement industry for a factory (details supplied) in Portlaoise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [1721/26]

185. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the actions he is taking to reduce the cost of doing business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [1742/26]

186. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the status of the research his Department is carrying out to assess to economic impact of data centres in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1235/26]

187. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has undertaken any analysis on the average cost of hotel rooms in each of the past ten years, and the impact this has on tourism rates. — Peadar Tóibín. [1409/26]

188. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if a new mid-east regional enterprise plan is forthcoming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [1530/26]

189. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the concrete measures his Department is taking in 2026 to reduce cost pressures on SMEs, particularly energy, insurance and labour costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [1726/26]

190. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps his Department is taking to aid IDA Ireland in securing new foreign direct investment for Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [66677/25]

191. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the status of the review of the critical skills occupations list and ineligible occupations list; whether the review will take into consideration the availability of housing in addition to the needs of the labour market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1240/26]

192. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to outline the Government's plans for implementing the EU directive on adequate minimum wages and collective bargaining; the way in which it will strengthen collective bargaining coverage in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [1744/26]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*193. To ask the Taoiseach the number of successful prosecutions secured under Section 24 of the Protected Disclosures (Amendment), Act 2022 (the provisions of the Act that relate to making the penalisation of an individual who makes a protected disclosure a criminal offence); the number of cases referred to the DPP for their consideration under the terms of the Act since the enactment and commencement of the relevant Section of the Act. — Ged Nash. [74743/25]

*194. To ask the Taoiseach the number of businesses with a turnover of less than €250,000 per annum; the breakdown of the sectors they operate in. — John Clendennen. [2481/26]

*195. To ask the Taoiseach the details of the number of businesses with a turnover of between €250,001 and €500,000 per annum; the breakdown of the sectors they operate in. — John Clendennen. [2482/26]

*196. To ask the Taoiseach the details of the number of businesses with a turnover between €500,001 and €750,000 per annum; the breakdown of the sectors they operate in. — John Clendennen. [2483/26]

*197. To ask the Taoiseach the details of the number of businesses with a turnover between €750,001 and €1,000,000 per annum; the breakdown of the sectors they operate in. — John Clendennen. [2484/26]

*198. To ask the Taoiseach to provide a list of AI pilot projects which have taken place in his Department within the past 12 months; the expenditure associated with those projects; and whether they are still ongoing, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [74142/25]

*199. To ask the Taoiseach the office rental costs per annum for staff in his Department and for each agency or organisation under his remit, in tabular form, in each of the years between 2015 and 2025 inclusive. — Grace Boland. [74457/25]

*200. To ask the Taoiseach the payroll cost of his Department and of each organisation or agency under its remit individually, in 2015 to 2025, by year, in tabular form. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [74635/25]

*201. To ask the Taoiseach the number of data breaches recorded by his Department in 2025; and the number that were reported to the Data Protection Commissioner. — Cathal Crowe. [74904/25]

*202. To ask the Taoiseach the number of projects in his Department that were delayed in 2023 and 2024 due to the change of document from the Public Spending Code to the Infrastructure Guidelines, in tabular form. — James O'Connor. [75117/25]

*203. To ask the Taoiseach the salary scale that applies to the Secretary General in his Department and to the head of each agency for which they are responsible; whether this scale has changed in the past two years or whether there are proposals to change this scale in the coming period. — Matt Carthy. [75204/25]

*204. To ask the Taoiseach the amount expended on advertising and promotion in his Department, and within each agency for which he is responsible, for 2022 to 2024, by year and budgeted for 2026. — Matt Carthy. [75222/25]

*205. To ask the Taoiseach the number of press, media or communications staff currently employed in his Department and within each agency for which he is responsible; the cost of these staff for 2025 and the expected cost for 2026; whether there are proposals to increase the number of such staff. — Matt Carthy. [75240/25]

*206. To ask the Taoiseach the estimated cost to his Department and to each agency for which they are responsible arising from Ireland's presidency of the European Council; the line items or events for which a cost is expected to arise and the estimated cost for each. — Matt Carthy. [75258/25]

*207. To ask the Taoiseach the total proposed capital spend under the Shared Island Fund between 2026 and 2030; the amount of this is to be allocated to transport projects; and could these transport projects be itemised along with the proposed spend. — Roderic O'Gorman. [1046/26]

*208. To ask the Taoiseach the date on which a supplementary estimate or supplementary estimates was sought in respect of his Department's Vote for each of the past ten years, and to

the date in 2026; the gross and net amount involved in each case; and the Vote subheads to which each supplementary estimate related. — Albert Dolan. [1803/26]

*209. To ask the Taoiseach the value of expenditure originally allocated in the Estimates to specific programmes or staffing measures that could not be spent as planned within the year for each of the past five years; and whether such underspends were surrendered, carried forward, or reallocated to other areas within the Vote. — Albert Dolan. [1826/26]

*210. To ask the Taoiseach the progress to date in developing workspace hubs as provided for under the Shared Island Initiative; and when it is expected that such enterprise spaces will be provided in areas such as Cavan and Monaghan. — Brendan Smith. [1853/26]

*211. To ask the Taoiseach the progress to date in providing workspace hubs on a cross-Border basis as provided for under the Shared Island Initiative. — Brendan Smith. [1854/26]

*212. To ask the Taoiseach the position regarding any product or service purchased from Israel or the Occupied Territories by his Department in 2025, broken down by description and amount paid. — Barry Ward. [1989/26]

*213. To ask the Taoiseach whether his Department, or any body under its aegis, has funded, or is funding, other than where legal costs were awarded against the employer by a court or tribunal, the legal costs of any current or concluded litigation taken by an employee or former employee against that Department or body, in each of the past five years; if so, to provide details of the number of such cases, the bodies involved, and the total costs incurred in each year. — Grace Boland. [2029/26]

*214. To ask the Taoiseach the basis on which his Department, or a body under its aegis, may fund the legal costs of an employee or former employee in litigation where that employee is in dispute with, or taking proceedings against, the same body. — Grace Boland. [2047/26]

*215. To ask the Taoiseach whether the funding of employee legal costs in disputes against his Department, or a body under its aegis, is standard practice; if not, the circumstances in which such funding may be permitted. — Grace Boland. [2065/26]

*216. To ask the Taoiseach to outline the guidance, codes, circulars or directions that govern the payment of legal costs by his Department, and bodies under its aegis, in employment-related disputes, including any requirements under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies or Departmental sanction arrangements. — Grace Boland. [2083/26]

*217. To ask the Taoiseach whether the funding of employee legal costs in litigation against the employing body could give rise to governance, accountability, or value for money concerns; whether his Department has issued any guidance in this regard. — Grace Boland. [2101/26]

*218. To ask the Taoiseach whether his Department has reviewed, or intends to review, the practice of Departments, and bodies under their aegis, funding legal costs in employment disputes involving those same bodies; and if so, the outcome or timeline for such a review. — Grace Boland. [2119/26]

*219. To ask the Taoiseach whether arrangements to fund legal costs in employment disputes involving his Department, or bodies under its aegis, require the prior approval of his

Department or the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation. — Grace Boland. [2137/26]

*220. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department is using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the Department are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2255/26]

*221. To ask the Taoiseach whether any agencies or other bodies under his remit are using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the organisation are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2273/26]

*222. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the work of the Ministerial Council on National Security. — John Clendennen. [2420/26]

*223. To ask the Taoiseach to provide a list of the top ten capital or programme projects delivered by his Department or its agencies over the past three years which were completed on time and within the originally approved budget; the project name, location, delivery timeframe, original approved budget, final outturn cost, and delivery body, for each project. — John Clendennen. [2437/26]

*224. To ask the Taoiseach to detail the annual spend on external consultants by his Department and its agencies in each of the past three years; the number of consultancy contracts, the largest individual consultancy engagements by value, and whether internal capacity-building or cost-benefit assessments were undertaken prior to engaging external consultants. — John Clendennen. [2455/26]

*225. To ask the Taoiseach to provide a list, for each of the past three years of the top ten projects per annum delivered by his Department or its agencies which were completed late and over the originally approved budget; the project name, location, original approved completion date, actual completion date, original approved budget, final outturn cost, cost overrun expressed in euro and percentage terms, and the delivery body for each project. — John Clendennen. [2473/26]

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

*226. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the representations the Irish Government made to their British counterparts to ensure the rights of a person (details supplied) are being upheld; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ann Graves. [73887/25]

*227. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to list the postal codes located in the so-called “occupied Palestinian territory”, including East Jerusalem, which she and her Department are giving consideration to prescribing as such under the Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill 2025; to state or estimate the total imports to Ireland from these post codes in 2024; and to give a breakdown between goods and services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [73919/25]

*228. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [74003/25]

*229. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the engagement there has been with the European Union on progressing the Israeli Settlements (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill 2025; the engagement there has been with the EU in relation to the inclusion of services in the Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74045/25]

*230. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will provide a detailed breakdown of monies allocated towards climate finance in 2026; if she will provide a final estimate of the total allocation, from all sources, which is expected to be made in 2026; if she will commit to reaching the annual €225m in climate finance target made by the previous Government in Ireland's International Climate Finance Roadmap; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [74109/25]

*231. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will provide an itemised breakdown of allocations towards climate finance in 2025; indicating the source of each financial allocation; the way in which monies were administered by her Department; the way in which monies were allocated; which specific projects were supported, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [74110/25]

*232. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department has undertaken a review of Ireland's International Climate Finance Roadmap 2022 as committed to by the previous Government by the end of 2025; if so, will she publish this review; if not, has the review commenced and when it is expected to be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [74111/25]

*233. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide a list of AI pilot projects which have taken place in her Department within the past 12 months; the expenditure associated with those projects; and whether they are still ongoing, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [74134/25]

*234. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether standards or service-level targets exist for her Department or bodies under the aegis of her Department, in responding to correspondence from members of local authorities; if compliance with such standards is monitored; the reasons for delays or failures to respond to correspondence from elected members; and the measures being taken to ensure more consistent and timely communication going forward. — Sorca Clarke. [74265/25]

*235. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the measures her Department is taking with respect to ongoing violence in Sudan and in particular, to protect civilians; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [74365/25]

*236. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the office rental costs per annum for staff in her Department and for each agency or organisation under her remit, in each of the years between 2015 and 2025 inclusive, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74449/25]

*237. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her attention has been drawn to allegations in relation to the mistreatment of an Irish citizen (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74494/25]

*238. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her attention has been drawn to allegations that medication has been withheld from an Irish citizen (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74495/25]

*239. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her attention has been drawn to allegations that an Irish citizen (details supplied) has been denied visitation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74496/25]

*240. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her attention has been drawn to allegations that Irish citizen (details supplied) has been denied phone access; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74497/25]

*241. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her plans to meet with the family of Irish citizen (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74498/25]

*242. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she is aware of the case of a person (details supplied) who is currently detained by the British Government; if so, the representations her Department made in regard to this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [74563/25]

*243. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the payroll cost of her Department and of each organisation or agency under its remit individually, in 2015 to 2025, by year, in tabular form. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [74627/25]

*244. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the action Ireland is taking to protest the deportation of a person (details supplied) who documented the repression of the Uyghur people in China, by the United States to Uganda; if she will raise the matter with her American counterpart; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74773/25]

*245. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on whether the resolution 2803 is delivering the adequate humanitarian response required in Gaza in conjunction with the 10 October 2025 ceasefire agreement; and if resolution 2803 will provide a path for Palestinian statehood and self-determination; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [74854/25]

*246. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if an EU citizen applying for an Irish-born child's first time passport is required to provide a P60 or similar Revenue Commissioners documentation to prove residency before the birth of a child; if not, if documentation from social protection showing residency for the required period is, along with other documentation such as bank statements, sufficient; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74864/25]

*247. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of data breaches recorded by her Department in 2025; and the number that were reported to the Data Protection Commissioner. — Cathal Crowe. [74896/25]

*248. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the Irish Consul General based in New York has met formally with the new Mayor of New York city; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [74907/25]

*249. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to request an emergency meeting with the European Commission, the Agriculture Commissioner and the Trade Commissioner to debate the consequences of the Mercosur Trade Deal, if implemented (details supplied), for Irish farmers. — Michael Cahill. [74977/25]

*250. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will confirm that an investor's loss of profits will not be sufficient grounds for making a claim against a government (details supplied) in relation to CETA; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [74999/25]

*251. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of projects in her Department that were delayed in 2023 and 2024 due to the change of document from the Public Spending Code to the Infrastructure Guidelines, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [75109/25]

*252. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to examine a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [75185/25]

*253. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the salary scale that applies to the Secretary General in her Department and to the head of each agency for which they are responsible; whether this scale has changed in the past two years or whether there are proposals to change this scale in the coming period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75196/25]

*254. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount expended on advertising and promotion in her Department, and within each agency for which she is responsible, for 2022 to 2024, by year and budgeted for 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75214/25]

*255. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of press, media or communications staff currently employed in her Department and within each agency for which she is responsible; the cost of these staff for 2025 and the expected cost for 2026; whether there are proposals to increase the number of such staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75232/25]

*256. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the estimated cost to her Department and to each agency for which they are responsible arising from Ireland's presidency of the European Council; the line items or events for which a cost is expected to arise and the estimated cost for each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75250/25]

*257. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the priorities of her Department and each agency for which they are responsible for, in respect of Ireland's presidency of the European Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75268/25]

*258. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the timeframe for the introduction of the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1068/26]

*259. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total amount of Exchequer funding allocated by her Department in each of the past three years to international development and

humanitarian assistance programmes; and to provide a breakdown of this funding by programme. — Ken O’Flynn. [1096/26]

*260. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the proportion of funding allocated under international development and humanitarian assistance programmes administered by her Department in each of the past three years that was expended on administration, management, consultancy, monitoring, and other overhead costs; and the proportion that was delivered directly to frontline projects and beneficiaries. — Ken O’Flynn. [1097/26]

*261. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which her Department defines “frontline delivery” for the purposes of reporting and evaluation; whether staff salaries, travel, accommodation, and central office costs are classified as frontline expenditure; and the rationale for those classifications. — Ken O’Flynn. [1098/26]

*262. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the value-for-money assessments carried out prior to the approval of funding under international development and humanitarian assistance programmes; if her Department operates benchmarks or thresholds in respect of acceptable administrative and overhead cost ratios; and to provide details of any programmes that exceeded such benchmarks in the past three years. — Ken O’Flynn. [1099/26]

*263. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade what mechanisms are in place within her Department to assess whether funded international development and humanitarian assistance programmes address the underlying causes they are intended to tackle rather than indirect or short-term outputs; the metrics used to measure effectiveness; and the findings of the most recent evaluations carried out. — Ken O’Flynn. [1100/26]

*264. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade is she is aware that the new Irish passport card has been refused at airports in Europe (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [1167/26]

*265. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on the recognition of Somaliland as an independent state. — Barry Ward. [1275/26]

*266. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will consider the establishment of a trade office in Taipei, along the lines of the existing EU office or those of other EU member states; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1315/26]

*267. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount the Government has spent on initiatives to encourage the diaspora to return home in each of the years 2023, 2024, and 2025; the budget initiatives for 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [1325/26]

*268. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide a list of the initiatives used to encourage the diaspora to return home; the number of the diaspora who returned home, in each of the years 2023 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [1326/26]

*269. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps she will take to inspect US military aircraft landing in Ireland to verify the veracity of their manifest; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1333/26]

*270. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of US military aircraft that landed in Ireland in 2023, 2024 and 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1334/26]

*271. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of US military aircraft, that have landed in Ireland 2023, 2024 and 2025, that have been inspected in any way by her Department, or any Irish official; if she will give details of any such inspection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1336/26]

*272. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps she will take to prevent ships using Irish waters, including the Irish Exclusive Economic Zone, for transit, en route to Russian ports in breach of international sanctions against Russia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1337/26]

*273. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if an emergency meeting of both the United Nations Security Council and the United Nations General Assembly will be called so that a ceasefire and a plan for cooperation can be put in place without delay for the people and nation of Venezuela; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1376/26]

*274. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to confirm if US Navy aircraft flew over Irish sovereign airspace this year; if it is still Irish policy that foreign military aircraft are not permitted to use Irish airspace while on active military operations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [1436/26]

*275. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether the overflight of Ireland by a US military P-8 Poseidon anti-submarine aircraft on an active military operation on 5 January 2026 was given permission by her Department for the overflight; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [1480/26]

*276. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade in relation to a US military aircraft, which is reported to have flown through Irish airspace (details supplied), whether permission was granted by Irish authorities for this; if so, on what basis; if not granted the actions taken as a result; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1587/26]

*277. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the actions she will take to raise the ongoing intervention in Venezuela by the United States at EU Council level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1672/26]

*278. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding any bi-lateral meetings she has held with her EU counterparts in relation to the ongoing intervention in Venezuela by the United States at EU Council level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1673/26]

*279. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding any ongoing efforts to come to a united EU position in relation to the ongoing intervention in Venezuela by the United States at EU Council level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1674/26]

*280. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the date on which a supplementary estimate or supplementary estimates was sought in respect of her Department's Vote for each of

the past ten years, and to the date in 2026; the gross and net amount involved in each case; and the Vote subheads to which each supplementary estimate related. — Albert Dolan. [1795/26]

*281. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the value of expenditure originally allocated in the Estimates to specific programmes or staffing measures that could not be spent as planned within the year for each of the past five years; and whether such underspends were surrendered, carried forward, or reallocated to other areas within the Vote. — Albert Dolan. [1816/26]

*282. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total number of diplomats posted abroad; the number of those that are posted to the US, India and China respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1830/26]

*283. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the progress to date in honouring the commitment in the Programme for Government to defend the interests of Irish farmers in all discussions on the proposed Mercosur Trade Deal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [1886/26]

*284. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether she agrees with the kidnapping of Venezuelan President Maduro by the US authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1950/26]

*285. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding any product or service purchased from Israel or the Occupied Territories by her Department in 2025, broken down by description and amount paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1981/26]

*286. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will commit to an overall ban on the direct purchase of any product or service from Israel or the Occupied Territories by her Department at any level; if this proposal has been assessed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1999/26]

*287. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department, or any body under its aegis, has funded, or is funding, other than where legal costs were awarded against the employer by a court or tribunal, the legal costs of any current or concluded litigation taken by an employee or former employee against that Department or body, in each of the past five years; if so, to provide details of the number of such cases, the bodies involved, and the total costs incurred in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2021/26]

*288. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the basis on which her Department, or a body under its aegis, may fund the legal costs of an employee or former employee in litigation where that employee is in dispute with, or taking proceedings against, the same body; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2039/26]

*289. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether the funding of employee legal costs in disputes against her Department, or a body under its aegis, is standard practice; if not, the circumstances in which such funding may be permitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2057/26]

*290. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline the guidance, codes, circulars or directions that govern the payment of legal costs by her Department, and bodies

under its aegis, in employment-related disputes, including any requirements under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies or Departmental sanction arrangements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2075/26]

*291. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether the funding of employee legal costs in litigation against the employing body could give rise to governance, accountability, or value for money concerns; whether her Department has issued any guidance in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2093/26]

*292. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department has reviewed, or intends to review, the practice of Departments, and bodies under their aegis, funding legal costs in employment disputes involving those same bodies; and if so, the outcome or timeline for such a review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2111/26]

*293. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether arrangements to fund legal costs in employment disputes involving her Department, or bodies under its aegis, require the prior approval of her Department or the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2129/26]

*294. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to highlight with her counterpart in Israel a demolition order in the occupied West bank (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [2186/26]

*295. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department is using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the Department are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2247/26]

*296. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether any agencies or other bodies under her remit are using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the organisation are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2265/26]

*297. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a passport application can be expedited (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [2304/26]

*298. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on her Department's input to the development of the national security strategy; when the strategy is likely to be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2393/26]

*299. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide a list of the top ten capital or programme projects delivered by her Department or its agencies over the past three years which were completed on time and within the originally approved budget; the project name, location, delivery timeframe, original approved budget, final outturn cost, and delivery body, for each project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2429/26]

*300. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to detail the annual spend on external consultants by her Department and its agencies in each of the past three years; the number of consultancy contracts, the largest individual consultancy engagements by value, and whether

internal capacity-building or cost-benefit assessments were undertaken prior to engaging external consultants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2447/26]

*301. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide a list, for each of the past three years of the top ten projects per annum delivered by her Department or its agencies which were completed late and over the originally approved budget; the project name, location, original approved completion date, actual completion date, original approved budget, final outturn cost, cost overrun expressed in euro and percentage terms, and the delivery body for each project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2465/26]

*302. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding her Department's travel advisory for Irish citizens against travel to Ecuador; the basis for this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [2489/26]

*303. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding her Department's travel advisory for Irish citizens against travel to Ecuador; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the knock on effect means travel to the Galapagos Islands is advised against as a part of Ecuadorian territory; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [2490/26]

*304. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her attention has been drawn to the contrary position of the UK Government in relation to advisory on travel to the Galapagos Islands; the basis for this difference; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [2491/26]

*305. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her attention has been drawn to the contrary position of the US Government in relation to advisory on travel to the Galapagos Islands; the basis for this difference; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [2492/26]

*306. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her attention has been drawn to the contrary position of other EU countries in relation to advisory on travel to the Galapagos Islands; the basis for this difference; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [2493/26]

*307. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her attention has been drawn to correspondence (details supplied); the actions she will take to respond and engage on the substantive issues raised in relation to travel advisories from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [2494/26]

*308. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding any engagement she has had with the travel agency sector in relation to specific Departmental travel advisory related to the Galapagos Islands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [2495/26]

*309. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her attention have been drawn to the concerns of businesses within the travel agency sector in relation to the impact that specific Departmental travel advisory related to the Galapagos Islands is having on their business; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [2496/26]

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

*310. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to reverse the decision to ban salmon draft net fishing in 2026 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [75312/25]

*311. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the full range of powers available to local authorities to tackle the problem of dog dirt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [1121/26]

*312. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment in light of the opposition by anglers to the proposed new catch and release bye laws, if he will take action on the issues highlighted by a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [1314/26]

*313. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the Joint Committee investigation into the Munster Blackwater fish kill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [1489/26]

*314. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason a catch and release policy has been introduced on the Clare and Corrib Rivers in County Galway; if he will publish the full scientific basis for the proposed catch and release designation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [1882/26]

*315. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the opportunities anglers and angling bodies have to contribute to the decisions surrounding river and fish stock management before a proposed decision is made; if he has considered involving these angling groups in the initial stages of analysing river and fish stock status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [1883/26]

*316. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is aware of an Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) survey conducted in 2025 which notes that salmon stocks on the Boyne and Kells Blackwater river has seen a catastrophic collapse, down to 10% of the conservation limit for the catchments; considering that salmon are a qualifying interest in the Boyne/Kells Blackwater SAC if he will consider it appropriate at this time to publish an SAC management plan to aid the recovery of the Boyne/Kells Blackwater salmon to favourable status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2381/26]

*317. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the supports available for a community group who missed the drawdown date of the Climate Action Fund due to a lack of contractors willing to complete the works and whether this can be extended.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [73929/25]

*318. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 99 of 10 December 2025, the role which IFI are playing in the independent EU Joint Research Committee investigation into the Blackwater Fishkill; when did it begin, specifically the date; the other State agencies which are involved; the details he is aware of in relation to the report currently; if IFI will be hand picking individual anglers and river users to take part in the investigation; when it will be published; the purpose of the investigation, to gather information on the response of the State agencies; the possible pollution source; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [74093/25]

*319. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide a list of AI pilot projects which have taken place in his Department within the past 12 months; the expenditure associated with those projects; and whether they are still ongoing, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [74128/25]

*320. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his plans for the introduction of statutory requirements obliging landowners to clear and maintain certain voltage-specific corridors for overhead electric lines (details supplied); the timeline for this legislation. — Frankie Feighan. [74152/25]

*321. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if an application to the Climate Action Fund (details supplied) will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [74195/25]

*322. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reasons a catch and release policy has been introduced on the Owenea river, County Donegal; the reason the Loughros More estuary, County Donegal has been closed for fishing in 2026; if he has considered the assertions from the local community that the Owenea river and the Owentocker river both have high fry counts; and if these decisions will be reconsidered. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [74198/25]

*323. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the engagement between his Department and EnergyCloud Ireland in relation to the use of surplus renewable electricity that would otherwise be curtailed to provide free hot water to households experiencing energy poverty; the details of any policy, regulatory, or funding supports in place or under consideration to scale such demand-side initiatives nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [74215/25]

*324. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the way in which his Department is engaging with the EnergyCloud Ireland initiative, including the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council pilot, as a measure to reduce household energy poverty; if his Department has assessed the typical savings to participating households, the proportion of participating households in receipt of the fuel allowance or other income supports; whether a referral or coordination pathway will be developed to support national expansion to eligible households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [74217/25]

*325. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the oversight arrangements and performance indicators apply to the CRU, including any agreed targets for compliance activity, enforcement outcomes, complaint handling timelines, and customer protection measures; if any value-for-money review, performance review or governance review of the CRU has been completed or initiated since 2020; if so, the headline findings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [74227/25]

*326. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether standards or service-level targets exist for his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department, in responding to correspondence from members of local authorities; if compliance with such standards is monitored; the reasons for delays or failures to respond to correspondence from elected members; and the measures being taken to ensure more consistent and timely communication going forward. — Sorca Clarke. [74267/25]

*327. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on whether the development of marine protection areas should be based on the principle of co-creation whereby

all relevant stakeholders are involved in the designation process from the earliest possible stage, as recommended by the Joint Committee on Housing, Local Government and Heritage in their report on the pre-legislative scrutiny of the general scheme of the Marine Protected Areas Bill 2023. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [74414/25]

*328. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will reopen the grant for replacement of oil tank/boilers that closed in August 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [74429/25]

*329. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the office rental costs per annum for staff in his Department and for each agency or organisation under his remit, in each of the years between 2015 and 2025 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74443/25]

*330. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the way in which the decision was reached for fishing on the Blackwater making it catch & release for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [74461/25]

*331. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department will be able to compensate a club (details supplied) for the losses they will incur by making fishing on the Blackwater catch & release for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [74462/25]

*332. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to consider a buyout of all draft nets on the Blackwater and country wide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [74463/25]

*333. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment regarding the published electro fishing numbers for fry, if he will confirm whether this is based on five year statistics. — Pat Buckley. [74464/25]

*334. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he plans to introduce a new policy statement on the importation of fracked gas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [74471/25]

*335. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding the construction of offshore windfarms, whether built, in the course of being built, or planned; the criteria attached to having a successful planning permission (distance from shore, visibility, etc); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74481/25]

*336. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his plans to introduce secondary legislation to implement scale of fees, capping the costs of environmental planning judicial reviews as per part 9 of the Planning and Development Act 2024; if these regulations have been prepared in draft form; the level and degree of consultation with the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage as required under the relevant provision of the Act and the form that consultation took; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [74482/25]

*337. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of applications refused under the warmer homes scheme in 2024 and 2025 respectively; the percentage of

applications refused in 2024 and 2025 respectively; the reasons for these refusals, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [74565/25]

*338. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason Inland Fisheries Ireland has commenced selling 2026 salmon licences online and through distributors without providing anglers with the regulations booklet required under Section 69 of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010; and if he will confirm whether this constitutes administrative non compliance with statutory obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74588/25]

*339. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason Inland Fisheries Ireland has described the 2026 salmon licence as permitting harvest only between 1 June and 31 August on open rivers, despite this restriction still being under consultation until 20 December and not yet signed off by him; and if he will direct IFI to cease including unapproved restrictions in licences until consultations have concluded and ministerial approval has been lawfully granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74589/25]

*340. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he accepts that selling licences without the regulations booklet, places anglers at risk of breaching rules they have not been provided with, while IFI itself fails to comply with its own statutory obligations; and the steps he will take to ensure anglers are not penalised for administrative failures by IFI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74590/25]

*341. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the oversight mechanisms his Department has in place to prevent Inland Fisheries Ireland from implementing regulatory changes before consultation has closed and before ministerial approval has been granted; and if he will commit to ensuring that licence sales continue only on the basis of existing approved regulations, with no new restrictions applied until lawful approval is complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74591/25]

*342. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will acknowledge that Inland Fisheries Ireland's premature licence sales undermine the credibility of the ongoing consultation process on salmon regulations; and if he will extend the consultation period and require IFI to reissue licences only once the regulations have been lawfully approved and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74592/25]

*343. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [74608/25]

*344. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the payroll cost of his Department and of each organisation or agency under its remit individually, in 2015 to 2025, by year, in tabular form. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [74621/25]

*345. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the actions his Department is taking to reduce energy costs for households. — Tom Brabazon. [74648/25]

*346. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding the decommissioning of a wind farm (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74744/25]

*347. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his plans to replace the level of energy output from a wind farm (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74745/25]

*348. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of planned offshore wind farms; the stages of progression in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74746/25]

*349. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the steps taken when there are no bids in auctions related to the construction of offshore wind infrastructure projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74747/25]

*350. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of offshore wind infrastructure project proposals that have received no formal bids in relation to their construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74748/25]

*351. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if there are any further initiatives proposed by his Department to increase the support for offshore wind infrastructure in coastal communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74749/25]

*352. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the public consultation on Ireland's National Building Renovation Plan will be launched, having regard to the requirement under Article 3 of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive for the plan to be finalised by 26 December 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [74808/25]

*353. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the way the one-stop-shops for the energy performance of buildings, required under Article 18 of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive 2024 and due to be launched by the end of May 2026, will be implemented in Ireland; whether these one-stop-shops will provide supports beyond energy renovation, including guidance on adaptive reuse of existing buildings and wider building related challenges faced by citizens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [74809/25]

*354. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his attention has been drawn to research by a group, showing that 7551 salmon migrated into the Corrib system in 2025; if he will provide details on the way in which this figure was calculated given consideration to factors (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [74836/25]

*355. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason the normal groups (details supplied), five year average stock assessment reports, were not adhered to in 2025 to determine whether C&R on the Corrib system should be recommended or not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [74837/25]

*356. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied) for 2025 having not yet been published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [74838/25]

*357. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will change the proposed determination of C and R for the Corrib system back to open for harvesting in view

of a reply (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [74839/25]

*358. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will review correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [74871/25]

*359. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of data breaches recorded by his Department in 2025; and the number that were reported to the Data Protection Commissioner. — Cathal Crowe. [74890/25]

*360. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to explain the factors contributing to the significant increase in heating oil prices in 2025 compared to 2024, which is placing a considerable financial burden on many households across the country; the measures being considered to alleviate the pressure on such households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [75028/25]

*361. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is aware of the concerns of smaller and local waste collectors at the consultation on the feasibility of transitioning Ireland's waste collection market from its current side-by-side licensing system to a franchise tendering system; and if he will reassure them that this will not lead to large multinational operators squeezing them out of the market. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [75031/25]

*362. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to introduce targeted energy credits for people with a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [75044/25]

*363. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of projects in his Department that were delayed in 2023 and 2024 due to the change of document from the Public Spending Code to the Infrastructure Guidelines, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [75104/25]

*364. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the salary scale that applies to the Secretary General in his Department and to the head of each agency for which they are responsible; whether this scale has changed in the past two years or whether there are proposals to change this scale in the coming period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75190/25]

*365. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the amount expended on advertising and promotion in his Department, and within each agency for which he is responsible, for 2022 to 2024, by year and budgeted for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75208/25]

*366. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of press, media or communications staff currently employed in his Department and within each agency for which he is responsible; the cost of these staff for 2025 and the expected cost for 2026; whether there are proposals to increase the number of such staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75226/25]

*367. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the estimated cost to his Department and to each agency for which they are responsible arising from Ireland's presidency

of the European Council; the line items or events for which a cost is expected to arise and the estimated cost for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75244/25]

*368. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the priorities of his Department and each agency for which they are responsible for, in respect of Ireland's presidency of the European Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75262/25]

*369. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if under the SEAI warmer homes scheme, properties built with cavity block cannot be considered for external house wrap to improve insulation; if any properties that have cavity block have been wrapped to date under the scheme; and if so, the reason for their inclusion in the scheme. — Robert Troy. [1171/26]

*370. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will report on SEAI's business energy upgrade scheme; and the breakdown of grants awarded broken down by size of grant awarded, the size of the business that received the award, and by the county in which the business is located, in each of the years since the schemes inception, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [1223/26]

*371. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the amount of funding the State receive from the European Just Transition Fund in 2025; and the sectors that have received funding from this fund during 2025, in tabular form. — Louis O'Hara. [1266/26]

*372. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to report on the new grants to homeowners to break up retrofitting costs; when these grants will be made available; if they will be tiered based on income; the way in which he will ensure that those on medium to lower incomes can access these grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1284/26]

*373. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to report on the new grants he is making available to people in energy arrears; when these grants will become available; the value of the award to be provided; the criteria upon which an application for a grant is assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1285/26]

*374. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the steps he is taking to react to the Climate Change Advisory Council's criticisms of the sectoral adaptation plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1316/26]

*375. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the carbon budget process; if an independent peer review will take place as recommended by the Oireachtas committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1364/26]

*376. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the engagements he has had with Eirgrid and ESB regarding housing connections; the number of new homes that will be connected to the grid in 2026; if he anticipates any capacity constraints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1378/26]

*377. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current waiting times for ESB connections to homes; the number of homes currently on the waiting list in each county waiting for a connection, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [1481/26]

*378. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is aware of increased charges for household waste services issued by a provider (details supplied); if he is aware the increase has been attributed in part to new pension costs; if cost increases can be issued to customers for this reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1561/26]

*379. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his plans to ensure that red brick houses are more energy efficient and to ensure they are covered by the SEAI scheme. — Jen Cummins. [1601/26]

*380. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the dates upon which he received arrears data, in each of the years 2020 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1611/26]

*381. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the most recent arrears data he has received from the CRU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1612/26]

*382. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the dates on which he and/or his officials met with representatives from the deposit return scheme; if the value of unreturned deposits was disclosed, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1649/26]

*383. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if there is a requirement for the body in charge of operating the deposit return scheme to regularly report the value and level of unreturned deposits; the frequency and the dates upon which he received it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1650/26]

*384. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the regulation that exists for the allocation of not returned deposits as part of the deposit return scheme; if there are rules which mandate how this money can be spent and how long a deposit must be retained before it is spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1651/26]

*385. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the date on which a supplementary estimate or supplementary estimates was sought in respect of his Department's Vote for each of the past ten years, and to the date in 2026; the gross and net amount involved in each case; and the Vote subheads to which each supplementary estimate related. — Albert Dolan. [1787/26]

*386. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the value of expenditure originally allocated in the Estimates to specific programmes or staffing measures that could not be spent as planned within the year for each of the past five years; and whether such underspends were surrendered, carried forward, or reallocated to other areas within the Vote. — Albert Dolan. [1808/26]

*387. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding any product or service purchased from Israel or the Occupied Territories by his Department in 2025, broken down by description and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1975/26]

*388. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department, or any body under its aegis, has funded, or is funding, other than where legal costs were awarded against the employer by a court or tribunal, the legal costs of any current or concluded litigation taken by an employee or former employee against that Department or body, in each of the past five years; if so, to provide details of the number of such cases, the bodies involved, and the total costs incurred in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2015/26]

*389. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the basis on which his Department, or a body under its aegis, may fund the legal costs of an employee or former employee in litigation where that employee is in dispute with, or taking proceedings against, the same body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2033/26]

*390. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether the funding of employee legal costs in disputes against his Department, or a body under its aegis, is standard practice; if not, the circumstances in which such funding may be permitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2051/26]

*391. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to outline the guidance, codes, circulars or directions that govern the payment of legal costs by his Department, and bodies under its aegis, in employment-related disputes, including any requirements under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies or Departmental sanction arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2069/26]

*392. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether the funding of employee legal costs in litigation against the employing body could give rise to governance, accountability, or value for money concerns; whether his Department has issued any guidance in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2087/26]

*393. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department has reviewed, or intends to review, the practice of Departments, and bodies under their aegis, funding legal costs in employment disputes involving those same bodies; and if so, the outcome or timeline for such a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2105/26]

*394. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether arrangements to fund legal costs in employment disputes involving his Department, or bodies under its aegis, require the prior approval of his Department or the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2123/26]

*395. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the estimated cost of Ireland's participation in COP30, including travel and accommodation for the delegation. — Sorca Clarke. [2157/26]

*396. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department is using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the Department are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2241/26]

*397. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether any agencies or other bodies under his remit are using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the organisation are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2259/26]

*398. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide a list of the top ten capital or programme projects delivered by his Department or its agencies over the past three years which were completed on time and within the originally approved budget; the project name, location, delivery timeframe, original approved budget, final outturn cost, and delivery body, for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2423/26]

*399. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to detail the annual spend on external consultants by his Department and its agencies in each of the past three years; the number of consultancy contracts, the largest individual consultancy engagements by value, and whether internal capacity-building or cost-benefit assessments were undertaken prior to engaging external consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2441/26]

*400. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide a list, for each of the past three years of the top ten projects per annum delivered by his Department or its agencies which were completed late and over the originally approved budget; the project name, location, original approved completion date, actual completion date, original approved budget, final outturn cost, cost overrun expressed in euro and percentage terms, and the delivery body for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2459/26]

Chun Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*401. To ask the Minister for Defence when air traffic controllers were alerted to the drone activity surrounding President Zelenskyy's visit to Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [74504/25]

*402. To ask the Minister for Defence if the air corps will operate at night; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74036/25]

*403. To ask the Minister for Defence if Irish naval ships deploy drones; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74037/25]

*404. To ask the Minister for Defence in relation to the recent visit of President Zelenskyy, the location of Irish Navy vessels at sea during the visit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74038/25]

*405. To ask the Minister for Defence in relation to the recent visit of President Zelenskyy, the time that the Defence Forces saw unknown drones referred to in media reports; when the last one was seen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74039/25]

*406. To ask the Minister for Defence regarding the recent visit of President Zelenskyy if there were civilian craft in the area when the drones were sighted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74040/25]

*407. To ask the Minister for Defence regarding the recent visit of President Zelenskyy, the options which were available during the visit for drone detection and blocking; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74041/25]

*408. To ask the Minister for Defence regarding the recent visit of President Zelenskyy, the Defence Forces' helicopters, if any, which were used during the visit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74042/25]

*409. To ask the Minister for Defence if the naval reserve launch is being used for harbour patrol; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74043/25]

*410. To ask the Minister for Defence whether her Department keeps any statistics on the inclusion of those with ADHD or on the Autism Spectrum in the Defence Forces, including the Reserve Defence Forces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [74125/25]

*411. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide a list of AI pilot projects which have taken place in her Department within the past 12 months; the expenditure associated with those projects; and whether they are still ongoing, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [74130/25]

*412. To ask the Minister for Defence whether standards or service-level targets exist for her Department or bodies under the aegis of her Department, in responding to correspondence from members of local authorities; if compliance with such standards is monitored; the reasons for delays or failures to respond to correspondence from elected members; and the measures being taken to ensure more consistent and timely communication going forward. — Sorca Clarke. [74269/25]

*413. To ask the Minister for Defence the office rental costs per annum for staff in her Department and for each agency or organisation under her remit, in each of the years between 2015 and 2025 inclusive, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74445/25]

*414. To ask the Minister for Defence when her Department alerted air traffic controllers at Dublin Airport to the drone activity surrounding President Zelenskyy's visit to Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [74505/25]

*415. To ask the Minister for Defence the payroll cost of her Department and of each organisation or agency under its remit individually, in 2015 to 2025, by year, in tabular form. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [74623/25]

*416. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department will review the case of a person (details supplied); if she will ensure that the person is not liable for the debt. — Ann Graves. [74785/25]

*417. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of promotions from the rank of regimental quartermaster sergeant to sergeant major within the Army which occurred in the years 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [74882/25]

*418. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of promotions from the rank of chief petty officer to warrant officer within the Naval Service which occurred in the years 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [74886/25]

*419. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of data breaches recorded by her Department in 2025; and the number that were reported to the Data Protection Commissioner. — Cathal Crowe. [74892/25]

*420. To ask the Minister for Defence if footage of suspected drones spotted during President Zelenskyy's visit to Ireland will be released; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [75083/25]

*421. To ask the Minister for Defence the position regarding the investigation into a suspected drone incident during President Zelenskyy's visit to Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [75084/25]

*422. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department has ascertained the origin of the suspected drones involved in an incident during President Zelenskyy's visit to Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [75085/25]

*423. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason civil aviation and air traffic control authorities were not alerted to a suspected danger arising from the suspected drone incident during President Zelenskyy's visit to Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [75086/25]

*424. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of projects in her Department that were delayed in 2023 and 2024 due to the change of document from the Public Spending Code to the Infrastructure Guidelines, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [75106/25]

*425. To ask the Minister for Defence the salary scale that applies to the Secretary General in her Department and to the head of each agency for which they are responsible; whether this scale has changed in the past two years or whether there are proposals to change this scale in the coming period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75192/25]

*426. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount expended on advertising and promotion in her Department, and within each agency for which she is responsible, for 2022 to 2024, by year and budgeted for 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75210/25]

*427. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of press, media or communications staff currently employed in her Department and within each agency for which she is responsible; the cost of these staff for 2025 and the expected cost for 2026; whether there are proposals to increase the number of such staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75228/25]

*428. To ask the Minister for Defence the estimated cost to her Department and to each agency for which they are responsible arising from Ireland's presidency of the European Council; the line items or events for which a cost is expected to arise and the estimated cost for each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75246/25]

*429. To ask the Minister for Defence the priorities of her Department and each agency for which they are responsible for, in respect of Ireland's presidency of the European Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75264/25]

*430. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of personnel inducted into the Permanent Defence Forces; and the number remaining in service at 6 months, 12 months and 24 months after induction, by Army, Naval Service and Air Corps in each of the years from 2020 to 2025. — Ken O'Flynn. [75306/25]

*431. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of recruits who commenced initial recruit training, the number who completed training, the number who did not complete, and the reason categories recorded for non-completion, by service in each of the years from 2020 to 2025. — Ken O'Flynn. [75307/25]

*432. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of personnel who left the Permanent Defence Forces within 12 months of completing initial recruit training; the median length of service at exit; and the reason categories recorded in each of the years from 2020 to 2025. — Ken O'Flynn. [75308/25]

*433. To ask the Minister for Defence the authorised establishment strength and the actual strength of the Permanent Defence Forces at year-end for each year from 2020 to 2025 inclusive; and the total number of inductions and total exits in each year. — Ken O'Flynn. [75309/25]

*434. To ask the Minister for Defence the current retention strategy for the Permanent Defence Forces; the specific retention targets set by her Department; the key performance indicators used to measure retention; and the most recent results available against those indicators. — Ken O'Flynn. [75310/25]

*435. To ask the Minister for Defence if uniforms or equipment have not been issued to some new recruits to the Army due to the fact that their commanders do not have funds available to purchase them; if, for a ceremony for recruits to get their second bar/stripe they had to return uniforms as their own were not available; and if it is the case, that some recruits were sent home for four weeks as the funds were not available. — Peadar Tóibín. [75315/25]

*436. To ask the Minister for Defence if a matter (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [1010/26]

*437. To ask the Minister for Defence her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [1184/26]

*438. To ask the Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 237 of 16 December 2025, the mean wait time for security clearance to be granted to reservists in the Defence Forces for each of the years 2021 to 2025, inclusive; and the number of applications for security clearances for reservists in each of those years. — Paul Murphy. [1210/26]

*439. To ask the Minister for Defence the coordinates of the LÉ William Butler Yeats which was reported to have been off the coast of Dublin Bay on 1 December 2025, when President Zelenskyy arrived in Ireland for his first official State visit to Ireland (details supplied). — Michael Collins. [1251/26]

*440. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason the LÉ William Butler Yeats was unable to pick up an unidentified vessel on its radar (details supplied). — Michael Collins. [1252/26]

*441. To ask the Minister for Defence the time at which the authorities in Dublin were informed of the presence of the unidentified vessel on 1 December 2025. — Michael Collins. [1253/26]

*442. To ask the Minister for Defence the position of the Air Corps with regard to operational capability; if they can operate 24/7; if not, if they are operating a restricted service; and if there are sufficient air traffic controllers. — Michael Collins. [1254/26]

*443. To ask the Minister for Defence the plans in place for an increase in Air Corps capacity (details supplied). — Michael Collins. [1255/26]

*444. To ask the Minister for Defence if Air Corps helicopters are capable of nighttime operation and surveillance; and if PC12s are capable of nighttime reconnaissance. — Michael Collins. [1256/26]

*445. To ask the Minister for Defence the current situation with regard to delivering on the Naval Service reserve launches (details supplied); and if delivery is on schedule. — Michael Collins. [1258/26]

*446. To ask the Minister for Defence if the possibility of recruiting marine engineers from fishing boats or commissioning some of the larger fishing vessels for defence will be considered as an interim measure. — Michael Collins. [1259/26]

*447. To ask the Minister for Defence in relation to the drones that were reportedly sighted on the evening of 1 December (details supplied) if there is any footage of these drones; and if so, if the footage will be publicly released. — Paul Murphy. [1579/26]

*448. To ask the Minister for Defence in relation to the drones that were reportedly sighted on the evening of 1 December, when the Minister became aware of these drones; and the reason an organisation (details supplied), was not informed about the presence of these drones. — Paul Murphy. [1582/26]

*449. To ask the Minister for Defence the date on which a supplementary estimate or supplementary estimates was sought in respect of her Department's Vote for each of the past ten years, and to the date in 2026; the gross and net amount involved in each case; and the Vote subheads to which each supplementary estimate related. — Albert Dolan. [1789/26]

*450. To ask the Minister for Defence the value of expenditure originally allocated in the Estimates to specific programmes or staffing measures that could not be spent as planned within the year for each of the past five years; and whether such underspends were surrendered, carried forward, or reallocated to other areas within the Vote. — Albert Dolan. [1810/26]

*451. To ask the Minister for Defence the position regarding any product or service purchased from Israel or the Occupied Territories by her Department in 2025, broken down by description and amount paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1977/26]

*452. To ask the Minister for Defence whether her Department, or any body under its aegis, has funded, or is funding, other than where legal costs were awarded against the employer by a court or tribunal, the legal costs of any current or concluded litigation taken by an employee or former employee against that Department or body, in each of the past five years; if so, to provide

details of the number of such cases, the bodies involved, and the total costs incurred in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2017/26]

*453. To ask the Minister for Defence the basis on which her Department, or a body under its aegis, may fund the legal costs of an employee or former employee in litigation where that employee is in dispute with, or taking proceedings against, the same body; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2035/26]

*454. To ask the Minister for Defence whether the funding of employee legal costs in disputes against her Department, or a body under its aegis, is standard practice; if not, the circumstances in which such funding may be permitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2053/26]

*455. To ask the Minister for Defence to outline the guidance, codes, circulars or directions that govern the payment of legal costs by her Department, and bodies under its aegis, in employment-related disputes, including any requirements under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies or Departmental sanction arrangements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2071/26]

*456. To ask the Minister for Defence whether the funding of employee legal costs in litigation against the employing body could give rise to governance, accountability, or value for money concerns; whether her Department has issued any guidance in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2089/26]

*457. To ask the Minister for Defence whether her Department has reviewed, or intends to review, the practice of Departments, and bodies under their aegis, funding legal costs in employment disputes involving those same bodies; and if so, the outcome or timeline for such a review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2107/26]

*458. To ask the Minister for Defence whether arrangements to fund legal costs in employment disputes involving her Department, or bodies under its aegis, require the prior approval of her Department or the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2125/26]

*459. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department is using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the Department are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2243/26]

*460. To ask the Minister for Defence whether any agencies or other bodies under her remit are using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the organisation are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2261/26]

*461. To ask the Minister for Defence to seek a detailed explanation for the delays with sending a Redress of Wrongs dated 22 July 2021 to the Workplace Commission by the Defence Forces with regard to discrimination. — Paul McAuliffe. [2275/26]

*462. To ask the Minister for Defence if discrimination against primary carers within the Defence Forces has ceased as per the recommendations within the Commission on Defence report of 13 July 2022. — Paul McAuliffe. [2276/26]

*463. To ask the Minister for Defence as part of culture changes within the Defence Forces the substantial changes across HR structures their fare or primary carers within the Defence Forces; and how primary carers are considered with regard to career progression and equality within the Defence Forces. — Paul McAuliffe. [2277/26]

*464. To ask the Minister for Defence if the Defence Forces is addressing and accepting primary carers within the Defence Forces and engaging with families with caring responsibilities. — Paul McAuliffe. [2278/26]

*465. To ask the Minister for Defence if she and the Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces are willing to meet a family (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [2279/26]

*466. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on her Department's input to the development of the national security strategy; when the strategy is likely to be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2394/26]

*467. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will provide an update on the purchasing of counter unmanned aerial system equipment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2396/26]

*468. To ask the Minister for Defence the way in which her Department publishes calls for companies to express an interest in supplying military equipment to the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2397/26]

*469. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on the recent signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with Finland on defence co-operation; the plans for a formal working group to be established to discuss potential areas of collaboration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2398/26]

*470. To ask the Minister for Defence her plans to publish the National Defence Procurement Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2399/26]

*471. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide a list of the top ten capital or programme projects delivered by her Department or its agencies over the past three years which were completed on time and within the originally approved budget; the project name, location, delivery timeframe, original approved budget, final outturn cost, and delivery body, for each project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2425/26]

*472. To ask the Minister for Defence to detail the annual spend on external consultants by her Department and its agencies in each of the past three years; the number of consultancy contracts, the largest individual consultancy engagements by value, and whether internal capacity-building or cost-benefit assessments were undertaken prior to engaging external consultants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2443/26]

*473. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide a list, for each of the past three years of the top ten projects per annum delivered by her Department or its agencies which were completed late and over the originally approved budget; the project name, location, original approved

completion date, actual completion date, original approved budget, final outturn cost, cost overrun expressed in euro and percentage terms, and the delivery body for each project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2461/26]

*474. To ask the Minister for Defence if the security duty allowance will be paid to Irish Reservists for all activities undertaken during the Irish presidency of the EU. — Maeve O'Connell. [2502/26]

*475. To ask the Minister for Defence if the security duty allowance will be paid to Irish Reservists for activities whether classified as training or operational undertaken during the Irish presidency of the EU. — Maeve O'Connell. [2503/26]

*476. To ask the Minister for Defence if a review of the security duty allowance will be undertaken to ensure Irish Reservists receive appropriate remuneration for all activities during the Irish presidency of the EU. — Maeve O'Connell. [2504/26]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*477. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps being taken by his Department to support the development and promotion of greenways as tourism and regional economic assets; how these supports are contributing to sustainable tourism and local enterprise in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [2146/26]

*478. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to amend the Road Traffic Act 2016 to include nitrous oxide on the list of offences involving certain drugs for the purpose of road side testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [73873/25]

*479. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the Luas tram procurement programme announced by Transport Infrastructure Ireland in August 2023; if a contract has been awarded; the stage the procurement is now at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [73877/25]

*480. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of Luas trams ordered to date under the Luas tram procurement programme; the number of trams planned to be ordered in total; the number that will be replacement vehicles; and the number that will represent net additional capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [73878/25]

*481. To ask the Minister for Transport the expected delivery schedule for the new Luas trams, including the anticipated delivery date of the first tram; the phased delivery timetable thereafter; and the expected date on which the trams will enter passenger service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [73879/25]

*482. To ask the Minister for Transport if any delays have arisen in the procurement, manufacture or delivery of the new Luas trams to date; if so, the reasons for those delays; the revised timelines involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [73880/25]

*483. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans in place for future ordering of additional Luas trams beyond the current procurement, having regard to passenger demand, projected population growth and planned Luas extensions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [73881/25]

*484. To ask the Minister for Transport the contingency arrangements in place to maintain Luas services in the event of electrical faults or power supply failures, such as those experienced on the network in recent weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [73882/25]

*485. To ask the Minister for Transport if Transport Infrastructure Ireland has assessed the resilience of the Luas electrical infrastructure; the upgrades or investments planned to improve system redundancy and reliability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [73883/25]

*486. To ask the Minister for Transport the options Transport Infrastructure Ireland has examined to allow Luas services to continue operating during electrical power failures, including the potential use of battery electric or alternative traction trams, onboard energy storage, or other technological solutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [73884/25]

*487. To ask the Minister for Transport the service continuity plans in place for passengers during major Luas disruptions, including the provision of replacement bus services, passenger information systems and communication protocols; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [73885/25]

*488. To ask the Minister for Transport the total projected cost of the Luas tram procurement programme, including associated infrastructure and electrical upgrades; the way this investment is being funded within the capital programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [73886/25]

*489. To ask the Minister for Transport the situation in relation to the use of Class I Urban vehicles on motorways; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [73889/25]

*490. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has received any legal advice in relation to Bus Éireann's insurance policies in the event of a fatality involving a Class I 'urban' bus operating on a 100km/h or 120km/h road; and if he is aware that the regulatory exemption for seatbelts on these vehicles is predicated on the strict assumption that they remain in low-speed urban environments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [73891/25]

*491. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has concerns in relation to the practice of Bus Éireann in deploying Class I urban buses on Route 105X, which is an express service operating on motorways; if the RSA is aware of this policy in operating such buses on motorways; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [73892/25]

*492. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is concerned at the fact that Route 115 (Mullingar-Dublin), has recorded 459 instances of Class 1 urban buses being used on the high-speed M4 corridor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [73894/25]

*493. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is concerned that the driver of a Class I urban bus is sitting in a vehicle with significantly less frontal crash protection than a coach; if such vehicles should be routinely used on motorways and roads with speed limits in excess of 65KM/H; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [73895/25]

*494. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will instruct the NTA or the RSA to conduct an investigation into the use of unbelted Urban class 1 bus vehicles on motorways and roads with speed limits in excess of 65kMH and the possible impact on the health and safety of the bus drivers operating such services as well as that of the passengers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [73896/25]

*495. To ask the Minister for Transport if following the tragic loss of six lives in bus related accidents since 1 November 2025, he will intervene to direct the National Transport Authority and Bus Éireann to immediately cease the deployment of taxpayer funded PSO buses classified as Class I urban vehicles which are mechanically speed limited to 65 km per hour and designed for low speed stop start urban operation onto roads with speed limits above 80 km per hour. — Paul Murphy. [73897/25]

*496. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that the National Transport Authority's own Transport for Ireland Real Time Vehicle Location data also known as the Automatic Vehicle Location or GTFS Realtime feed publicly published by the Authority confirms that during the period from 1 January 2025 to 1 December 2025 these taxpayer funded PSO buses specifically models such as the Volvo B5TL Wright Gemini 3 double decker were rostered 17064 times on Route 103 Dublin to Ashbourne alone and were also routinely deployed on the intercity Route 115 Dublin to Mullingar requiring sustained operation on roads with speed limits of 100 km per hour and 120 km per hour. — Paul Murphy. [73898/25]

*497. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of complaints received by the NTA about issues relating to public transport, by means of transport, each year for the past five years, in tabular form. — Seán Crowe. [73934/25]

*498. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of complaints received by the NTA about F spine services in 2025. — Seán Crowe. [73935/25]

*499. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of complaints received by the NTA about S spine services in 2025. — Seán Crowe. [73936/25]

*500. To ask the Minister for Transport the percentage average of F spine buses that do not meet their schedule times. — Seán Crowe. [73937/25]

*501. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of buses that are contracted to provide services on the S6 and S8 routes; and if that number is in operation. — Seán Crowe. [73938/25]

*502. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of complaints that the F spine is overly circuitous, longer than previous services, and less accessible for commuters; and if a review of the F spine will be conducted to ensure that it is providing an adequate service for users and the date by which this review will commence. — Seán Crowe. [73939/25]

*503. To ask the Minister for Transport when the new vehicle assistance scheme will be implemented to replace the existing disabled drivers and passengers scheme; when this new scheme will be available for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [73948/25]

*504. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a matter (details provided); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [73958/25]

*505. To ask the Minister for Transport if issues at Attymon Train Station will be addressed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [73971/25]

*506. To ask the Minister for Transport the rollout date of a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [73977/25]

*507. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [73978/25]

*508. To ask the Minister for Transport the rollout date of a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [73979/25]

*509. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [73980/25]

*510. To ask the Minister for Transport if active travel investment programmes can fund walking infrastructure projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [73985/25]

*511. To ask the Minister for Transport if Brazilian driving licences could be directly recognised or exchanged, similar to arrangements already existing with European nations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [74000/25]

*512. To ask the Minister for Transport the legislative changes required to enable the operation of the M4 eastbound bus priority measures pilot scheme. — Roderic O’Gorman. [74005/25]

*513. To ask the Minister for Transport the total expense incurred on the TFI live app for each of the past five years; the total spent to date in 2025; and the projected expenditure for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [74011/25]

*514. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the TFI Live App and its description of being ‘real time’ when there are numerous reports of buses not running, but yet those buses still appear on the TFI Live App and passenger screens at bus stops. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [74012/25]

*515. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the necessary funding to resurface the N86 road from Camp to Dingle in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74016/25]

*516. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide as a matter of priority the necessary funding to resurface the N70 Ring of Kerry road (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74017/25]

*517. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the necessary funding to surface the N70 Ring of Kerry road (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74018/25]

*518. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide funding to surface the N70 Ring of Kerry road (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74019/25]

*519. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of ongoing concerns from passengers using northside DART services regarding the clarity and audibility of platform and onboard announcements during service delays or disruptions; the standards or guidelines currently in place for public address systems and staff announcements across the DART network; whether compliance with these standards is monitored or audited by Iarnród Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [74044/25]

*520. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the Waterford to Rosslare railway line is not being prioritised as part of the All-Island Rail Review Prioritisation Strategy. — Conor D. McGuinness. [74066/25]

*521. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason Dublin airport can allow passengers to carry 2 litres of liquid on flights while Shannon and other airports only allow 100 mls; whether he plans to increase the limits to 2 litres for all airports and if not the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [74112/25]

*522. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); if he intends on addressing these concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [74121/25]

*523. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps his Department will take to expand bus services in Stevaside, Glencullen, and Kiltiernan beyond current BusConnect plans, in order to address severe traffic congestion issues and lack of public transport capacity and reliability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [74122/25]

*524. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a list of AI pilot projects which have taken place in his Department within the past 12 months; the expenditure associated with those projects; and whether they are still ongoing, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [74143/25]

*525. To ask the Minister for Transport the current progress on the development of a Luas line in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [74241/25]

*526. To ask the Minister for Transport the current progress on BusConnects across Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [74242/25]

*527. To ask the Minister for Transport the current waiting times are for driving tests by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [74247/25]

*528. To ask the Minister for Transport whether standards or service-level targets exist for his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department, in responding to correspondence from members of local authorities; if compliance with such standards is monitored; the reasons for delays or failures to respond to correspondence from elected members; and the measures being taken to ensure more consistent and timely communication going forward. — Sorca Clarke. [74258/25]

*529. To ask the Minister for Transport the passenger-protection measures the NTA currently requires from operators in non-fault incidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [74311/25]

*530. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the coroner's recommendation that the Windsor junction on the N5 outside Castlebar be designated an accident blackspot following

the death of a 91-year-old man in December 2024; the immediate steps his Department will take to ensure that Mayo County Council and the NRDO implement safety measures at this location without further delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74348/25]

*531. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason, despite repeated representations from elected representatives since 2021, and despite multiple serious accidents at the Windsor junction on the N5, no safety upgrades have been carried out; the reason this location has not been prioritised under HD15 network safety ranking despite clear evidence of risk to road users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74349/25]

*532. To ask the Minister for Transport his views that the Windsor junction on the N5 has now been formally identified by a coroner as a dangerous turning point; if he will commit to funding and directing Mayo County Council and the NRDO to install a slip lane, turning box, or other safety measures as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74350/25]

*533. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has received the coroner's report into a fatal accident at the Windsor junction on the N5; if so, the reason no public statement or commitment has yet been made to address the safety concerns raised by the coroner and local residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74351/25]

*534. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason local residents continue to avoid using the Windsor junction on the N5 due to fear for their safety, the reason elected representatives have had to repeatedly raise this matter without any meaningful response from the NRDO or Mayo County Council; the timeline for action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74352/25]

*535. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will acknowledge that the Windsor junction on the N5 has now been the subject of multiple fatalities and serious accidents, repeated media coverage, and a coroner's recommendation; whether he considers it acceptable that no safety measures have yet been implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74353/25]

*536. To ask the Minister for Transport the schools in Wicklow and Wexford that were unsuccessful in an application for the safe routes to school programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [74382/25]

*537. To ask the Minister for Transport to consider reopening the Waterford – Rosslare rail line, as recommended in the All-Island Strategic Rail Review; his views on the ongoing costs of maintenance to the line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [74405/25]

*538. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the recent publication of the All-Island Strategic Rail Review Rail Project Prioritisation Strategy; if there will be space for further projects to be progressed in the short to medium term as recommended in the AISRR; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [74406/25]

*539. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to carry out analysis of the feasibility of RoRo rail freight at Rosslare port, or LoLo operations in the future for the port, as noted in recommendation 23 of the All-Island Strategic Rail Review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [74407/25]

*540. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the rail link to Shannon included in the All-Island Strategic Rail Review published in July 2024 has now been removed from its implementation strategy. — Roderic O’Gorman. [74409/25]

*541. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the reopening of the rail line between Waterford and Wexford/Rosslare included in the All-Island Strategic Rail Review published in July 2024 has now been removed from its implementation strategy. — Roderic O’Gorman. [74410/25]

*542. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the rail link between Mullingar and Portadown included in the All-Island Strategic Rail Review published in July 2024 has now been removed from its implementation strategy. — Roderic O’Gorman. [74411/25]

*543. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the double tracking of the rail line between Maynooth and Mullingar included in the All-Island Strategic Rail Review published in July 2024 has now been removed from its implementation strategy. — Roderic O’Gorman. [74412/25]

*544. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the rail link between Athlone and Mullingar included in the All-Island Strategic Rail Review published in July 2024 has now been removed from its implementation strategy. — Roderic O’Gorman. [74413/25]

*545. To ask the Minister for Transport the office rental costs per annum for staff in his Department and for each agency or organisation under his remit, in each of the years between 2015 and 2025 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74458/25]

*546. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the Fitzwilliam cycle route project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [74473/25]

*547. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on supporting the use of private residential on-street EV charging in Dublin for properties without private parking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [74475/25]

*548. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on approving the use of charging-arms to support on-street EV charging in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [74476/25]

*549. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration has been given to the proposal to provide a grant scheme to support the provision of electric vehicle charging stations at hotels, bed and breakfasts and guesthouses, to encourage their use and relieve pressure on public charger stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74480/25]

*550. To ask the Minister for Transport the total budget for active travel projects across Ireland, in each year, for the past five years. — Maeve O’Connell. [74502/25]

*551. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the provision of a bus shelter on a route (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [74513/25]

*552. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of no-shows for driving tests for category B permits, by test centre each month from 1 January 2025 to date, in tabular form (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [74533/25]

*553. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason Irish citizens returning from abroad who previously held full Irish driving licences are required to wait months for licence reinstatement, leaving them unable to drive to work; and whether he will introduce a fast-track process or interim driving entitlement to prevent undue hardship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74537/25]

*554. To ask the Minister for Transport his views that the current NDLS process treats returning emigrants as first-time applicants, despite their proven driving history; the reforms he will implement to ensure their competence and entitlement are recognised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74538/25]

*555. To ask the Minister for Transport the assessment which has been made of the impact of licence exchange delays on employment, mobility, and rural community; whether he will commit to immediate reform of the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74539/25]

*556. To ask the Minister for Transport when Q3 and Q4 data will be available for a route to determine whether it is performing within the contractual obligations as set out by the National Transport Authority (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [74543/25]

*557. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the decision process (details supplied) for the funding for the Safe Routes to School Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74570/25]

*558. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the low number of awardees for the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council district under the funding for the Safe Routes to School Programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74571/25]

*559. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the low number of awardees for the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council district, particularly compared to the other three local authority areas in Dublin, in relation to the Safe Routes to School Programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74572/25]

*560. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of schools that applied for funding under the Safe Routes to School Programme from the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council district that were not successful (details supplied). — Barry Ward. [74573/25]

*561. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the qualifying criteria and process by which projects were selected in relation to the funding for the Safe Routes to School Programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74574/25]

*562. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will allocate funding to Clare County Council in order that a comprehensive review of the N68 road (Ennis to Kilrush) will be undertaken, with the view to them being in a position to designing significant upgrade works of the carriageway

and submitting these for Departmental funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74607/25]

*563. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the Luas to Lucan project; the expected milestones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [74610/25]

*564. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the Luas to Finglas project; the expected milestones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [74611/25]

*565. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the Luas to Bray project; the expected milestones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [74612/25]

*566. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the Luas to Poolbeg project; the expected milestones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [74613/25]

*567. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the Cork Luas project; the expected milestones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [74614/25]

*568. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the Galway Luas project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [74615/25]

*569. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which BusConnects Corridors will interface with future light rail routes to ensure optimal compatibility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [74616/25]

*570. To ask the Minister for Transport the payroll cost of his Department and of each organisation or agency under its remit individually, in 2015 to 2025, by year, in tabular form. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [74636/25]

*571. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on an article (details supplied) that reported 1,264 cancellations of number 13 bus in the past two months; the reason for this; the measures he will take to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [74649/25]

*572. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding available for additional seating and shelter (details supplied), from 2020 to date in 2025, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [74653/25]

*573. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding will be available during the lifetime of the Government for additional seating and shelter (details supplied), from 2020 to date in 2025, by year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [74654/25]

*574. To ask the Minister for Transport the reasons the Wexford-Waterford rail line was removed from the most recent prioritisation strategy; if this decision can be revised; if there is a contingency in place to support transport infrastructure in the south east; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [74698/25]

*575. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Thurles inner relief road has been submitted for tender; if not, when it is expected to be advertised for tender; to provide a detailed timeline of key

project milestones from planning through to construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [74729/25]

*576. To ask the Minister for Transport the average time for a taxi license application to be processed from start to finish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [74787/25]

*577. To ask the Minister for Transport to consider extending a bus route (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [74796/25]

*578. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the provision of a car park at Parkwest train station; when it will be provided as committed to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [74800/25]

*579. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of junctions nationally equipped with automatic red light enforcement cameras; the number equipped with average speed or fixed speed cameras; the locations of such cameras in the Dublin metropolitan region; if there are plans to expand the deployment of these technologies in view of rising road fatalities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [74802/25]

*580. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of scheduled route 15 bus services that were cancelled or delayed by more than 15 minutes in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [74810/25]

*581. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the deployment of a traffic management system (TMS) within the new National Train Control Centre (NTCC); if TMS will allow passengers to track a DART's live position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [74811/25]

*582. To ask the Minister for Transport the rationale behind the delaying of the Dart+ Southwest project until after 2030 under the National Development Plan Review 2025 Sectoral Investment Plan; when a timeline will be announced for its completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [74845/25]

*583. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of data breaches recorded by his Department in 2025; and the number that were reported to the Data Protection Commissioner. — Cathal Crowe. [74905/25]

*584. To ask the Minister for Transport if retrospective funding will be considered to ensure under active travel the provision of additional public toilets at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [74906/25]

*585. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason private operators are being denied access to a State facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [74913/25]

*586. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the provision of park and ride facilities on the M7 and M9 motorways; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [74915/25]

*587. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department and TII have advanced a dedicated bus lane/emergency lane on the N7 motorway; the progress which has been made; if a report on its feasibility has been carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [74916/25]

*588. To ask the Minister for Transport if a feasibility study will be carried out in respect of developing a greenway along the route of the old railway line from Headford to Kenmare in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74972/25]

*589. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 272 of 18 November 2025, the number of court disqualifications matched manually by the RSA onto driver records each year from 2022 and to date in 2025; the number of mismatches discovered each year by the RSA; the details of how each mismatch was identified; the period left on the disqualification when the mismatch was discovered; how it was addressed by the RSA; if his Department was informed immediately by the RSA of mismatches; and the number of mismatches that were the result of human error, insufficient information recorded on the court order or the disqualification was assigned to an incorrect driver where the driver details were similar. — Emer Currie. [74973/25]

*590. To ask the Minister for Transport the procedure used by the RSA after identifying a mismatch; if they write to the driver who was incorrectly linked to a disqualification; if the RSA attempt to find the correct driver or if the disqualification goes automatically onto the Shell record. — Emer Currie. [74974/25]

*591. To ask the Minister for Transport to request the NTA to provide a Local Link bus service between Beaufort village and Killorglin town in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74979/25]

*592. To ask the Minister for Transport to urgently carryout additional traffic calming measures on the N70 Ring of Kerry road in the vicinity of a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74982/25]

*593. To ask the Minister for Transport to urgently carryout additional traffic calming measures, including replacing the school flashing lights that have a long history of being out of order, on the N70 Ring of Kerry road in the vicinity of a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74983/25]

*594. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people currently waiting for car driving tests in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [74989/25]

*595. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people currently waiting on truck driving tests for both articulated and rigid lorries for each county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [74990/25]

*596. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people currently waiting for bus driving tests for each county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [74991/25]

*597. To ask the Minister for Transport if the decision to cancel the Wexford–Waterford rail line as part of the Strategic Rail Review will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [74992/25]

*598. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 329 of 18 December 2025, to report on the meeting (details supplied) between the Department of Transport officials and the NTA regarding the introduction of the fixed fare model; if he plans to bring any legislative changes in response to the taxi industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [74997/25]

*599. To ask the Minister for Transport to consider offering an option on the TFI App for passengers to report buses being late or not showing up; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [75041/25]

*600. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the statutory instruments required to give legal effect to the May 2025 CIÉ Pension Agreement; and when he expects these instruments to be signed.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [75052/25]

*601. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has received all necessary documentation from CIÉ Corporate to process the relevant statutory instruments; and if not, the information that remains outstanding. — Erin McGreehan. [75053/25]

*602. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he has been requested to approve statutory instruments relating to CIÉ pension schemes; and if so, the timeframe for such approval. — Erin McGreehan. [75054/25]

*603. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the 1951 CIÉ superannuation scheme remains non-compliant with the IORP II Directive, while the regular wages scheme was brought into compliance in 2022. — Erin McGreehan. [75055/25]

*604. To ask the Minister for Transport when approximately 800 pensioners in the 1951 CIÉ superannuation scheme will receive the voucher agreed under the 2019 Labour Court recommendation. — Erin McGreehan. [75056/25]

*605. To ask the Minister for Transport whether legal advice has been sought regarding the CIÉ Executive Board decision in 2009 to cease pension increases in the absence of a statutory instrument; and whether this decision was compliant with the Transport Act 1950. — Erin McGreehan. [75057/25]

*606. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the implications of the Canals Act 1986, including the transfer of assets and staff, have been examined in relation to the pension status of pre-1987 CIÉ employees. — Erin McGreehan. [75058/25]

*607. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of projects in his Department that were delayed in 2023 and 2024 due to the change of document from the Public Spending Code to the Infrastructure Guidelines, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [75118/25]

*608. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a progress report the South Kerry Greenway; if he will ensure the project (details supplied) is expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [75128/25]

*609. To ask the Minister for Transport to urgently re-examine the need for a foot bridge connecting Killarney railway station and Killarney bus station (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [75129/25]

*610. To ask the Minister for Transport to expedite major improvement works to the N86 Tralee to Dingle road (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [75133/25]

*611. To ask the Minister for Transport the precise date on which he or his Department first became aware of a governance dispute between the board of DAA and a person (details supplied); the form in which that information was received; and the actions taken by him or his Department at each subsequent stage to discharge the State's shareholder oversight responsibilities. Details: its Chief Executive. — Ken O'Flynn. [75143/25]

*612. To ask the Minister for Transport if any proposal for a severance, settlement, mediation outcome, or exit arrangement relating to the DAA Chief Executive was submitted to him or his Department in 2025; the dates and monetary values of each proposal; the statutory or policy basis on which his approval was required; and the reasons each proposal was approved, refused, or allowed to lapse. — Ken O'Flynn. [75144/25]

*613. To ask the Minister for Transport the total cost incurred to date by DAA arising from the dispute involving its Chief Executive, including legal fees, mediation costs, investigation costs, external advisers, and salary paid during any period of suspension or leave; and the steps taken by his Department to ensure compliance with public spending rules and value for money. — Ken O'Flynn. [75145/25]

*614. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he was notified in advance of the DAA board's decision to suspend the Chief Executive on full pay pending investigation; whether his consent or views were sought; and the assessment carried out by his Department of the financial, legal, and reputational exposure to the State arising from that decision. — Ken O'Flynn. [75146/25]

*615. To ask the Minister for Transport if any protected disclosures, workplace complaints, or governance concerns were cited to him or his Department as part of the dispute involving the DAA Chief Executive; and to outline the governance framework under which such matters were handled, including independence safeguards, timelines, and reporting obligations to the shareholder. — Ken O'Flynn. [75147/25]

*616. To ask the Minister for Transport the assessment his Department has undertaken of the DAA board's handling of this matter against the code of practice for the governance of State bodies, including board effectiveness, escalation procedures, risk management, and the handling of disputes involving senior executives. — Ken O'Flynn. [75148/25]

*617. To ask the Minister for Transport when he last met the Chair of DAA and when he last met the DAA Chief Executive; the issues discussed at each engagement insofar as they related to governance and executive leadership; and whether formal records or minutes of those engagements were created and retained by his Department. — Ken O'Flynn. [75149/25]

*618. To ask the Minister for Transport the rationale provided to him or his Department for the reported appointment of additional senior executive capacity within DAA during the period of

the Chief Executive's absence; the expected annual cost of those arrangements; and whether his Department assessed alternative options. — Ken O'Flynn. [75150/25]

*619. To ask the Minister for Transport the assurances sought or received from DAA to ensure continuity of executive decision making, operational resilience, and delivery of capital and service programmes at Dublin Airport and Cork Airport during the period in which the Chief Executive was absent from the business. — Ken O'Flynn. [75151/25]

*620. To ask the Minister for Transport the changes, if any, he intends to make to shareholder oversight, escalation protocols, or performance evaluation of boards within commercial State bodies under his remit to prevent a recurrence of prolonged and costly executive governance disputes of this nature. — Ken O'Flynn. [75152/25]

*621. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide additional funding in 2026 to the National Transport Authority for additional Local Link routes in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [75153/25]

*622. To ask the Minister for Transport to expedite works on the N70 Ring of Kerry road and footpaths in Cahersiveen town that are in an extremely shocking and dangerous condition for many years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [75172/25]

*623. To ask the Minister for Transport to expedite works on the N70 Ring of Kerry road which is currently in an extremely poor and dangerous condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [75173/25]

*624. To ask the Minister for Transport to expedite works on the N86 Tralee to Dingle road in County Kerry which is currently in an extremely poor and dangerous condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [75174/25]

*625. To ask the Minister for Transport to expedite works on the Killarney to Farranfore Bypass as Killarney town is congested with traffic on a daily basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [75175/25]

*626. To ask the Minister for Transport to expedite traffic calming measures in Glenbeigh village, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [75176/25]

*627. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road traffic accidents recorded on the N25 between Waterford and Cork for each of the years 2020 to 2025; the accompanying data on traffic volumes for each of the years in question; the approximate locations of accidents; and the number and approximate locations of fatal accidents. — Liam Quaide. [75177/25]

*628. To ask the Minister for Transport for data on traffic flow on the approach to the Jack Lynch Tunnel /Dunkettle Interchange from east Cork (the N25) for each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Liam Quaide. [75184/25]

*629. To ask the Minister for Transport the salary scale that applies to the Secretary General in his Department and to the head of each agency for which they are responsible; whether this scale has changed in the past two years or whether there are proposals to change this scale in the coming period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75205/25]

*630. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount expended on advertising and promotion in his Department, and within each agency for which he is responsible, for 2022 to 2024, by year and budgeted for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75223/25]

*631. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of press, media or communications staff currently employed in his Department and within each agency for which he is responsible; the cost of these staff for 2025 and the expected cost for 2026; whether there are proposals to increase the number of such staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75241/25]

*632. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost to his Department and to each agency for which they are responsible arising from Ireland's presidency of the European Council; the line items or events for which a cost is expected to arise and the estimated cost for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75259/25]

*633. To ask the Minister for Transport the priorities of his Department and each agency for which they are responsible for, in respect of Ireland's presidency of the European Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75277/25]

*634. To ask the Minister for Transport the specific auditing measures that are in place to verify the integrity of South African licence exchanges beyond digital database checks. — Shay Brennan. [1007/26]

*635. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is considering a suspension of the South African licence exchange agreement until the integrity of the "pass" records can be guaranteed, similar to the requirements for US or Indian licence holders. — Shay Brennan. [1008/26]

*636. To ask the Minister for Transport to expedite the Tralee to Listowel Greenway in County Kerry; when work will commence on this project; when it will be completed; the estimated cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1020/26]

*637. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made by the end of 2025 in achieving the following three 2030 sustainable mobility targets, outlined in the National Sustainable Mobility Policy, a 50% increase in daily active travel journeys, a 130% increase in daily public transport journeys and a 20% reduction in total vehicle kilometres travelled by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [1047/26]

*638. To ask the Minister for Transport when the next Sustainable Mobility Policy Action Plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [1048/26]

*639. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions taken with respect to the target set out in the Climate Action Plan 2023-25 to increase the use of alternative fuels in public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [1049/26]

*640. To ask the Minister for Transport if clarification has been provided yet as to the amount of public charging capacity on the public charging network for the number of EVs currently registered in Ireland (as referred to on page 11 of the NDP Sectoral Investment Plan for Transport); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [1050/26]

*641. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the Corrective Action Modelling Project that his Department is developing to correct the trajectory of carbon emissions from the transport sector out to 2030; when will this be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [1051/26]

*642. To ask the Minister for Transport to clarify the meaning of the phrase “a degree of flexibility will be necessary around the prioritization and allocation of funds until such time as this work is completed and decisions have been taken on the specific decarbonisation policy pathway to be pursued” on page 13 of the NDP Sectoral Investment Plan for Transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [1052/26]

*643. To ask the Minister for Transport when the ‘Moving Together’ strategy will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [1053/26]

*644. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures his Department is taking to implement intelligent transport systems technologies in a cohesive manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [1054/26]

*645. To ask the Minister for Transport when the transport orientated development studies for Cork, Limerick, Galway, Waterford and the eastern region respectively, will be completed and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [1055/26]

*646. To ask the Minister for Transport the current rate of construction inflation that his Department uses to model capital costs; if his Department has forecasts for construction inflation in the years 2026 to 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [1056/26]

*647. To ask the Minister for Transport when work will commence on a successor strategy to the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan 2022-26; when the successor plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [1057/26]

*648. To ask the Minister for Transport for a breakdown in number and type of the offence behind disqualification for drivers who were unmatched on the national vehicle and driver file in 2024 and 2025. — Emer Currie. [1066/26]

*649. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road traffic collisions and fatal accidents that involved a disqualified driver in the years 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — Emer Currie. [1067/26]

*650. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of deaths following road traffic collisions that took place at the scene of the accident in comparison to overall fatalities in the years 2020-2025 for Northern Ireland versus Ireland. — Emer Currie. [1077/26]

*651. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 250 of 2 October 2025, the number of mutual recognition (MR) cases received from both Northern Ireland and the UK each year from 2022 to 2025; the number given effect in Irish courts; the number of cases where the disqualification had expired in Northern Ireland and/or the UK before it was recognised in this jurisdiction; the number of MR cases where the summons/application was not served on the driver; the number of unsuccessful outcomes as the judge did not give effect in this jurisdiction; the number that were appealed and had expired before the appeal hearing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1129/26]

*652. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of court notifications since 2020 that he received from the Courts Service of drivers convicted of penalty point offences; the number of these court notifications that did not include a valid driver number; the number that were manually matched by Transport to the correct driver record; the number that could not be matched to the driver; the number where a shell record was created; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1130/26]

*653. To ask the Minister for Transport if the National Vehicle and Driver File Bill 2025 which was due to be enacted by the end of 2025, has been drafted; the timeframe for publishing this Bill in 2026 and to introduce it to Dail Éireann for approval. — Emer Currie. [1131/26]

*654. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the Government's commitment in 2020 to consolidate road traffic legislation which was included in the Programme for Government; the progress made by the dedicated unit set up by his Department in 2024 to work exclusively on consolidation of road traffic Acts; the timeframe proposed to bring the heads of Bill before the Oireachtas Committee on Transport and presented to Dail Éireann in 2026. — Emer Currie. [1132/26]

*655. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 272 of 18 November 2025, to clarify his statement that 'the Road Safety Authority (RSA) has responsibility in relation to the endorsement of penalty points to driver records'. — Emer Currie. [1133/26]

*656. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of drivers who had penalty points incorrectly applied to their driver file record; the agency responsible for these errors; the number of mismatches discovered each year since 2020; the way in which the errors were identified and addressed. — Emer Currie. [1134/26]

*657. To ask the Minister for Transport the reasons for mismatches of penalty points being applied to incorrect driver record file; the procedure after identifying a mismatch; if his Department writes to the driver incorrectly linked to a penalty point offence; if his Department attempts to find the correct driver or if the penalty points are applied automatically onto a shell record on his Department's driver file database. — Emer Currie. [1135/26]

*658. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 177 to 184 of 16 October 2025, No. 265 of 4 November 2025 and No. 212 of 13 November 2025, the reason for the delay in publishing this data and the proposed new date (details supplied). — Emer Currie. [1136/26]

*659. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 262 of 4 November 2025, on the Road Safety Authority's contract with an organisation (details supplied) to manually record court driving disqualifications on the driver record on his NVDF database; his plans to meet with the Road Safety Authority and the organisation to discuss mismatches manually recorded and inputted on NVDF.'. — Emer Currie. [1137/26]

*660. To ask the Minister for Transport the procedure used by his Department to inform drivers of the requirement to surrender their licence to the Road Safety Authority on disqualification; the procedure used to contact drivers when unique driver number has not been captured. — Emer Currie. [1138/26]

*661. To ask the Minister for Transport the procedure used to inform drivers of penalty points applied to their driver record file; the procedure used when a driver number has not been

captured; the procedure then used to inform drivers who had penalty points applied to their driver record in error. — Emer Currie. [1139/26]

*662. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people who died in road traffic collisions in 2025 aged 30 years and under. — Emer Currie. [1140/26]

*663. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the Government's commitment in 2020 to consolidate road traffic legislation which was included in the Programme for Government; the progress made by the dedicated unit set up by his Department in 2024 to work exclusively on consolidation of Road Traffic Acts; the timeframe proposed to bring the Heads of Bill before the Oireachtas Transport Committee and presented to the Dail in 2026. — Emer Currie. [1145/26]

*664. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of WTE revenue prevention managers employed by Iarnród Éireann as of 5 January 2026, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [1159/26]

*665. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of WTE revenue prevention managers employed by Bus Éireann as of 5 January 2026, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [1160/26]

*666. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department is aware of any drivers' licences cancelled in the recent crackdown on fraudulent pass grades for driving tests (details supplied) under the licence exchange agreement; whether his Department has discussed this issue with the NDLS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [1165/26]

*667. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of drivers who had a disqualification incorrectly applied to their driver file record in each of the years 2020 to 2025, in tabular form; and the way in which the errors were identified and addressed. — Emer Currie. [1166/26]

*668. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of drivers who had penalty points incorrectly applied to their driver file record; the agency responsible for these errors; the number of mismatches discovered each year since 2020; and the way in which errors were identified and addressed. — Emer Currie. [1174/26]

*669. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for mismatches of penalty points being applied to incorrect driver record files; the procedure after identifying a mismatch; if the Department write to the drivers who were incorrectly linked to a penalty point offence; if the Department attempt to find the correct driver or if the penalty points are applied automatically onto a shell record on the Department's driver file database. — Emer Currie. [1175/26]

*670. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 177 to 184 of 16 October 2025, No. 265 of 4 November 2025 and No. 212 of 13 November 2025 regarding his Department's project to deep dive into the area of court offence information received without a driver number and his commitment to publishing more complete data on the matching process by the end of 2025; the reason for the delay in publishing this data and the proposed new date. — Emer Currie. [1176/26]

*671. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 262 of 4 November 2025, on the Road Safety Authority's contract with an organisation (details supplied) to manually record court driving disqualifications on the driver record on his NVDF database;

if he has made plans to meet with the Road Safety Authority and the organisation to discuss the mismatches manually recorded and inputted on his database. — Emer Currie. [1177/26]

*672. To ask the Minister for Transport the procedure used by his Department to inform drivers of the requirement to surrender their licence to the Road Safety Authority on disqualification; the procedure used to contact drivers when the unique driver number has not been captured. — Emer Currie. [1178/26]

*673. To ask the Minister for Transport when a driving licence exchange application will be completed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1190/26]

*674. To ask the Minister for Transport if retrospective funding would be considered to ensure under active travel and the provision of additional public toilets at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [1194/26]

*675. To ask the Minister for Transport if insurance companies have the ability to check whether a driver has been disqualified prior to the issue of a policy of motor insurance; and the way in which that process works. — Emer Currie. [1209/26]

*676. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of the non-court assigned penalty points, of which there are 152,721, and non-court disqualifications in 2024 of which there are 3,052, that are foreign licence holders and non-licence holders. — Emer Currie. [1211/26]

*677. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has brought about an end to the use of online apps that for a fee can secure driving test cancellations and skip the waiting list. — Emer Currie. [1276/26]

*678. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driving test applicant can apply to a test centre with a shorter waiting list and when invited to select a test date move to a driving test centre with a longer waiting list therefore jumping the queue. — Emer Currie. [1277/26]

*679. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving testers employed by the RSA for each month in 2024 and January 2025. — Emer Currie. [1278/26]

*680. To ask the Minister for Transport the average waiting time for a first-time car driving test for each month in 2024; and the average waiting time for a car re-test for each month in 2024. — Emer Currie. [1279/26]

*681. To ask the Minister for Transport the date on which first-time driving test waiting lists were amalgamated with the retest waiting list. — Emer Currie. [1280/26]

*682. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 249 on 2 October 2025, when he stated his intension to review the agreement on the mutual recognition of disqualifications between Ireland, Northern Ireland and the UK as set out in the Road Traffic Act 2016, if his Department has started this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1281/26]

*683. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); the timeframe for the payment on this person's RSA compensation claim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [1283/26]

*684. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department keeps a record of disqualification mismatches that were wrongly inputted onto his driver record database by the RSA; if his Department monitors the system used by the RSA to manually match drivers with court disqualifications; if he plans to do a ‘deep dive’ review of the data contained in his driver file database. — Emer Currie. [1301/26]

*685. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the frequency of the No. 7 Bus Átha Cliath route with a view to increasing the divide to at least one bus every 15 minutes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1331/26]

*686. To ask the Minister for Transport when it will be possible for Bus Átha Cliath customers who do not have a Leap card, to buy tickets on board other than with cash; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1332/26]

*687. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he will take to inspect aircraft carrying official US military personnel or property, landing in Ireland to verify the veracity, of their manifest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1335/26]

*688. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of driver testers employed by the Road Safety Authority and working in test centres to date in 2026, by driving test centre, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1347/26]

*689. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the development of the first National Safety Camera Strategy within his Department; the timeline for public consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [1349/26]

*690. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on plans to roll-out a national camera-based enforcement strategy focused on red light violations, bus lane violations and speeding; if he accepts that the increase in collisions and road deaths in 2025 requires an urgent focus on such safety measures to help safeguard all road users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [1351/26]

*691. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress that has been made in expanding Local Link services in Cork; whether additional routes, increased frequency, or evening and weekend services are planned for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [1352/26]

*692. To ask the Minister for Transport the active travel projects that are planned or underway in towns and villages in Cork; the way in which rural communities are being supported to improve walking and cycling infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [1353/26]

*693. To ask the Minister for Transport the investment that is planned to improve rail services serving Mallow to Tralee via Banteer, Millstreet, Rathmore and Killarney, including early morning connectivity (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [1354/26]

*694. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans to address the current capacity and access issues within the transport sector for people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [1355/26]

*695. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to implementing standardised reporting procedures for anomalous or non-cooperative aerial observations by flight crews before the passenger cap in Dublin Airport is lifted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [1356/26]

*696. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans to ensure appropriate safety standards are in place before the lifting of the passenger cap in Dublin Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [1357/26]

*697. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the DART+ North Project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [1374/26]

*698. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that the Road Safety Authority resumes the publication of anonymised, collision location data for public, research and local-authority use, including for high risk corridors such as the Longford/Westmeath section of the N4; and if he will confirm that this will be done in line with Data Protection Commissioner guidance that proportionate publication of crash location details is compatible with GDPR. — Sorca Clarke. [1469/26]

*699. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of court notifications he received from the Courts Service in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, of drivers convicted of penalty points offences; the number of notifications that included a valid driver number; the number without a valid driver number; the number without a driver number that were successfully matched to the correct driver record before the three year penalty point expiry date; the number that could not be matched; and the number each year whereby a shell record was created to record the penalty point offence. — Michael Murphy. [1470/26]

*700. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of court disqualification orders he received from the Courts Service in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, of learner drivers disqualified in court; the number of orders that included the learner permit driver number; the number of disqualification orders without a driver number that were successfully manually matched by the RSA to the correct driver record; the number whereby a shell record was created to record the disqualification; and the number of disqualifications that expired before a match could be found. — Michael Murphy. [1471/26]

*701. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of serious injury collisions in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025; if the data published by the RSA for each year includes data on serious RTC casualties held by hospitals and GPs with that provided by Gardaí. — Michael Murphy. [1472/26]

*702. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people waiting to sit their driving test at Dungarvan test centre as of December 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [1490/26]

*703. To ask the Minister for Transport the average waiting time to be invited to sit a driving test at Dungarvan test centre as of December 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [1491/26]

*704. To ask the Minister for Transport to allow for the exchange of certain or all US drivers licenses (details supplied) for Irish licenses in line with reciprocal arrangements with other countries/states; if he will acknowledge the considerable issues non-allowance causes for many

people who return or move to Ireland to live and work and if he will explain the rationale for excluding certain countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1518/26]

*705. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of times the two double decker buses operating on Route 424, Galway to Lettermullen have broken down or been out of service since their deployment in 2025; the measures being taken to ensure these buses are fit for purpose and to improve reliability on this route (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [1546/26]

*706. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will prioritise funding for section 3 Ennistymon to Miltown Malbay and section 4 Miltown Malbay to Moyasta of the proposed Clare Greenway in 2026, given that these sections were omitted from a funding announcement by his Department in 2025 and are at risk of not advancing through the various pre-construction stages that are required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1553/26]

*707. To ask the Minister for Transport when the national camera based enforcement strategy will be opened for public consultation; the reasons for delay in publishing the draft strategy submitted in May 2025; the timeline for enactment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1584/26]

*708. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the installation of traffic cameras in junctions in Dublin city to catch motorists that break red lights has been shelved (details supplied); his plans to proceed with the installation of traffic cameras at the proposed locations at a later date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1585/26]

*709. To ask the Minister for Transport when the draft report on the flight of Israeli war planes will be published; the reason for the delay in publishing since March 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1586/26]

*710. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department is developing a common policy across public transport for pets. — Maeve O'Connell. [1605/26]

*711. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to introduce congestion pricing in Dublin city centre. — Jen Cummins. [1613/26]

*712. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the implementation of the agreed increases in pensions for former CIÉ employees following the recent staff vote; the estimated timeline for when these changes will be fully implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [1614/26]

*713. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which and when he anticipates the overcrowding on the 316 bus route in County Clare will be alleviated; when the new bus stop at St. Caimins will become operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [1636/26]

*714. To ask the Minister for Transport the PSO provision for bus services in the greater Dublin area from 2020 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1638/26]

*715. To ask the Minister for Transport the PSO provision for bus services nationally from 2020 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1639/26]

*716. To ask the Minister for Transport the total fare revenue from bus services in the greater Dublin area from 2020 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1640/26]

*717. To ask the Minister for Transport the total amount invested in existing bus services versus new services in the greater Dublin area from 2020 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1641/26]

*718. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated total fare revenue nationally if public transport fares are to increase by 10%, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1642/26]

*719. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated total fare revenue nationally if public transport fares are to increase by 20%, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1643/26]

*720. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated total fare revenue nationally if bus fares are to increase by 10%, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1644/26]

*721. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated total fare revenue nationally if bus fares are to increase by 20%, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1645/26]

*722. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of the PSO provision for bus services, by county from 2020 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1646/26]

*723. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 189 of 4 December 2025, and accepting that the High Court declined to grant certiorari in respect of the new street scheme notwithstanding a confirmed breach by Fingal County Council of its statutory obligation to prepare a Local Area Plan, if a number of matters arising for public expenditure governance will be clarified (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [1647/26]

*724. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown of the spending on service control training with transport operators regarding RTPI accuracy, from 2020 to date, broken down per operator, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1654/26]

*725. To ask the Minister for Transport the total amount spent on the Next Generation Automatic Vehicle Location system, broken down per year from 2020 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1655/26]

*726. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated final cost for the full rollout of the NGAVL system nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1656/26]

*727. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of staff devoted to the rollout of the Next Generation Automatic Vehicle Location system, broken down per year from 2020 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1657/26]

*728. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated final cost for the full rollout of the NGAVL system, broken down per operator; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1658/26]

*729. To ask the Minister for Transport the total amount spent on the Next Generation Automatic Vehicle Location system, broken down per operator, per year from 2020 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1659/26]

*730. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated operating cost of the NGAVL system, per annum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1660/26]

*731. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of operating the existing AVL system used by PSO bus operators nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1661/26]

*732. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the NGAVL system; the starting date for the pilot implementation; the expected completion date of the pilot implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1662/26]

*733. To ask the Minister for Transport the first and full year cost of operating a camera at a traffic light, broken down by CapEx and OpEx, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [1664/26]

*734. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he taking to reduce road deaths; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1665/26]

*735. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to prevent red light running; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1666/26]

*736. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the publications of recommendations by an organisation (details supplied) in relation to on street charging cables for homes without driveways or other privately owned spaces to charge EVs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1678/26]

*737. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated total population that will have access to the MetroLink line for commuting and travel.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [1703/26]

*738. To ask the Minister for Transport the provision being made for new bus routes and a bus service for the Clonburris SDZ. — Shane Moynihan. [1704/26]

*739. To ask the Minister for Transport the date on which a supplementary estimate or supplementary estimates was sought in respect of his Department's Vote for each of the past ten years, and to the date in 2026; the gross and net amount involved in each case; and the Vote subheads to which each supplementary estimate related. — Albert Dolan. [1804/26]

*740. To ask the Minister for Transport the value of expenditure originally allocated in the Estimates to specific programmes or staffing measures that could not be spent as planned within

the year for each of the past five years; and whether such underspends were surrendered, carried forward, or reallocated to other areas within the Vote. — Albert Dolan. [1827/26]

*741. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update regarding the rollout date of the N8 airport bus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1836/26]

*742. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide his response to the European Commission's automotive package and his assessment of the package's likely impact on the Irish automotive industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1848/26]

*743. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress on a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1856/26]

*744. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress on a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1857/26]

*745. To ask the Minister for Transport the details in relation to booking a driving test (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1864/26]

*746. To ask the Minister for Transport if, in his deliberations with officials in his Department concerning the lifting of the passenger cap at Dublin Airport, concerns around gaps in airspace oversight, reporting and governance were discussed, particularly in the context of non-cooperative or unidentified aerial observations that may not appear on conventional surveillance systems; if he agrees that Ireland currently lacks clear, mandatory, standardised reporting procedures for anomalous or non-cooperative aerial observations by flight crews; if so, the steps he is taking to remedy this gap; if he will commit to ensuring that reporting procedures, oversight mechanisms and accountability structures are in place before a potential lifting of the passenger cap at Dublin Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [1890/26]

*747. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the Programme for Government commitment to establish a transport security force to address antisocial behaviour on public transport; the actions taken to date to progress this commitment; the timeline for its establishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1915/26]

*748. To ask the Minister for Transport whether legislative changes are required to establish a transport security force; if so, the status of the preparation of such legislation; when it is expected to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1916/26]

*749. To ask the Minister for Transport whether funding has been allocated to date for the establishment and operation of a transport security force; the amounts allocated, if any, in each year since the publication of the Programme for Government; the funding provided for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1917/26]

*750. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the proposed powers, functions and operational remit of the transport security force have been determined, including whether members of the force will have enforcement or arrest powers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1918/26]

*751. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent of consultation undertaken with transport operators, transport workers, trade unions, passenger representative groups and An Garda

Síochána in relation to the establishment of a transport security force; the dates of such consultations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1919/26]

*752. To ask the Minister for Transport the interim measures which are currently in place to protect passengers and staff pending the establishment of a transport security force in light of ongoing reports of antisocial behaviour on public transport and concerns raised by transport workers regarding personal safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1920/26]

*753. To ask the Minister for Transport whether alternative models to a transport security force have been examined, including the establishment of a dedicated public transport policing unit within An Garda Síochána; whether any cost benefit or effectiveness analysis has been carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1923/26]

*754. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of new DART carriages ordered to date under the DART programme, including the most recent order announced in December 2025, the total capital investment committed, and the breakdown of carriages by order batch; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1924/26]

*755. To ask the Minister for Transport the detailed timeline for the manufacture, delivery, testing, commissioning and passenger deployment of the third order of DART carriages announced in December 2025; the expected dates for entry into service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1925/26]

*756. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which the new DART carriages will increase overall passenger capacity on the network, including any projected increase in peak hour capacity once all ordered carriages are in service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1929/26]

*757. To ask the Minister for Transport the contingency arrangements that are in place in the event of delays to the delivery or commissioning of the new DART carriages, including measures to maintain service reliability while older carriages are being replaced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1930/26]

*758. To ask the Minister for Transport the expected operational lifespan of the new DART carriages and the planned timetable for the phased withdrawal of the original DART fleet currently in service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1931/26]

*759. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the TFI Anseo pilot programme, including which service areas it is operating in (such as Achill, Killarney and Limerick) and the latest patronage figures and utilisation data collected to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1932/26]

*760. To ask the Minister for Transport when the National Transport Authority expects to conclude the TFI Anseo pilot, including the planned end date for all current pilot areas, and whether any interim evaluations or reporting milestones have been defined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1933/26]

*761. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details of the criteria and evaluation framework the NTA is using to assess the outcomes of the TFI Anseo pilot, including the key

performance indicators that will determine whether the service is expanded or mainstreamed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1934/26]

*762. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Government or the NTA plans to expand the TFI Anseo smart demand-responsive transport model to additional urban or rural areas, including North County Dublin or other Greater Dublin Area communities; and if so, to set out any timelines and priority criteria for expansion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1935/26]

*763. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the NTA or Transport for Ireland has identified funding requirements and sources for scaling up the TFI Anseo service beyond the pilot phase, including any projected costings for a wider rollout; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1936/26]

*764. To ask the Minister for Transport to clarify how the NTA intends to ensure integration of TFI Anseo with existing public transport services such as Local Link, Bus Éireann and Dublin Area routes, including fare integration and connections to fixed-route services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1937/26]

*765. To ask the Minister for Transport whether there are plans to publish detailed passenger satisfaction and accessibility data specific to the TFI Anseo pilot, including feedback on service hours, booking ease, coverage and accessibility for people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1938/26]

*766. To ask the Minister for Transport when the final funding distribution to the NTA under the Sectoral Investment Plan will be confirmed in full, and to set out the expected timeline thereafter for the NTA to publish its detailed investment plan covering all public transport projects within its remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1940/26]

*767. To ask the Minister for Transport the performance metrics and reporting arrangements by which the NTA will track and report progress on the delivery of major transport programmes under the National Development Plan between 2026 and 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1941/26]

*768. To ask the Minister for Transport to clarify the way in which community engagement and stakeholder consultation will be integrated into the delivery process for major NTA-led projects within the Sectoral Investment Plan; the mechanisms that are in place to ensure local inputs are considered throughout project development and delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1942/26]

*769. To ask the Minister for Transport whether additional detail can be provided on the NTA's strategic priorities for public transport investment over the period to 2030, specifically on the way these align with targets on sustainability, modal shift, accessibility and climate commitments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1943/26]

*770. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of work to improve accessibility of public transport services for persons with disabilities, including planned upgrades to stations, vehicles and service information systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1944/26]

*771. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a timeline for the completion of accessibility upgrades on train station platforms, bus stops and other public transport infrastructure nationwide, including specific targets for Dublin and North County Dublin localities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1945/26]

*772. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures in place to ensure consistent provision of real-time accessible travel information (audio, visual and tactile) across all modes of public transport for persons with sensory or cognitive disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1946/26]

*773. To ask the Minister for Transport the way the National Transport Authority and transport operators are ensuring that training for staff interacting with passengers with disabilities (including frontline drivers and customer service personnel) is standardised and implemented across all services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1947/26]

*774. To ask the Minister for Transport the planned enhancements to accessible transport options (including demand-responsive services like Anseo and Local Link) in rural and urban areas to address gaps highlighted in committee discussions on transport for persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1948/26]

*775. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has reviewed the barriers to independent travel experienced by persons with disabilities, including physical infrastructure, service frequency, and wayfinding supports, and if so to publish a summary of findings and planned actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1949/26]

*776. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details of the engagement with disability representative organisations undertaken during the development and implementation of transport accessibility improvements; the way in which feedback from those organisations has been incorporated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1952/26]

*777. To ask the Minister for Transport whether as part of the redesign of the Rush Lusk Railway Station entrance and the railway order application for the DART+ Coastal North scheme there will be an increase in the number of parking spaces in the station car park taking into account the rise in demand for parking since the fare increases for Skerries commuters and the expected population growth in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1953/26]

*778. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any product or service purchased from Israel or the Occupied Territories by his Department in 2025, broken down by description and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1990/26]

*779. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department, or any body under its aegis, has funded, or is funding, other than where legal costs were awarded against the employer by a court or tribunal, the legal costs of any current or concluded litigation taken by an employee or former employee against that Department or body, in each of the past five years; if so, to provide details of the number of such cases, the bodies involved, and the total costs incurred in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2030/26]

*780. To ask the Minister for Transport the basis on which his Department, or a body under its aegis, may fund the legal costs of an employee or former employee in litigation where that

employee is in dispute with, or taking proceedings against, the same body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2048/26]

*781. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the funding of employee legal costs in disputes against his Department, or a body under its aegis, is standard practice; if not, the circumstances in which such funding may be permitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2066/26]

*782. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the guidance, codes, circulars or directions that govern the payment of legal costs by his Department, and bodies under its aegis, in employment-related disputes, including any requirements under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies or Departmental sanction arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2084/26]

*783. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the funding of employee legal costs in litigation against the employing body could give rise to governance, accountability, or value for money concerns; whether his Department has issued any guidance in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2102/26]

*784. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has reviewed, or intends to review, the practice of Departments, and bodies under their aegis, funding legal costs in employment disputes involving those same bodies; and if so, the outcome or timeline for such a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2120/26]

*785. To ask the Minister for Transport whether arrangements to fund legal costs in employment disputes involving his Department, or bodies under its aegis, require the prior approval of his Department or the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2138/26]

*786. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide data on bus stops (details supplied), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [2160/26]

*787. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide data on bus stops (details supplied), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [2161/26]

*788. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide data on bus travelling speeds (details supplied), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [2162/26]

*789. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide data on bus travelling speeds (details supplied), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [2163/26]

*790. To ask the Minister for Transport the details on driver swaps (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [2164/26]

*791. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an updated list of all schools in County Louth currently participating in the Safe Routes to School Programme; and if he will outline the most recent status of each school, including any newly added schools or those

progressing through assessment or implementation.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [2221/26]

*792. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department is using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the Department are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2256/26]

*793. To ask the Minister for Transport whether any agencies or other bodies under his remit are using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the organisation are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2274/26]

*794. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is considering the rolling out of further average speed zones nationwide; the lessons from existing zones regarding the effectiveness and suitability or otherwise of this measure as a road safety initiative in respect of various categories of road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [2293/26]

*795. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the work of the Learner Driver Support Programme (details supplied); the actions he will take to engage with their work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [2355/26]

*796. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider meeting with the operators of the Learner Driver Support Programme (details supplied) to discuss their work and offer support to their cause; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [2356/26]

*797. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any initiatives proposed to target road safety messages at the 16–25 year old age bracket following statistics published by the RSA that outline that this cohort is statistically the most at risk of death or serious injury on Irish roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [2357/26]

*798. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding work ongoing in his Department that seeks to address the number of fatalities on Irish roads; the type of initiatives which are under consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [2358/26]

*799. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the merits of creating a mechanism for a pilot programme of the Learner Driver Support Programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [2359/26]

*800. To ask the Minister for Transport regarding any research ongoing within his Department into the experiences of other countries/ districts that have implemented a Learner Driver Support Programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [2360/26]

*801. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will ring-fence Clare Greenway funding for sections three (Ennistymon and Miltown Malbay) and section four (Miltown Malbay to Moyasta) (details supplied) in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [2364/26]

*802. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are mandatory procedures for reporting sightings of unidentified flying aircraft such as drones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [2365/26]

*803. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of complaints received that both ticket vending machines at Skerries railway station have not been accepting card payments since before Christmas 2025; when the issue was first reported to Iarnród Éireann; the nature of the fault; the steps taken to resolve it to date; and when full functionality will be restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2374/26]

*804. To ask the Minister for Transport whether Iarnród Éireann has identified the reason the card payment failure at both ticket machines in Skerries railway station has persisted for several weeks; whether the issue relates to hardware, software, connectivity or payment service provider problems; and the measures in place to prevent similar prolonged outages at stations on the Northern Commuter Line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2375/26]

*805. To ask the Minister for Transport the options available to passengers at Skerries railway station during periods where ticket vending machines are not accepting card payments; the safeguards in place to ensure passengers are not penalised or overcharged due to equipment failure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2376/26]

*806. To ask the Minister for Transport whether compensation or fare adjustments are available to passengers who have incurred additional costs or inconvenience as a result of prolonged ticket machine outages at Skerries railway station; whether complaints data is recorded and reviewed by Iarnród Éireann and the National Transport Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2377/26]

*807. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a list of the top ten capital or programme projects delivered by his Department or its agencies over the past three years which were completed on time and within the originally approved budget; the project name, location, delivery timeframe, original approved budget, final outturn cost, and delivery body, for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2438/26]

*808. To ask the Minister for Transport to detail the annual spend on external consultants by his Department and its agencies in each of the past three years; the number of consultancy contracts, the largest individual consultancy engagements by value, and whether internal capacity-building or cost-benefit assessments were undertaken prior to engaging external consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2456/26]

*809. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a list, for each of the past three years of the top ten projects per annum delivered by his Department or its agencies which were completed late and over the originally approved budget; the project name, location, original approved completion date, actual completion date, original approved budget, final outturn cost, cost overrun expressed in euro and percentage terms, and the delivery body for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2474/26]

*810. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of electrified buses Dublin Bus and Bus Eireann have in service respectively; the number not in service; the number of garages Dublin Bus and Bus Eireann operate; the number of these garages that have capacity to charge electric buses; the number of charging points Dublin Bus and Bus Eireann have in operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2514/26]

*811. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department is measuring the emissions impact of the bypass that is being built by the State for an event (details supplied); the measures being put in place to provide viable public transport options to the venue for an event (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [2908/26]

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

*812. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the Karshan Disclosure Opportunity Guidance; if the Government has assessed whether this scheme complies with EU law (Art. 31 Charter, Directive 2003/88/EC). — Mairéad Farrell. [74843/25]

*813. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the cost of making the carer's allowance, including the half-rate carer's allowance, exempt from tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [1960/26]

*814. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason his predecessor effectively vetoed a proposal to borrow €100 million for defence spending under the Security Action for Europe (SAFE) programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [73918/25]

*815. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the cost of extending the scope of tax relief at the standard rate of tax to routine dental treatment to cover preventative and rehabilitative treatments currently excluded including direct restorations (fillings within the mouth), all extractions and dentures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [73940/25]

*816. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the cost of restoring tax relief at the marginal rate of tax for existing non routine dental treatment for which income tax relief at the standard rate of tax is currently available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [73941/25]

*817. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the safeguards and oversight mechanisms in place to ensure special purpose entities/section 110 companies are only used to create a bona fide securitisation and structured finance; the number of SPEs/S.110 companies that have had their registration as an SPE/S.110 company revoked or declined, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [74049/25]

*818. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated share of the €1.24 trillion in assets now held in Irish special purpose entities/section 110 companies related to the Irish economy and economic activity in this State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [74050/25]

*819. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will provide the total number of non-Irish domiciled companies i.e. incorporated in another jurisdiction but fulfil the tax residency test in Ireland; the number of non-domiciled section 110 companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [74051/25]

*820. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide the number of charitable trusts that own special purpose entities/section 110 companies; the number of SPEs owned by each charitable trust, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [74052/25]

*821. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total corporation tax paid by special purpose entities/section 110 companies for the most recent year data is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [74053/25]

*822. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to set out the procedure for suspending a double taxation treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [74054/25]

*823. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the percentage share and value of securitised mortgages held by each bank in the State; the share of securitised mortgages that have been used as collateral with the ECB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [74055/25]

*824. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 252 of 20 March 2025, the reason Jersey does not appear on the list of double taxation agreements; if other jurisdictions have not been included; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [74056/25]

*825. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for a breakdown of market assets pledged by Irish banks to the ECB as collateral by Government securities, asset-back securities, corporate bonds, banks bonds etc. — Pearse Doherty. [74057/25]

*826. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide a list of AI pilot projects which have taken place in his Department within the past 12 months; the expenditure associated with those projects; and whether they are still ongoing, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [74133/25]

*827. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether standards or service-level targets exist for his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department, in responding to correspondence from members of local authorities; if compliance with such standards is monitored; the reasons for delays or failures to respond to correspondence from elected members; and the measures being taken to ensure more consistent and timely communication going forward. — Sorca Clarke. [74271/25]

*828. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department will provide medical exemption for VAT for the athletic rehab therapy sector. — Tom Brabazon. [74385/25]

*829. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the office rental costs per annum for staff in his Department and for each agency or organisation under his remit, in each of the years between 2015 and 2025 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74448/25]

*830. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will direct the Central Bank to issue guidance requiring insurers to recognise documented foreign no-claims bonuses, given that some insurers already accept them; and whether he will ensure consistency across the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74535/25]

*831. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on whether the refusal of insurers to honour foreign driving histories unfairly penalises returning emigrants and undermines Government policy to attract skilled workers home; the steps he will take to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74536/25]

*832. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the payroll cost of his Department and of each organisation or agency under its remit individually, in 2015 to 2025, by year, in tabular form. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [74626/25]

*833. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to reduce income tax for working families with children under five, given the unique financial pressure during these early years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [74829/25]

*834. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the Karshan Disclosure Opportunity Guidance, and if he will provide information on the authorisation for this disclosure scheme, if Cabinet approval was sought; the reason the scheme limits disclosures to 2024–2025, when Karshan dealt with misclassification from 2010; the legal basis for the Revenue Commissioners to disregard workers' backdated entitlements while collecting tax arrears; the reason workers' representatives and unions were not consulted before launch; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [74840/25]

*835. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the position regarding the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [74846/25]

*836. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason a person (details supplied) was refused a refund on some VAT items; if the Revenue Commission will reconsider a VAT refund for the items; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [74862/25]

*837. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of data breaches recorded by his Department in 2025; and the number that were reported to the Data Protection Commissioner. — Cathal Crowe. [74895/25]

*838. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has calculated the impact of Budget 2026 on the disposable income of disabled households; if so, to provide those calculations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75010/25]

*839. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 377 of 16 of December 2025, to detail each obligation that no longer apply to covered institutions as a direct result of the revocation of the eligible liabilities guarantee scheme, and the Credit Institutions (Financial Support) Act 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [75014/25]

*840. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of projects in his Department that were delayed in 2023 and 2024 due to the change of document from the Public Spending Code to the Infrastructure Guidelines, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [75110/25]

*841. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the EU laws his officials were referring to when they advised against targeted VAT changes in their pre-Budget 2026 submission as described in the media (details supplied). — Eoin Hayes. [75171/25]

*842. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the salary scale that applies to the Secretary General in his Department and to the head of each agency for which they are responsible; whether this scale has changed in the past two years or whether there are proposals to change this scale in the coming period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75195/25]

*843. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the amount expended on advertising and promotion in his Department, and within each agency for which he is responsible, for 2022 to 2024, by year and budgeted for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75213/25]

*844. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of press, media or communications staff currently employed in his Department and within each agency for which he is responsible; the cost of these staff for 2025 and the expected cost for 2026; whether there are proposals to increase the number of such staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75231/25]

*845. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated cost to his Department and to each agency for which they are responsible arising from Ireland's presidency of the European Council; the line items or events for which a cost is expected to arise and the estimated cost for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75249/25]

*846. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the priorities of his Department and each agency for which they are responsible for, in respect of Ireland's presidency of the European Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75267/25]

*847. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance in relation to statements made by his predecessor (details supplied) if the former Minister for Finance met with the CEO of non-lending non-banks known as vulture funds; to outline any engagement between his Department and vulture funds since 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1070/26]

*848. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total number of renters who claimed the renters tax credit in 2025; the average value of the tax credit claimed; and the breakdown of the number of claims and average claim by local authority area, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1151/26]

*849. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of sheriff warrants issued by the Revenue Commissioners in 2025; and the total amount of tax involved in those warrants. — Conor D. McGuinness. [1154/26]

*850. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his plans to increase income tax exemption limits for persons over 65 years of age. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [1192/26]

*851. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners insist on the 1% stamp duty rate on new residential properties being applied to the selling price of the new property as opposed to the selling price minus the 13.5% VAT rate (details supplied); and the procedure that is in place to ensure reimbursement of the overpayment of stamp duty. — Séamus McGrath. [1350/26]

*852. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will address concerns and consider a proposal (details supplied), regarding State-backed saving products to preserve their real purchasing power over time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1466/26]

*853. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the tax expenditures evaluations that will take place in 2026; if they will be made publicly available; and if so, when will they be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [1494/26]

*854. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if State savings will introduce a new savings product that will at least match if not beat inflation as per the UK’s equivalent NS&I Index-Linked Savings Certificates, noting that the return from the current State savings products do not match inflation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [1519/26]

*855. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the position regarding the changes being made to the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [1571/26]

*856. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if, noting annual inflation for the 12 months to December 2025, State Savings will introduce a new savings product that will at least match, if not surpass, inflation in a similar manner to the UK’s equivalent NS&I Index Linked Savings Certificates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1617/26]

*857. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his plans to utilise State Savings products to support housing delivery; the expected level of funding to come through the ISS for housing delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [1631/26]

*858. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the date on which a supplementary estimate or supplementary estimates was sought in respect of his Department’s Vote for each of the past ten years, and to the date in 2026; the gross and net amount involved in each case; and the Vote subheads to which each supplementary estimate related. — Albert Dolan. [1792/26]

*859. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the value of expenditure originally allocated in the Estimates to specific programmes or staffing measures that could not be spent as planned within the year for each of the past five years; and whether such underspends were surrendered, carried forward, or reallocated to other areas within the Vote. — Albert Dolan. [1815/26]

*860. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total estimated corporate tax take and the percentage that will be ‘saved not spent’ that is, used to pay down debt or transferred to a sovereign wealth or investment future fund in 2024, 2025 and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1831/26]

*861. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 92 of 5 November 2025, if he will ensure that employment is protected and the branch network retained in the event of the sale of a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [1884/26]

*862. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to extending the Class A threshold in Capital Acquisitions Tax (CAT) to include bereaved partners in longstanding relationships, not covered by either marriage or the Civil Partnership Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1954/26]

*863. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to outline the current practice with respect to the creation of an import declaration and the payment of VAT and import duties by a courier

company; if it is a legal requirement that such companies or their appointed debt collection agencies must provide documentary proof of the amounts paid when pursuing collection of such fees from the affected third party consumer; if not, if his Department is considering the introduction of such a requirement or the prohibiting of debt collection activity while a charge remains unverified or disputed; the further measures being considered by his Department to ensure that such charges can be independently verified by the consumer before payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [1961/26]

*864. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the position regarding any product or service purchased from Israel or the Occupied Territories by his Department in 2025, broken down by description and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1980/26]

*865. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department, or any body under its aegis, has funded, or is funding, other than where legal costs were awarded against the employer by a court or tribunal, the legal costs of any current or concluded litigation taken by an employee or former employee against that Department or body, in each of the past five years; if so, to provide details of the number of such cases, the bodies involved, and the total costs incurred in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2020/26]

*866. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the basis on which his Department, or a body under its aegis, may fund the legal costs of an employee or former employee in litigation where that employee is in dispute with, or taking proceedings against, the same body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2038/26]

*867. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the funding of employee legal costs in disputes against his Department, or a body under its aegis, is standard practice; if not, the circumstances in which such funding may be permitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2056/26]

*868. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to outline the guidance, codes, circulars or directions that govern the payment of legal costs by his Department, and bodies under its aegis, in employment-related disputes, including any requirements under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies or Departmental sanction arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2074/26]

*869. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the funding of employee legal costs in litigation against the employing body could give rise to governance, accountability, or value for money concerns; whether his Department has issued any guidance in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2092/26]

*870. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has reviewed, or intends to review, the practice of Departments, and bodies under their aegis, funding legal costs in employment disputes involving those same bodies; and if so, the outcome or timeline for such a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2110/26]

*871. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether arrangements to fund legal costs in employment disputes involving his Department, or bodies under its aegis, require the prior approval of his Department or the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2128/26]

*872. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether Revenue has identified particular towns, road corridors or entry points in the Border region where illicit roll-your-own tobacco activity is concentrated; the additional actions being directed toward these areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [2184/26]

*873. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of illicit tobacco manufacturing facilities, including any roll-your-own production sites, that have been detected or dismantled in the Border region over the past five years; the quantities of product seized in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [2187/26]

*874. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the resources currently allocated to Revenue for the enforcement of controls on illicit roll-your-own tobacco, including staffing levels, specialist units and detection technology; if any additional measures are planned to strengthen enforcement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Maxwell. [2188/26]

*875. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total number of individual custom inspections conducted on incoming air and sea passengers at each individual port and airport in the State, in each of the years 2019 to 2025 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [2189/26]

*876. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the way in which Revenue will track the implementation of the new regulation on the seizure of tobacco from passengers found to be carrying in excess of duty-free limits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [2190/26]

*877. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide data for 2025 on the number of cigarette and tobacco seizures carried out by the Revenue Commissioners; the location of each seizure; the volume and value of each seizure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [2191/26]

*878. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of fines issued by the courts for offences related to tobacco smuggling and its illicit sale in each of the years 2023 to 2025, the number of fines that were paid and remain unpaid for each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [2192/26]

*879. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the breakdown of the number of enforcement and trade facilitation staff at Dublin Airport in each of the years 2019-2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [2193/26]

*880. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department is using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the Department are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2246/26]

*881. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether any agencies or other bodies under his remit are using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the organisation are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2264/26]

*882. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the actions being taken by his Department to ensure that banks and financial institutions continue to provide accessible, non-digital banking services for older people, particularly those living in rural areas; whether consideration is being given to requiring banks to offer alternative payment authorisation options for customers who do not use smartphones or online banking, including in-branch or community-based supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [2280/26]

*883. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will obtain the position of the Revenue Commissioners on a policy matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2303/26]

*884. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners, working on a multi-agency basis with An Garda Síochána and others, have identified any links between illicit roll-your-own tobacco activity and organised crime networks; the extent of such involvement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2305/26]

*885. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if Revenue has identified any increase in the sale of illicit roll-your-own tobacco via online platforms or social media; the enforcement tools available to address this activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [2366/26]

*886. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide a list of the top ten capital or programme projects delivered by his Department or its agencies over the past three years which were completed on time and within the originally approved budget; the project name, location, delivery timeframe, original approved budget, final outturn cost, and delivery body, for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2428/26]

*887. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to detail the annual spend on external consultants by his Department and its agencies in each of the past three years; the number of consultancy contracts, the largest individual consultancy engagements by value, and whether internal capacity-building or cost-benefit assessments were undertaken prior to engaging external consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2446/26]

*888. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide a list, for each of the past three years of the top ten projects per annum delivered by his Department or its agencies which were completed late and over the originally approved budget; the project name, location, original approved completion date, actual completion date, original approved budget, final outturn cost, cost overrun expressed in euro and percentage terms, and the delivery body for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2464/26]

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

*889. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 248 of 6 March 2025, to provide an update on works to upgrade a Garda station (details supplied); the full amount expended to date on this upgrade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [1838/26]

*890. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the position regarding the Thomastown flood relief scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [73924/25]

*891. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the planned funding of coastal protection works at Cahore, county Wexford; the future funding plans to develop these further; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [73998/25]

*892. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his plans and budgets provided in 2026, 2027 and 2028 to address coastal erosion. — Malcolm Byrne. [73999/25]

*893. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for a list of addresses, properties and sites owned by the Office of Public Works which are vacant or derelict; and the reasons, in tabular form. — Roderic O’Gorman. [74007/25]

*894. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if ground rents are paid by the Office of Public Works on public buildings; and, if so, for a list of buildings for which ground rents are paid; the amount paid per year; and the landlord to which it’s paid, in tabular form. — Roderic O’Gorman. [74008/25]

*895. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide a list of AI pilot projects which have taken place in his Department within the past 12 months; the expenditure associated with those projects; and whether they are still ongoing, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [74139/25]

*896. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if standards or service-level targets exist for his Department, or bodies under the aegis of his Department, in responding to correspondence from members of local authorities; if compliance with such standards is monitored; the reasons for delays or failures to respond to correspondence from elected members; and the measures being taken to ensure more consistent and timely communication going forward. — Sorca Clarke. [74254/25]

*897. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the current status of Bunadobber Mill, County Mayo (details supplied); and the details of any plans or intended actions for its development and public access going forward. — Paul Lawless. [74287/25]

*898. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the office rental costs per annum for staff in his Department and for each agency or organisation under his remit, in each of the years between 2015 and 2025 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74454/25]

*899. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he is aware of the issues surrounding a new sign; if a new replacement sign will be supplied (details supplied); the way in which he will ensure that future signage issues of this nature do not continue to recur. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [74532/25]

*900. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the payroll cost of his Department and of each organisation or agency under its remit individually, in 2015 to 2025, by year, in tabular form. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [74632/25]

*901. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if it has been brought to his attention that the EU whistleblower protection directive mandates that member states provide free, comprehensive legal aid and support for whistleblowers, and yet Ireland remains uncompliant with this directive; the steps the Government is taking or will be taking to ensure whistleblowers are provided with immediate and free legal aid. — Paul Murphy. [74700/25]

*902. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the reason carbon tax revenue, which was hypothecated for environmental and climate action purposes, was allocated to the Department of Social Protection; if he will provide a full breakdown of how any unspent carbon tax funds returned to his Department were subsequently reallocated annually since 2019; the breakdown of how carbon tax revenues have been allocated since 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [74817/25]

*903. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the breakdown of the allocated money that will be taken from the infrastructure, climate and nature fund to support the development of the MetroLink; if money will be taken directly from climate initiatives as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [74844/25]

*904. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of data breaches recorded by his Department in 2025; and the number that were reported to the Data Protection Commissioner. — Cathal Crowe. [74901/25]

*905. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the significant practical challenges which exist with regard to the reinterment of a person (details supplied) in Glasnevin Cemetery where space is available; the steps that have been taken to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [74971/25]

*906. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 337 of 18 December 2025, to report on the work of the accelerating infrastructure taskforce; the membership of the taskforce; the number of times they have met; the date on which these engagements took place and what was discussed; when he anticipates the “possible proposals for change within the infrastructure project delivery system” will be “made clear” and published; to confirm what is clear at this stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [74996/25]

*907. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total fiscal savings to the Exchequer from not repeating the once-off supports provided in Budget 2025, including electricity credits, lump-sum payments and double-week bonuses; and how these savings were factored into Budget 2026 allocations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75007/25]

*908. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if Budget 2026 was equality-proofed and disability-proofed, and to publish the assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75008/25]

*909. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of projects that were delayed in 2023 and 2024 due to the change of document from the Public Spending Code to the Infrastructure Guidelines, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [75080/25]

*910. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the safeguards which are in place to ensure the operational independence of the Ombudsman, the Information Commissioner, the Commissioner for Environmental Information and the Protected Disclosures Commissioner, given that these statutory roles are held by the same officeholder and supported by the same organisational structure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75090/25]

*911. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the assessment his Department has made of potential conflicts of interest arising in cases where a member of the public may first engage with the Ombudsman regarding a complaint against a public body, and subsequently require an FOI appeal to the Information Commissioner relating to the same matter, given that both functions are exercised by the same individual; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75091/25]

*912. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether separate staff, decision-making structures or internal firewalls exist within the Office of the Ombudsman to ensure functional separation between the Ombudsman, Information Commissioner, Environmental Information Commissioner and Protected Disclosures Commissioner roles; the way in which these safeguards are monitored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75092/25]

*913. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether his Department has conducted any review comparing Ireland's consolidation of the Ombudsman, Information Commissioner, Environmental Information Commissioner and Protected Disclosures Commissioner roles with international best practice; and whether consideration has been given to separating these functions to enhance public confidence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75093/25]

*914. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the steps which are being taken to ensure that the public can have full confidence in the independence and impartiality of statutory oversight bodies housed within the Office of the Ombudsman, particularly in circumstances where the same office holder adjudicates multiple aspects of a dispute; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75094/25]

*915. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the governance or risk assessments which have been undertaken regarding the concentration of multiple statutory oversight functions within a single office; whether his Department has evaluated if this structure remains appropriate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75095/25]

*916. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the way the independence of the Protected Disclosures Commissioner is safeguarded when the role is held by the same individual who also serves as Ombudsman and Information Commissioner; if any review has been undertaken to assess whether this structure may deter potential whistleblowers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75097/25]

*917. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his Department's plans to review the statutory model under which the Ombudsman simultaneously holds the roles of Information Commissioner, Environmental Information Commissioner and Protected Disclosures Commissioner, with a view to determining whether structural separation would strengthen transparency and public trust; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75098/25]

*918. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the salary scale that applies to the Secretary General in his Department and to the head of each agency for which they are responsible; whether this scale has changed in the past two years or whether there are proposals to change this scale in the coming period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75201/25]

*919. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the amount expended on advertising and promotion in his Department, and within each agency for which he is responsible, for 2022 to 2024, by year and budgeted for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75219/25]

*920. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of press, media or communications staff currently employed in his Department and within each agency for which he is responsible; the cost of these staff for 2025 and the expected cost for 2026; whether there are proposals to increase the number of such staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75237/25]

*921. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the estimated cost to his Department and to each agency for which they are responsible arising from Ireland's presidency of the European Council; the line items or events for which a cost is expected to arise and the estimated cost for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75255/25]

*922. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the priorities of his Department and each agency for which they are responsible for, in respect of Ireland's presidency of the European Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75273/25]

*923. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to expedite the Tralee flood relief scheme in County Kerry; when works will commence; the estimated timeframe for the proposed works to be completed; the estimated cost of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1021/26]

*924. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to expedite the Kenmare flood relief scheme in County Kerry; when works will commence; the estimated timeframe for the proposed works to be completed; the estimated cost of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1022/26]

*925. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to expedite the Clieveragh flood relief scheme in County Kerry; when works will commence; the estimated timeframe for the proposed works to be completed; the estimated cost of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1023/26]

*926. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to expedite the Abbeydorney flood relief scheme in County Kerry; when works will commence; the estimated timeframe for the proposed works to be completed; the estimated cost of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1024/26]

*927. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to prepare a coastal protection scheme for Banna in County Kerry; when this proposal will be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1025/26]

*928. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation when the urgent coastal protection works at Rossbeigh Beach in County Kerry will be carried out; they will be carried out prior to the summer season; the cost of these measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1026/26]

*929. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to expedite the Cromane flood relief scheme in County Kerry; if the proposed works will commence prior to the summer season; the estimated timeframe for the proposed works to be completed; the estimated cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1027/26]

*930. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to expedite a coastal protection scheme in the vicinity of the car park in Ballyheigue, County Kerry which was damaged during storm Bram; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1028/26]

*931. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to expedite a coastal protection scheme in the vicinity of the toilets at White Strand, Cahersiveen, County Kerry before they are washed away; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1029/26]

*932. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to expedite a coastal protection scheme for Waterville in County Kerry that is subjected to continuous coastal erosion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1030/26]

*933. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the origin of the statistics on hours lost due to congestion on page 21 of the 'Accelerating Infrastructure Report and Action Plan'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [1041/26]

*934. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation when the study of major capital projects reviewed by the Major Protects Advisory Group as of mid-2025, undertaken by DPERs National Investment Office (and referenced on p30 of the 'Accelerating Infrastructure Report and Action Plan'), will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [1042/26]

*935. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the average period of weeks for a major capital project to go through the entire Approval Gate 1 process, as determined by the study of major capital projects reviewed by the

Major Protects Advisory Group as of mid-2025, undertaken by DPERs National Investment Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [1043/26]

*936. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the average period of weeks for a major capital project to go through the entire Approval Gate 2 process, as determined by the study of major capital projects reviewed by the Major Protects Advisory Group as of mid-2025, undertaken by DPERs National Investment Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [1044/26]

*937. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the average period of weeks for a major capital project to go through the entire Approval Gate 3 process, as determined by the study of major capital projects reviewed by the Major Protects Advisory Group as of mid-2025, undertaken by DPERs National Investment Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [1045/26]

*938. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the percentage of the 2025 Capital Budget allocation for the OPW that was spent; and if any underspent allocation will be automatically transferred onto the 2026 Capital Budget allocation for the OPW. — Conor D. McGuinness. [1158/26]

*939. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to list all the OPW owned sites in Galway, in tabular form. — Louis O’Hara. [1265/26]

*940. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if, in light of increasing visitor numbers to Athassel Abbey, County Tipperary, he will direct the Office of Public Works to assess current public access arrangements at the site; whether options such as a kissing gate or similar controlled access solution, successfully implemented at Hoare Abbey will be examined to improve safety for visitors; and the anticipated timeframe for such an assessment. — Michael Murphy. [1569/26]

*941. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on the progress and current timeline for the development of the Children’s Court building on Hammond Lane; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [1765/26]

*942. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if the Office of Public Works has received or is considering proposals for the use of a vacant OPW-owned building physically adjoining a primary school (details supplied); if the OPW has assessed the suitability of this building for educational use in light of the school’s overcrowded conditions and lack of special education and sensory space; and the steps being taken to ensure that State-owned property assets are deployed in a manner consistent with child safeguarding, efficient daytime use, and local educational need. — Michael Murphy. [1772/26]

*943. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the date on which a supplementary estimate or supplementary estimates was sought in respect of his Department’s Vote for each of the past ten years, and to the date in 2026; the gross and net amount involved in each case; and the Vote subheads to which each supplementary estimate related. — Albert Dolan. [1800/26]

*944. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the value of expenditure originally allocated in the Estimates to specific programmes or staffing measures that could not be spent as planned within the year for each of the past five years; and whether such underspends were surrendered, carried forward, or reallocated to other areas within the Vote. — Albert Dolan. [1821/26]

*945. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the steps being taken to accelerate the delivery of critical infrastructure and housing in line with the recommendations of the Accelerating Infrastructure Report and Action Plan; the way in which these reforms will be prioritised for the midlands region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [1873/26]

*946. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the position regarding any product or service purchased from Israel or the Occupied Territories by his Department in 2025, broken down by description and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1986/26]

*947. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether his Department, or any body under its aegis, has funded, or is funding, other than where legal costs were awarded against the employer by a court or tribunal, the legal costs of any current or concluded litigation taken by an employee or former employee against that Department or body, in each of the past five years; if so, to provide details of the number of such cases, the bodies involved, and the total costs incurred in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2026/26]

*948. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the basis on which his Department, or a body under its aegis, may fund the legal costs of an employee or former employee in litigation where that employee is in dispute with, or taking proceedings against, the same body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2044/26]

*949. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether the funding of employee legal costs in disputes against his Department, or a body under its aegis, is standard practice; if not, the circumstances in which such funding may be permitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2062/26]

*950. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to outline the guidance, codes, circulars or directions that govern the payment of legal costs by his Department, and bodies under its aegis, in employment-related disputes, including any requirements under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies or Departmental sanction arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2080/26]

*951. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether the funding of employee legal costs in litigation against the employing body could give rise to governance, accountability, or value for money concerns; whether his Department has issued any guidance in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2098/26]

*952. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether his Department has reviewed, or intends to review, the practice of Departments, and bodies under their aegis, funding legal costs in employment disputes involving

those same bodies; and if so, the outcome or timeline for such a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2116/26]

*953. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether arrangements to fund legal costs in employment disputes involving his Department, or bodies under its aegis, require the prior approval of his Department or the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2134/26]

*954. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation with regard to his Department's share ownership in Uisce Éireann, whether his Department will conduct a feasibility study, or request Uisce Éireann conduct such a study, into a proposal (details supplied) relating to complementarities between proposed infrastructure for wind energy and water supply in the west of Ireland, alongside communications infrastructure. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2177/26]

*955. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department is using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the Department are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2252/26]

*956. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether any agencies or other bodies under his remit are using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the organisation are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2270/26]

*957. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide a list of the top ten capital or programme projects delivered by his Department or its agencies over the past three years which were completed on time and within the originally approved budget; the project name, location, delivery timeframe, original approved budget, final outturn cost, and delivery body, for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2434/26]

*958. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to detail the annual spend on external consultants by his Department and its agencies in each of the past three years; the number of consultancy contracts, the largest individual consultancy engagements by value, and whether internal capacity-building or cost-benefit assessments were undertaken prior to engaging external consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2452/26]

*959. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide a list, for each of the past three years of the top ten projects per annum delivered by his Department or its agencies which were completed late and over the originally approved budget; the project name, location, original approved completion date, actual completion date, original approved budget, final outturn cost, cost overrun expressed in euro and percentage terms, and the delivery body for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2470/26]

*960. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on the civil service mobility scheme; when the scheme will be

opened to the professional/technical grades; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2485/26]

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

*961. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the current regulations governing the use of petrol-powered leaf blowers in urban areas; the restrictions on hours of operation and limits on engine size or emissions. — Shane Moynihan. [1667/26]

*962. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps his Department is taking to address AI displacement and a decrease in quality jobs in the tech sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [2385/26]

*963. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether he is aware of the potential redundancies of 400 AI workers taking place at a company (details supplied); whether his Department has engaged with the company on this issue; the steps his Department is taking to protect jobs in the tech sector amid increasing labour displacement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [2384/26]

*964. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps his Department is taking to address the excessive use of Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), otherwise known as ‘forever chemicals’; if his Department will produce a national PFAS strategy and increase funding for PFAS research and national testing capacity to better understand the associated health risks; if he will enforce a polluter pays liability framework so that reckless PFAS polluters are held responsible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [73957/25]

*965. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide a list of AI pilot projects which have taken place in his Department within the past 12 months; the expenditure associated with those projects; and whether they are still ongoing, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [74132/25]

*966. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether standards or service-level targets exist for his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department, in responding to correspondence from members of local authorities; if compliance with such standards is monitored; the reasons for delays or failures to respond to correspondence from elected members; and the measures being taken to ensure more consistent and timely communication going forward. — Sorca Clarke. [74264/25]

*967. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to lower the threshold at which the artists resale rights apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [74273/25]

*968. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the office rental costs per annum for staff in his Department and for each agency or organisation under his remit, in each of the years between 2015 and 2025 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74447/25]

*969. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the payroll cost of his Department and of each organisation or agency under its remit individually, in 2015 to 2025, by year, in tabular form. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [74625/25]

*970. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the amount the IDA invested separately into facilities/industry in locations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [74646/25]

*971. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he has had any engagements with Fáilte Ireland regarding Dunguaire Castle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [74819/25]

*972. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if a general employment permit renewal (details supplied) can be reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [74863/25]

*973. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of data breaches recorded by his Department in 2025; and the number that were reported to the Data Protection Commissioner. — Cathal Crowe. [74894/25]

*974. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of WTE qualified legal advisors working within his Department in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [74923/25]

*975. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of visits the IDA carried out with prospective companies to each county in the years 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [74993/25]

*976. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of visits the IDA carried out in Laois in 2024 and 2025, by year; the number of these visits with prospective companies which were virtual visits; the number which were physical visits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [74994/25]

*977. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of projects in his Department that were delayed in 2023 and 2024 due to the change of document from the Public Spending Code to the Infrastructure Guidelines, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [75108/25]

*978. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the salary scale that applies to the Secretary General in his Department and to the head of each agency for which they are responsible; whether this scale has changed in the past two years or whether there are proposals to change this scale in the coming period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75194/25]

*979. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the amount expended on advertising and promotion in his Department, and within each agency for which he is responsible, for 2022 to 2024, by year and budgeted for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75212/25]

*980. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of press, media or communications staff currently employed in his Department and within each agency for which

he is responsible; the cost of these staff for 2025 and the expected cost for 2026; whether there are proposals to increase the number of such staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75230/25]

*981. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the estimated cost to his Department and to each agency for which they are responsible arising from Ireland's presidency of the European Council; the line items or events for which a cost is expected to arise and the estimated cost for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75248/25]

*982. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the priorities of his Department and each agency for which they are responsible for, in respect of Ireland's presidency of the European Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75266/25]

*983. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the analysis undertaken by his Department of the cumulative impact on Irish small and medium-sized enterprises of recent and forthcoming changes to customs and tariff rules affecting parcel exports to the United States, the United Kingdom and the European Union; and the policy supports are planned to assist businesses facing increased administrative burdens and costs. — Ken O'Flynn. [1038/26]

*984. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the status of the research his Department is carrying out to assess the economic impact of data centres in Ireland; when this research was originally commissioned; to report on any insights garnered to date; if any of the research was presented to the CRU as part of their process of updating Ireland's large energy user connection policy; if any of the research has been used to inform any projects / on going pieces of work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1222/26]

*985. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the reason companies (details supplied) have not been fined for facilitating the sale of tickets above face value; the reason this company is able to operate in the Irish market; the way in which he plans to tackle the frequent scalping of tickets that continues despite legislation outlawing it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1381/26]

*986. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans for a policy of leave for those who experience early pregnancy loss (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [1388/26]

*987. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the use of AI systems to generate explicit deepfakes of real, identifiable people without their consent; if he considers this practice unlawful, the plans to prevent such content spreading online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [1448/26]

*988. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the action the Government is taking to ensure that social media companies are taking action to detect, remove, and mitigate the spread of harmful and illegal material, including content involving minors or non-consensual imagery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [1449/26]

*989. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has investigated vet practice competition and pricing to assess if it is a competitive market. — Maeve O'Connell. [1607/26]

*990. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department will require pricing for the top ten veterinary procedures to be published and publicly available to consumers; and where “pet plans” available prices will be included with and without said “pet plan” to enable transparency. — Maeve O’Connell. [1608/26]

*991. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the date on which a supplementary estimate or supplementary estimates was sought in respect of his Department’s Vote for each of the past ten years, and to the date in 2026; the gross and net amount involved in each case; and the Vote subheads to which each supplementary estimate related. — Albert Dolan. [1791/26]

*992. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the value of expenditure originally allocated in the Estimates to specific programmes or staffing measures that could not be spent as planned within the year for each of the past five years; and whether such underspends were surrendered, carried forward, or reallocated to other areas within the Vote. — Albert Dolan. [1812/26]

*993. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which the signing of the National Charter for Digital Inclusion by a company (details supplied) will translate into practical digital-skills supports for SMEs and workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [1843/26]

*994. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which the additional €23 million for Ireland’s European digital innovation hubs will expand AI, cybersecurity and wider digital-adoption supports for SMEs and public bodies during phase 2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [1844/26]

*995. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if additional financial support will be made available to local authorities and community groups to develop enterprise centres or work spaces (details supplied); if his Department and the statutory agencies under the remit of his Department will give this request further urgent consideration in view of longstanding commitments to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [1852/26]

*996. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the additional supports being considered for small and medium-sized enterprises in rural towns such as Abbeyleix, Mountmellick, Mountrath and Portarlinton, particularly in light of rising operational costs and recruitment challenges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [1867/26]

*997. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of IDA and Enterprise Ireland client visits to County Laois in the past 12 months; the progress on securing new investment for the National Enterprise Park in Portlaoise; the strategy for increasing foreign direct investment in the Midlands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [1868/26]

*998. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the supports available to tourism-related enterprises in County Laois, including those connected to heritage, outdoor recreation and hospitality; if additional measures are planned to strengthen the county’s tourism economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [1870/26]

*999. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has assessed the potential of stronger remote working legislation to retain graduates and skilled workers in counties such as Laois; if this forms part of the Government's regional enterprise strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [1871/26]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures being taken to address rising business costs in the midlands region, particularly labour, energy, and water costs; if specific supports will be introduced to safeguard competitiveness for local enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [1872/26]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which his Department is supporting local authorities and tourism agencies in developing infrastructure to host major cultural and sporting events, including facilities upgrades, accommodation expansion, and accessibility improvements; if he will outline the midland's preparedness for upcoming international events in 2026 and beyond; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [1876/26]

*1002. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department will examine the financial burden on businesses and non-EEA employees associated with the €1,500 cost of renewing a general employment permit after the initial two-year period; if consideration will be given to reducing or restructuring these fees to ensure that the cost is not disproportionately placed on either immigrant workers or small and medium enterprises, many of whom are currently under significant financial pressure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [69884/25]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will abolish the exemption of apprentices from the national minimum wage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [67678/25]

*1004. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which his Department plans to target Irish tourism overseas in its capital investment strategy under the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [1888/26]

*1005. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department plans to continue to support Irish SMEs with the introduction of improved AI and other cutting edge digital technologies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [1889/26]

*1006. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he could provide a breakdown of his Department's €4.7 billion capital investment strategy, 'Start Up Ireland', for the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [1905/26]

*1007. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the current average waiting time for a WRC adjudication hearing to be heard from the time the complaints are submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [1912/26]

*1008. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the average waiting time for a WRC adjudication hearing to be heard from the time the complaints are submitted for each month in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [1913/26]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the supports and measures available to small businesses impacted by retail crime and break-ins; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1966/26]

*1010. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department plans to increase the supports and measures available to small businesses impacted by retail crime and break-ins during the lifetime of this Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1968/26]

*1011. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding any product or service purchased from Israel or the Occupied Territories by his Department in 2025, broken down by description and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1979/26]

*1012. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department, or any body under its aegis, has funded, or is funding, other than where legal costs were awarded against the employer by a court or tribunal, the legal costs of any current or concluded litigation taken by an employee or former employee against that Department or body, in each of the past five years; if so, to provide details of the number of such cases, the bodies involved, and the total costs incurred in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2019/26]

*1013. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the basis on which his Department, or a body under its aegis, may fund the legal costs of an employee or former employee in litigation where that employee is in dispute with, or taking proceedings against, the same body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2037/26]

*1014. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether the funding of employee legal costs in disputes against his Department, or a body under its aegis, is standard practice; if not, the circumstances in which such funding may be permitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2055/26]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to outline the guidance, codes, circulars or directions that govern the payment of legal costs by his Department, and bodies under its aegis, in employment-related disputes, including any requirements under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies or Departmental sanction arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2073/26]

*1016. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether the funding of employee legal costs in litigation against the employing body could give rise to governance, accountability, or value for money concerns; whether his Department has issued any guidance in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2091/26]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department has reviewed, or intends to review, the practice of Departments, and bodies under their aegis, funding legal costs in employment disputes involving those same bodies; and if so, the outcome or timeline for such a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2109/26]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether arrangements to fund legal costs in employment disputes involving his Department, or bodies under its

aegis, require the prior approval of his Department or the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2127/26]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment how enterprise supports are being aligned with tourism development to maximise economic spill-over for local suppliers, service providers and community-based businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [2145/26]

*1020. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department is using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the Department are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2245/26]

*1021. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether any agencies or other bodies under his remit are using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the organisation are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2263/26]

*1022. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if it can be ensured that an employment permit refusal appeal (details supplied) is granted, and that the individual in question is granted a permit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [2290/26]

*1023. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether he is aware of instances of companies using payment in lieu of notice to avoid employees attaining two years' service needed to be entitled to statutory redundancy; whether his Department has any plans to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [2416/26]

*1024. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide a list of the top ten capital or programme projects delivered by his Department or its agencies over the past three years which were completed on time and within the originally approved budget; the project name, location, delivery timeframe, original approved budget, final outturn cost, and delivery body, for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2427/26]

*1025. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to detail the annual spend on external consultants by his Department and its agencies in each of the past three years; the number of consultancy contracts, the largest individual consultancy engagements by value, and whether internal capacity-building or cost-benefit assessments were undertaken prior to engaging external consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2445/26]

*1026. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide a list, for each of the past three years of the top ten projects per annum delivered by his Department or its agencies which were completed late and over the originally approved budget; the project name, location, original approved completion date, actual completion date, original approved budget, final outturn cost, cost overrun expressed in euro and percentage terms, and the delivery body for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2463/26]

*1027. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when a referendum will be held to ratify the Agreement on a Unified Patent Court, the International Agreement for

which was signed by Ireland in 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2477/26]

*1028. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the progress of the Retail Crime Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2479/26]

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

*1029. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1570/26]

*1030. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the use of Class 1 Urban buses for school contracts which sees children without seat belts carried on roads which have speed limits over 65 KMH is permitted by her Department, or the NTA; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [73890/25]

*1031. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views of the Sixmilebridge school transport controversy in 2024, with the use of unbelted buses given that new data shows 26,000 such deployments over 11 months in 2025.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [73893/25]

*1032. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding any funding stream to support the provision of an all-weather dome structure to cover an existing pitch facility in a secondary school, to allow the pitch to be used all year round; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [73951/25]

*1033. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a person (details supplied) will receive additional pay owed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [73974/25]

*1034. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 383 of 9 December 2025, if she will provide the information requested in the question (details supplied) in the interest of transparency and forward planning for all stakeholders as previous response failed to provide the information requested, specifically the number of children nationwide who sought a letter of eligibility for a place in a special class or special school through the parents notify portal, before the deadline of 1 October 2025, by county; the number seeking a letter of eligibility for a place in a special class and special school in South Tipperary; the number of children who have been issued with a letter of eligibility in South Tipperary; the reason the numbers have not been provided or will not be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [73986/25]

*1035. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans for tree planting and biodiversity at the site of (details supplied); if there could be planting of trees along the periphery wall for residents' privacy; the funding available for schools to apply for tree planting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [74004/25]

*1036. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she accepts that survivors affected by the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights in a case (details supplied) continue to lack access to an effective, independent redress mechanism; whether any proposal has been brought

to Government since June 2020 to establish such a mechanism; and if not, when such a proposal will be advanced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [74013/25]

*1037. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the concrete measures which are currently in place to ensure the State's compliance with its positive obligations under article three of the European Convention on Human Rights following the judgment in a case (details supplied); whether she accepts the assessment of the organisation, that compliance remains incomplete; and the timeframe within which full implementation will be achieved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [74014/25]

*1038. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the engagement on the removal of the need for an AON for children with additional needs to receive an appropriate school place; the timeline for the full implementation of this policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74022/25]

*1039. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a list of AI pilot projects which have taken place in her Department within the past 12 months; the expenditure associated with those projects; and whether they are still ongoing, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [74131/25]

*1040. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on an emergency works application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [74188/25]

*1041. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a child in Donegal will be provided with access to their chosen school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [74193/25]

*1042. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [74218/25]

*1043. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to address recruitment and retention issues in the education sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [74248/25]

*1044. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to address recruitment and retention issues from affecting subject choice in post-primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [74249/25]

*1045. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when her Department will formally announce the reforms to the way in which teachers get CID, changing from the current two consecutive years for CID to one year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [74250/25]

*1046. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether standards or service-level targets exist for her Department or bodies under the aegis of her Department, in responding to correspondence from members of local authorities; if compliance with such standards is monitored; the reasons for delays or failures to respond to correspondence from elected members; and the measures being taken to ensure more consistent and timely communication going forward. — Sorca Clarke. [74255/25]

*1047. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 287 of 4 December 2025, the average timeframe in which applications for additional accommodation by schools are decided; the status of the application for a school (details supplied), and if she will expedite the process in this instance considering the severe pressure on the school at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [74276/25]

*1048. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the funding for the extension approved and previously promised for a school (details supplied) will proceed; if she will meet with the school to discuss the project further; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [74289/25]

*1049. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department was aware that a new special educational assessment would be required for children to access a special class, school or unit for academic year 2026-2027, prior to the announcement made by the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [74299/25]

*1050. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when she was made aware of the decision to introduce a new special educational assessment that would be required for children to access a special class, school or unit for academic year 2026-2027; to provide official documentation between the Department of Education and Youth and the Department of Children, Disability and Equality outlining the decision to establish the new special educational assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [74300/25]

*1051. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth following the announcement of a new special educational assessment, if she has established this unit within her Department; when they began their work; the length of time it will take to establish the unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [74301/25]

*1052. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth following the announcement of a new special educational assessment, who will be carrying out these educational assessments; if they are to be assessment teams, who will be in these assessment teams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [74302/25]

*1053. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is confident that work to establish a new special educational assessment and assessment teams will be completed by October 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [74303/25]

*1054. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the engagement she has had with trade unions representing teachers since the announcement of a new special educational assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [74304/25]

*1055. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the engagement she has had with the National Council for Special Education since the announcement of a new special educational assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [74305/25]

*1056. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the engagement she has had with special educational needs organisers since the announcement of a new special educational assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [74306/25]

*1057. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a school (details supplied) has not progressed past design stage. — Thomas Gould. [74310/25]

*1058. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the proposed approach to eliminating pressure on assessment of need waiting lists; who will conduct educational assessments of children; the future status of special education designations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [74318/25]

*1059. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if discretion can be applied in cases where families have missed the 1 October 2025 deadline to apply for special education classes due to a child's assessment report issuing only after that date; whether such circumstances can be taken into consideration to ensure a letter of eligibility is issued to allow them to access the most appropriate school setting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [74321/25]

*1060. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of applications received for special education classes from 1 October to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [74322/25]

*1061. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth where in Circular 0039/2025 it states that the NCSE cannot provide a letter of eligibility after the 1 October deadline has passed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [74323/25]

*1062. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the calculation of the total pension contribution using the 18.4% calculation methodology for a school secretary should they be admitted to the single public service pension scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [74329/25]

*1063. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 126 of 16 July 2025, if she will provide a copy of all of the undertaken review correspondence with the HSE and the outcome therefrom (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [74330/25]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of parent notifications submitted by families in the Dublin 1 area in 2025. — Marie Sherlock. [74338/25]

*1065. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of eligibility letters granted on foot of a parent notification submitted by families in the Dublin 1 area in 2025. — Marie Sherlock. [74339/25]

*1066. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of parent notifications submitted by families in the Dublin 7 area in 2025. — Marie Sherlock. [74340/25]

*1067. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of eligibility letters granted on foot of a parent notification submitted by families in the Dublin 7 area in 2025. — Marie Sherlock. [74341/25]

*1068. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of parent notifications submitted by families in the Dublin 3 area in 2025. — Marie Sherlock. [74342/25]

- *1069. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of eligibility letters granted on foot of a parent notification submitted by families in the Dublin 3 area in 2025. — Marie Sherlock. [74343/25]
- *1070. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of parent notifications submitted by families in the Dublin 9 area in 2025. — Marie Sherlock. [74344/25]
- *1071. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of eligibility letters granted on foot of a parent notification submitted by families in the Dublin 9 area in 2025. — Marie Sherlock. [74345/25]
- *1072. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of parent notifications submitted by families in the Dublin 11 area in 2025. — Marie Sherlock. [74346/25]
- *1073. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of eligibility letters granted on foot of a parent notification submitted by families in the Dublin 11 area in 2025. — Marie Sherlock. [74347/25]
- *1074. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the rollout of pilot school bus schemes; her plans for expanding the schemes are envisaged for the 2026-2027 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [74355/25]
- *1075. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the provisions being made for pitches and other sports facilities in the construction of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [74357/25]
- *1076. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when schools will be able to apply for DEIS status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [74374/25]
- *1077. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider giving DEIS status to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [74375/25]
- *1078. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to list the locations/routes of the additional 11 school transport projects that her Department, in collaboration with Bus Éireann, approved following the assessment made after the closing date for payment for the 2025-2026 school year where dedicated school transport/pilots may be successfully delivered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [74380/25]
- *1079. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason the entire northwest of Ireland, Sligo, Mayo, Donegal, Roscommon, Leitrim and Cavan was excluded from the NCSE recruitment drive for senior and staff grade occupational therapists and speech and language therapists for the national educational therapy service (ETS) in special schools; if the decision will be reviewed to include them to ensure children living in those counties are not disadvantaged; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [74415/25]
- *1080. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the service plans for children with special needs from cradle to grave in Cavan and Monaghan, schools for special needs respite services, adult day service and full-time care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [74430/25]

*1081. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the services currently in place are adequate for people with special needs in both Cavan and Monaghan; if Cavan and Monaghan both have their own services in each county for each age group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [74431/25]

*1082. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the office rental costs per annum for staff in her Department and for each agency or organisation under her remit, in each of the years between 2015 and 2025 inclusive, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74446/25]

*1083. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the criteria and the specific budget allocation for the €3 million in enhanced school leadership to enable the creation of additional deputy principal; the timeline as to when these positions will be created; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [74460/25]

*1084. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider centralising applications for first-year primary and post-primary school places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [74477/25]

*1085. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth in reference to the Government's announced reforms to the assessment of need process, to specify the framework or criteria will replace professional diagnostic reports in determining eligibility for special classes and special schools; how this framework will safeguard children's wellbeing and evidence-based educational planning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74487/25]

*1086. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to the Government's announced reforms to the assessment of need process, to clarify who will be tasked with conducting the proposed "educational assessments" for special education placement; to confirm whether classroom teachers, who are not diagnostically trained, will be expected to assume this responsibility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74488/25]

*1087. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to the Government's announced reforms to the assessment of need process, the supports, training, and resources that will be provided to ensure that any new assessment responsibilities do not exacerbate already unsustainable workload levels in schools, as highlighted in recent research on teacher burnout; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74489/25]

*1088. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to the Government's announced reforms to the assessment of need process, the reason removal of diagnostic requirements was announced without consultation with teachers, unions, or parents; how her Department intends to restore trust and ensure transparency in future policymaking; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74490/25]

*1089. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to the Government's announced reforms to the assessment of need process, if the designation of special classes and special schools is being altered or dismantled as part of this policy change; if not, the reason this was not made clear at the time of announcement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74491/25]

*1090. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to the Government's announced reforms to the assessment of need process, to provide a timeline for the publication of the full

framework governing access to special classes and schools, to commit to halting implementation until robust consultation with educators and stakeholders has taken place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74492/25]

*1091. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to the Government's announced reforms to the assessment of need process, whether she accepts that diagnostic reports are not merely bureaucratic hurdles but essential tools for children's self-understanding and for evidence-based teaching; and the way in which her Department intends to safeguard these rights under the new system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74493/25]

*1092. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to urgently examine a matter (details supplied) in respect of pension entitlements for school secretaries and caretakers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74501/25]

*1093. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the new school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74506/25]

*1094. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide details of the delays in progressing a new school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74507/25]

*1095. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the protest led by the school community in a school (details supplied) in relation to the delay in progressing a new school building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74508/25]

*1096. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the reporting in relation to the delay of progressing a new school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74509/25]

*1097. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will meet with the principal in a primary school (details supplied) in relation to the delay progressing a new school building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74510/25]

*1098. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the basis for the 1 October 2025 deadline for applications requiring a letter of eligibility from the National Council for Special Education for enrolment in special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74514/25]

*1099. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider waiving or extending the 1 October 2025 deadline in exceptional circumstances for applications requiring a letter of eligibility from the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) for enrolment in special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74515/25]

*1100. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions she will take to engage with the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) to support parents who have missed the 1 October 2025 deadline for applications requiring a letter of eligibility from the NCSE for enrolment in special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74516/25]

*1101. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions she will take to engage with the NCSE to ensure the issuance of eligibility letters to parents who are waiting for them in order to progress their applications to special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74517/25]

*1102. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if an appeal (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74544/25]

*1103. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if an existing route and capacity (details supplied) will be reviewed to determine whether adjustments can be made to accommodate additional families wishing to avail of the service. — Paul Lawless. [74545/25]

*1104. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to facilitate a meeting with the management of a school bus service (details supplied). — Paul Lawless. [74546/25]

*1105. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps her Department will take to ensure timely and transparent responses to future school bus service enquiries from parents, schools, and public offices in County Mayo. — Paul Lawless. [74547/25]

*1106. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average timeframe for responding to enquiries regarding school bus services for County Mayo; and the reason this exceeds standard expectations. — Paul Lawless. [74548/25]

*1107. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason her Department has failed to respond to official and public enquiries received over the past three months regarding the provision, scheduling, and safety of school bus services in County Mayo. — Paul Lawless. [74549/25]

*1108. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of issues presenting for a school (details supplied); if her Department will urgently intervene to ensure the continued provision of education at the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [74560/25]

*1109. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the rationale for the 1 October deadline for applications requiring a letter of eligibility from the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) for enrolment in special schools; if she will consider waiving or extending this deadline in exceptional circumstances, such as where a child's assessment has recently changed, thereby preventing timely applications to suitable schools, despite the child meeting all entry criteria, residing in the catchment area, and the school being deemed appropriate by their current educational setting; if there is a legislative basis for this administrative deadline, noting that no preferential treatment is being sought for the child, but rather the opportunity to apply on equal terms with other candidates to avoid delaying the child's transition to a more suitable educational environment, which is clearly not in their best interests; will she also clearly explain how the NCSE will assist parents who have missed the deadline and facilitate the issuance of eligibility letters to those who very clearly require them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [74568/25]

*1110. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will confirm that an email address is the official communication channel for Oireachtas members for a body (details supplied); the extent to which this mailbox is monitored and the performance or response timeframes which are

expected, given that no response has yet issued regarding matters raised through this channel, if she will advise on matters raised in correspondence. — David Cullinane. [74576/25]

*1111. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in County Mayo currently registered to start school in September 2026 that are seeking a special school place; seeking a special class/unit place; or expected to attend a mainstream school with SNA support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74579/25]

*1112. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the statutory role and duties of a Special Educational Needs Organiser (SENO), including how decision making and accountability operate in practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74580/25]

*1113. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide data on the current capacity of special schools and special classes in County Mayo; and the projected demand for September 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74581/25]

*1114. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in County Mayo with a formal autism diagnosis currently supported in mainstream schools with SNA provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74582/25]

*1115. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the payroll cost of her Department and of each organisation or agency under its remit individually, in 2015 to 2025, by year, in tabular form. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [74624/25]

*1116. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether a youth project (details supplied) that provides targeted youth work for 14–18 year olds, and which has experienced a funding gap arising from the national childcare scheme age ceiling, can access funding under UBU – Your Place Your Space (or other youth services funding streams); and the application process, assessment criteria, and any scope to extend coverage to a distinct cohort not currently funded under UBU in the area. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [74639/25]

*1117. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an overview of the total provision of autism classes in secondary schools in County Clare at this time; her plans to address the current acute deficiency of autism classes in secondary schools in West Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74640/25]

*1118. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding an application for an extension for a school (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [74685/25]

*1119. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the NCSE assessment of local need to sanction an ASD class in a school (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [74686/25]

*1120. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a new second-level special school is proposed for Cork; and the timeline for same. — Thomas Gould. [74687/25]

*1121. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding funding to a school (details supplied) under emergency works; and the reason a funding application was refused given the immediate nature of the risk posed. — Thomas Gould. [74688/25]

*1122. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding school transport for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [74697/25]

*1123. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if consideration will be given to a request from a school (details supplied) for replacement of a prefab with a modular building, given the prefab is not now fit for purpose; and replacement would assist the school in providing education to more children with additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [74699/25]

*1124. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a pre-school early intervention class held in a primary school (details supplied) is being re-classified as a primary autism class; the number of children that will be affected by the re-classification of this class; and the supports available to children who would have attended the early intervention class, had it not been re-classified. — Darren O'Rourke. [74710/25]

*1125. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the adequacy of the current five-stage complaints procedure agreed in 1993 between organisations (details supplied), given its reliance on the integrity of Boards of Management and reports of parents being unable to resolve serious concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74774/25]

*1126. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider introducing a statutory complaints mechanism for parents that does not depend solely on Boards of Management, in view of cases where boards have failed to engage with parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74775/25]

*1127. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the circumstances under which the Teaching Council may accept complaints without the school's internal procedure being fully exhausted; and whether legislative changes are needed to ensure timely intervention in cases of serious concern; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74776/25]

*1128. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of complaints received by the Teaching Council in the past three years, by source (parents, boards of management, others); the outcomes of these complaints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74777/25]

*1129. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the effectiveness of Section 19 of the Education Act 1998 in enabling patrons to intervene when Boards of Management fail to discharge their duties; whether additional powers or guidance are required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74778/25]

*1130. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the Department's role when a patron declines to intervene in a parental complaint; whether a more objective escalation process will be introduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74779/25]

*1131. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the Education (Parent and Student Charter) Bill 2019, which aims to strengthen parental rights under the Education Act 1998; when she expects the legislation to progress beyond the third stage in Dáil Éireann; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74780/25]

- *1132. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); if she will provide an update on the person's PME scheme application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [74783/25]
- *1133. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will commit to a start date for the long-overdue construction of a permanent building for a school (details supplied); if she acknowledges that planning permission was secured in 2023 for a permanent building at the site of the former Dun Laoghaire fire station and a design team appointed but the project has not progressed since; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [74789/25]
- *1134. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a school (details supplied) in County Mayo was restricted to 100 student's enrolment for September 2025 when they had capacity to take 144 students. — Paul Lawless. [74798/25]
- *1135. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a school (details supplied) in County Mayo does not provide wood work or metal work classes in an all boys school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74799/25]
- *1136. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current rules that prevent students in special schools from accessing transition year or an equivalent additional year; if she will ensure that these students have the same opportunity as their peers in mainstream schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [74804/25]
- *1137. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when her Department last reviewed Rule 64 -1 of the Rules for National Schools in relation to the upper age limit for attendance at special schools; whether consideration is being given to amending this rule; whether an implementation timeline has been identified for any such amendment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [74805/25]
- *1138. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures which are currently in place to facilitate access to an additional year of education for students in special schools with the highest level of need; whether exemptions or other administrative arrangements are used for this purpose; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [74806/25]
- *1139. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the rationale for the 1 October deadline for applications requiring a letter of eligibility from the National Council for Special Education for enrolment in special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [74812/25]
- *1140. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there is a legislative basis for the 1 October deadline applied by the National Council for Special Education for letters of eligibility for special school enrolment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [74813/25]
- *1141. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider waiving or extending the 1 October deadline for NCSE letters of eligibility in exceptional circumstances where a child's assessment changes after that date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [74814/25]

*1142. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way the National Council for Special Education communicated the introduction of the 1 October deadline to parents and schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [74815/25]

*1143. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason parents are being prevented from applying to special schools without a letter of eligibility when schools' admission policies remain in place and receipt of such a letter does not guarantee a place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [74816/25]

*1144. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the progress being made to resource a new UBU funded youth service covering the areas of Citywest, Saggart and Rathcoole; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [74818/25]

*1145. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps that are being taken to ensure the provision of education to a child (details supplied) who has been without access to a school placement for a long period. — Eoin Ó Broin. [74820/25]

*1146. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of acting AP post holders not receiving remuneration since the beginning of the academic year 2025-2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [74821/25]

*1147. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if an application by a school (details supplied) for the summer works climate action scheme 2026 was assessed. — Holly Cairns. [74824/25]

*1148. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to ensure a school's (details supplied) application for emergency repair funding is processed quickly. — Holly Cairns. [74825/25]

*1149. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans for the rollout of a national programme to provide stronger supports for children in the transition from primary to secondary school with a particular focus on addressing bullying and cyberbullying. — Ivana Bacik. [74850/25]

*1150. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding an ASA application by a school (details supplied) for a new modular classroom; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [74851/25]

*1151. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which her Department will assist teachers with the administration involved with AON reports; the way this will change with the new approach to the AON process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [74857/25]

*1152. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on school building works (details supplied); and when she or her Department was last in contact with the board of management of the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [74868/25]

*1153. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which schools can apply for the pilot scheme for school transport; the number of schools that are part of the scheme; if it can be extended to particular schools; how such schools can apply; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [74869/25]

- *1154. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review an application submitted by a school (details supplied); if this application can be expedited due to the extended waiting time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [74872/25]
- *1155. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the timeline for the building of an approved extension at a school (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [74873/25]
- *1156. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if Circular CL0072/2022, or any other Departmental circular relating to the scheduling of days, permits a school or ETB to direct a teacher to return to work prior to 1 September without restoring them to payroll from the date on which they are required to attend. — Ivana Bacik. [74876/25]
- *1157. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the plans to fund the upgrade of the DCG devices which are used for post primary schools (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [74885/25]
- *1158. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of data breaches recorded by her Department in 2025; and the number that were reported to the Data Protection Commissioner. — Cathal Crowe. [74893/25]
- *1159. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of primary school places available in an area (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [74910/25]
- *1160. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special school and special class places available in an area (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [74911/25]
- *1161. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the location of the 148 special classes within County Kildare; the location of the 17 new special classes; the location of the six special schools within Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [74917/25]
- *1162. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans for a closed school (details supplied); if she will consider selling the school to the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [74961/25]
- *1163. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding an application by a school (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [74988/25]
- *1164. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to the proposed removal of requiring assessment of need reports to access special educational places, when the new criteria and decision-making process for deciding access to special educational places will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [75021/25]
- *1165. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to the proposed removal of requiring assessment of need reports to access special educational places, who will conduct the proposed educational assessments; will qualified psychological and disability professionals be required to input into the proposed “educational assessments”; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [75022/25]
- *1166. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to the proposed removal of requiring assessment of need reports to access special educational places, what consultation was

undertaken with teachers and their representative groups into the effects that the proposed change would have on children with additional educational needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [75023/25]

*1167. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to the proposed removal of requiring assessment of need reports to access special educational places, how can an “educational assessment” be conducted without diagnostic expertise to determine the appropriate placement of children with complex educational needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [75024/25]

*1168. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to consider implementing an early screening programme for children with dyslexia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [75035/25]

*1169. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Departments plans to improve access to dyslexia supports for students in school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [75036/25]

*1170. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to procure decodable readers for use by children with dyslexia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [75037/25]

*1171. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider issues regarding a new school campus (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [75039/25]

*1172. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of projects in her Department that were delayed in 2023 and 2024 due to the change of document from the Public Spending Code to the Infrastructure Guidelines, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [75107/25]

*1173. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a ramp was not installed as per the building specifications for work conducted in a school (details supplied); and the timeline for the urgent completion of works in the school. — Marie Sherlock. [75127/25]

*1174. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the salary scale that applies to the Secretary General in her Department and to the head of each agency for which they are responsible; whether this scale has changed in the past two years or whether there are proposals to change this scale in the coming period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75193/25]

*1175. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the amount expended on advertising and promotion in her Department, and within each agency for which she is responsible, for 2022 to 2024, by year and budgeted for 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75211/25]

*1176. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of press, media or communications staff currently employed in her Department and within each agency for which she is responsible; the cost of these staff for 2025 and the expected cost for 2026; whether there are proposals to increase the number of such staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75229/25]

- *1177. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated cost to her Department and to each agency for which they are responsible arising from Ireland's presidency of the European Council; the line items or events for which a cost is expected to arise and the estimated cost for each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75247/25]
- *1178. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the priorities of her Department and each agency for which they are responsible for, in respect of Ireland's presidency of the European Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75265/25]
- *1179. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department considers that Circular 0072/2022 (or any related Circular) can lawfully be relied upon by a school/ETB to require teacher attendance prior to 1 September while delaying the date from which they are paid until 1 September; her views on whether such a practice would not be consistent with the Payment of Wages Act, 1991, and that pay must commence from the date duty is required; and whether she will issue clarification to ETBs. — Paul McAuliffe. [1150/26]
- *1180. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a timeline for the development of two new post-primary schools in Ballincollig, County Cork on lands acquired by Cork County Council has been published; if so, if the timeline will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [1168/26]
- *1181. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total amount of public funding expended on school book rental schemes from their introduction, circa 2010, up to the launch of the free schoolbooks scheme in 2023; to provide a breakdown of this expenditure by year where available; and to confirm whether this expenditure includes primary schools, post-primary schools, and Education and Training Board (ETB) schools, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1172/26]
- *1182. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a list of names of special schools across the State that have an early intervention class. — Darren O'Rourke. [1191/26]
- *1183. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 424 of 16 December 2025, the timeline for the provision of the lease to the school for signing, given the school has not had any engagement with the CSSO for a very lengthy period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1201/26]
- *1184. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth given the publication of the revised estimated volume in December 2025, if she can outline the Departmental funding allocation for youth affairs for 2026; if she can provide a breakdown of this funding in terms of existing levels of service, new development measures and capital funding; if she can provide a detailed breakdown of the €8m additional funding to youth affairs being made available in Budget 2026; broken down by capital and current; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1212/26]
- *1185. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth given the publication of the revised estimated volume in December 2025, if she can provide a breakdown on how the figures for the number of children and young people to benefit from engagement in a youth service figure has been worked out; how the outturn and output targets have been developed; the resources being made available to realise these figures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1213/26]

- *1186. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth given the publication of the revised estimated volume in December 2025, if she can provide detail of where the allocation for the EU Presidency is coming from and for what it will be used for within the Department; if she can provide a breakdown of the spend in her Department on the EU Presidency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1214/26]
- *1187. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth given the publication of the revised estimates volume in December 2025, if she can provide detail on how and where planned youth service infrastructural development will be included; the reason there is no reference to youth service infrastructure in the public service activities (outputs) targets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1215/26]
- *1188. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the quota for a NEPs assessment will be increased for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [1220/26]
- *1189. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the total number of teachers employed by her Department in primary school, by county and employment status, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1228/26]
- *1190. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the total number of teachers employed by her Department in secondary schools, by county and employment status, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1229/26]
- *1191. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the total number of teachers employed by her Department in secondary schools that are located within in the Dún Laoghaire constituency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1230/26]
- *1192. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the total number of teachers employed by her Department in primary schools that are located within in the Dún Laoghaire constituency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1231/26]
- *1193. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the number of teachers assigned to a school (details supplied) broken down by full-time and part-time roles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1232/26]
- *1194. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the concerns of families that have children attending a school (details supplied) related to accessing school transport, the actions she will take to address these concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1233/26]
- *1195. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department is engaging with counterparts in Britain on curriculum development, teacher exchanges or shared educational initiatives. — Louis O'Hara. [1260/26]
- *1196. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the options available to a family who remain unable to secure a school placement for their child for the current school year (details supplied) and who advise assistance has not been provided by the education welfare officer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1282/26]

- *1197. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of school secretaries in each Dublin 15 SPA (details supplied), in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1329/26]
- *1198. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of school caretakers in each Dublin 15 SPA (details supplied), in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1330/26]
- *1199. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the procedures for allocating the number of posts of responsibility and the remuneration for principalship and deputy principalship within special schools given at present only the number of teachers employed directly by the board is recognised by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [1367/26]
- *1200. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to review the NCSEs procedures to ensure the NCSE will accept interim confirmation letters from CDNT psychologists where full reports are delayed, in order to ensure timely access to appropriate educational placements (details supplied). — Willie O’Dea. [1368/26]
- *1201. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children nationally have been refused a letter of eligibility for special class placements due to not meeting the NCSE October deadline (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [1373/26]
- *1202. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on building works at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1385/26]
- *1203. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the concerns of school management in relation to significant waiting lists for a special class in a school (details supplied); the actions she will take to address these concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1428/26]
- *1204. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the provision of a third special class in a school (details supplied) that had been committed to previously; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1429/26]
- *1205. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she can provide a timeline for the provision of a third special class in a school (details supplied) that had been committed to previously; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1430/26]
- *1206. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will facilitate a meeting between Department officials and the management of a school (details supplied) in relation to increase the provision of special school places in this school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1431/26]
- *1207. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will establish procedures within her Department so that special needs assistants, going forward, will only require to be Garda vetted on one occasion and that this vetting would be acceptable in all schools for a period of fixed duration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1437/26]

- *1208. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for a detailed update on a policy announcement made last year (details supplied); to provide a timeline for when guidance on this will be issued to unions and other relevant stakeholders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1460/26]
- *1209. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the proposed new city vocational school for Kilkenny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [1464/26]
- *1210. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [1533/26]
- *1211. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the list of schools sanctioned for special classes for 2026-2027 will be published; the assurances she can give to parents of children with additional needs who are currently awaiting news on the provision of such classes in their localities that adequate levels of provision will be available for the coming school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [1554/26]
- *1212. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the target set for Q3 2025 in the policy for Irish medium education outside of the Gaeltacht to establish an Irish medium PME programme for primary school teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [1563/26]
- *1213. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the target set for Q3 2025 in the policy for Irish medium education outside of the Gaeltacht to establish a scheme to support Irish medium post primary schools in teacher sharing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [1564/26]
- *1214. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the target set for Q3 2025 in the policy for Irish medium education outside of the Gaeltacht to extend the ehub to Irish medium educational settings outside of the Gaeltacht; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [1565/26]
- *1215. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the target set for Q4 2025 in the policy for Irish medium education outside of the Gaeltacht to run a survey to gather information on demand for Irish medium education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [1566/26]
- *1216. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the target set for Q4 2025 in the policy for Irish medium education outside of the Gaeltacht to establish a taskforce on models of Irish medium education provision. — Jen Cummins. [1567/26]
- *1217. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the target set for Q4 2025 in the policy for Irish medium education. — Jen Cummins. [1568/26]
- *1218. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there is a funding stream for an initiative (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [1573/26]
- *1219. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1574/26]

*1220. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the list of sanctioned special education classes will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [1580/26]

*1221. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if assistive technology can be provided for a child in County Kildare (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [1671/26]

*1222. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on the merits of creating a requirement for all schools to ensure that all job applicants receive a reply to a job application, regardless of their success in the application process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1675/26]

*1223. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding a review of the existing policy regarding recognition on the salary scale for teachers that qualified in Ireland but have spent extended periods teaching abroad; if this is being considered as a means of encouraging Irish teachers to return from abroad; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1676/26]

*1224. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding any initiative that seeks to encourage qualified teachers that are living abroad to return to Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1677/26]

*1225. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total number of primary and post-primary teachers who engaged in Department-funded continuous professional development in each of the past five years; the breakdown of those figures, by primary and post-primary level, continuous professional development undertaken within the additional in-school hours provided for under public service agreements and continuous professional development undertaken outside of those hours; the percentage of the total teaching workforce this represents in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [1680/26]

*1226. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of teachers, in each of the past five years, who have undertaken continuous professional development specifically related to supporting pupils with additional and special educational needs, including autism spectrum disorder, ADHD, dyspraxia and dyslexia; the breakdown by category of need, by primary and post-primary level, and by hours of training provided; whether she is satisfied that this level of training is adequate given the prevalence of these needs in Irish classrooms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [1681/26]

*1227. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the assessments that have been carried out by her Department of teachers' capacity to engage in continuous professional development during the school year; whether any analysis has been conducted on barriers to participation, including substitution cover, timetable pressures and workload; whether any reports arising from such assessments will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [1682/26]

*1228. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of hours of the additional in-school time provided for under public service agreements were used nationally for continuous professional development in each of the past three school years; the proportion of this time that was allocated to training in special educational needs, student wellbeing and behavioural or emotional support, and substance-use education and prevention; the guidance her Department

issues to schools regarding the prioritisation of continuous professional development topics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [1683/26]

*1229. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the continuous professional development currently provided to support teachers in managing increasingly complex classrooms, including cultural and linguistic diversity, mixed-ability teaching, trauma-informed practice and behavioural support; the number of teachers who have participated in such training in each of the past three years; whether she considers current provision sufficient; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [1684/26]

*1230. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has conducted a national survey, audit or questionnaire of schools and principals to assess teachers' professional development needs, capacity to access continuous professional development and priority training areas; if not, whether she will commit to establishing a formal needs-assessment process; the proposed timeframe for the development and implementation of such a questionnaire; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [1685/26]

*1231. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the mechanisms in place to measure the effectiveness and outcomes of Department-funded continuous professional development; whether data is collected on the impact of such training on classroom practice and student outcomes, particularly for pupils with additional and special educational needs; the details of any evaluations carried out in the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [1686/26]

*1232. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has set participation targets or benchmarks for teacher engagement in continuous professional development; if so, to outline those targets; if not, whether she will commit to establishing national benchmarks, particularly in the areas of special educational needs, behavioural support and wellbeing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [1687/26]

*1233. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the schoolbooks scheme can be examined to take account of schools, particularly post-primary schools, that use chromebooks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [1691/26]

*1234. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the school extension works for a school (details supplied); the date on which works will begin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1705/26]

*1235. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the severe accommodation pressures currently facing a primary school (details supplied), which has expanded from a two-teacher to a three-teacher school. — Michael Murphy. [1771/26]

*1236. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the date on which a supplementary estimate or supplementary estimates was sought in respect of her Department's Vote for each of the past ten years, and to the date in 2026; the gross and net amount involved in each case; and the Vote subheads to which each supplementary estimate related. — Albert Dolan. [1790/26]

*1237. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the value of expenditure originally allocated in the Estimates to specific programmes or staffing measures that could not be spent as planned within the year for each of the past five years; and whether such underspends were

surrendered, carried forward, or reallocated to other areas within the Vote. — Albert Dolan. [1811/26]

*1238. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review correspondence (details supplied); if it is possible to extend the school transport bus service referred to; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [1837/26]

*1239. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will ensure that a permanent appointment will be made at an early date in respect of a position (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [1845/26]

*1240. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of the application by a school (details supplied) under the additional accommodation scheme; when a decision will issue; if it can proceed to the next stage, as the works are urgently needed by the school and its pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1849/26]

*1241. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of the multiple applications by a school (details supplied) under the emergency works scheme; when decisions will be issued in each case as the works are urgently needed by the school and its pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1850/26]

*1242. 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.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1851/26]

*1243. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding an extension for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [1865/26]

*1244. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the amount of the special education budget used for reading recovery, expressed as a value and as a proportion of the special education budget, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [1877/26]

*1245. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding any product or service purchased from Israel or the Occupied Territories by her Department in 2025, broken down by description and amount paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1978/26]

*1246. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department, or any body under its aegis, has funded, or is funding, other than where legal costs were awarded against the employer by a court or tribunal, the legal costs of any current or concluded litigation taken by an employee or former employee against that Department or body, in each of the past five years; if so, to provide details of the number of such cases, the bodies involved, and the total costs incurred in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2018/26]

*1247. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the basis on which her Department, or a body under its aegis, may fund the legal costs of an employee or former employee in litigation where that employee is in dispute with, or taking proceedings against, the same body; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2036/26]

*1248. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the funding of employee legal costs in disputes against her Department, or a body under its aegis, is standard practice; if not, the circumstances in which such funding may be permitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2054/26]

*1249. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline the guidance, codes, circulars or directions that govern the payment of legal costs by her Department, and bodies under its aegis, in employment-related disputes, including any requirements under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies or Departmental sanction arrangements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2072/26]

*1250. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the funding of employee legal costs in litigation against the employing body could give rise to governance, accountability, or value for money concerns; whether her Department has issued any guidance in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2090/26]

*1251. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has reviewed, or intends to review, the practice of Departments, and bodies under their aegis, funding legal costs in employment disputes involving those same bodies; and if so, the outcome or timeline for such a review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2108/26]

*1252. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether arrangements to fund legal costs in employment disputes involving her Department, or bodies under its aegis, require the prior approval of her Department or the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2126/26]

*1253. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department is aware of pressures for first year school placements in the areas surrounding Newcastle, County Dublin; her plans to ensure placements are increased given some children have been placed on several school waiting lists due to oversubscription and due to criteria relating to location, or current school, restricting their placement in admission categories; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2165/26]

*1254. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason proposals for a new secondary school for Newcastle, County Dublin have been refused up to this point; if her Department will reconsider this decision given secondary school students must travel to neighbouring towns to avail of education at this school level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2166/26]

*1255. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a breakdown of the capital allocated to the EU presidency in the Revised Estimates 2026 for her Department. — Darren O'Rourke. [2167/26]

*1256. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the figures of attrition rates in Ireland for both male and female primary school teachers for each of the years 2010 to 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2168/26]

*1257. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she believes that acknowledging teaching service for teachers who teach in a jurisdiction outside of the EU and recognising this previous

service on the teacher salary scale would help to alleviate the teacher recruitment and retention crisis in this state; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2169/26]

*1258. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether qualified secondary school teachers can do substitute work in primary schools; if individual primary schools have the right to refuse such qualified teachers substitute work solely on the grounds that they are qualified in secondary rather than primary education. — Conor D. McGuinness. [2198/26]

*1259. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of education welfare officers employed in Dublin south central; if that constitutes a full complement of staff; the number of vacancies, if any; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [2208/26]

*1260. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of the new shared service employment framework for the school completion programme; and the expected timeline of completion. — Jen Cummins. [2209/26]

*1261. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a transport-related issue (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [2234/26]

*1262. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department is using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the Department are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2244/26]

*1263. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether any agencies or other bodies under her remit are using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the organisation are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2262/26]

*1264. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the SNA redeployment scheme will be operational for September 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [2289/26]

*1265. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for a detailed update on her Department's progress on the tender process for a Cork school since December (details supplied); the timeline for when the tender is due to be released; the reasons for these delays; if her Department is aware of the deadline imposed on this school's current site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [2306/26]

*1266. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a child in Cork will receive their allocation of special school transport (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [2363/26]

*1267. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the engagement she has had with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to their work on seizure safe schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [2378/26]

*1268. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding any research ongoing within her Department in relation to seizure safe schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [2379/26]

*1269. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will agree to meet with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to their work on seizure safe schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [2380/26]

*1270. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider covering the costs of a substitute teacher from the first day of a teacher's absence, particularly in the case of a special class or special school teacher; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2406/26]

*1271. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a student will be offered a first-year place in a secondary school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2407/26]

*1272. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the work ongoing to identify a method of standardising the reduction to the ancillary-related grants for the longer term, where school secretaries are being paid on the Department's payroll; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2408/26]

*1273. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the process of offering school places to incoming first-year students will be deemed to be complete in those areas taking part in the Apply to School pilot, specifically in Tullamore; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2409/26]

*1274. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the timeline for processing first year places to incoming students in those areas taking part in the Apply to School pilot; when all offers are expected to have been made with all first-year places filled (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2410/26]

*1275. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of first-year places that were available for offer to incoming students in the Tullamore area as part of the Apply to School Pilot; the number of places that have now been offered; the number of places that have been accepted; the number of places which remain to be filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2411/26]

*1276. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on an application by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2413/26]

*1277. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a list of the top ten capital or programme projects delivered by her Department or its agencies over the past three years which were completed on time and within the originally approved budget; the project name, location, delivery timeframe, original approved budget, final outturn cost, and delivery body, for each project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2426/26]

*1278. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to detail the annual spend on external consultants by her Department and its agencies in each of the past three years; the number of consultancy contracts, the largest individual consultancy engagements by value, and whether internal capacity-building or cost-benefit assessments were undertaken prior to engaging external consultants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2444/26]

*1279. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a list, for each of the past three years of the top ten projects per annum delivered by her Department or its agencies which were

completed late and over the originally approved budget; the project name, location, original approved completion date, actual completion date, original approved budget, final outturn cost, cost overrun expressed in euro and percentage terms, and the delivery body for each project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2462/26]

*1280. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to a letter from a body (details supplied); her plans to engage and support the work of that body; and if she has, or will, issue any specific circulars or memos directly relating to the matters raised. — Aidan Farrelly. [2475/26]

*1281. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to detail the schools that have requested sanction for additional autism class supports in the city and county of Cork; the schools that have been sanctioned and communicated with; and the ones yet to be contacted, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [2498/26]

*1282. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to clarify her Department's priority in school selection criteria in terms of additional needs; to outline the engagement with school pardon bodies to ensure that additional needs are not placed at the end of school place selection criteria; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [2499/26]

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

*1283. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department has conducted or commissioned an assessment of the compatibility of the proposed age-verification system with EU law, including the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, the General Data Protection Regulation, and the Digital Services Act, and to outline the findings of any such assessment. — Ken O'Flynn. [1079/26]

*1284. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport what statutory basis he proposes to rely upon to require adult users to use a State-issued digital identity system in order to access private-sector social media platforms, and whether primary legislation will be required to mandate such a requirement. — Ken O'Flynn. [1080/26]

*1285. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether a data protection impact assessment has been carried out in respect of the proposed digital age-verification system, including the use of State-held identity credentials for access to private online services, and whether that assessment has been submitted to or reviewed by the Data Protection Commission. — Ken O'Flynn. [1081/26]

*1286. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport what safeguards are envisaged to ensure that the proposed the State-issued digital identity system does not enable the State or third-party platforms to identify, infer, track, or retain information relating to an individual's lawful online activity or content consumption. — Ken O'Flynn. [1082/26]

*1287. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether he accepts that the proposed the State-issued digital identity system age-verification system would apply to all users, including adults, and whether his Department has assessed the proportionality of requiring universal State-mediated identity verification to access lawful online communication. — Ken O'Flynn. [1083/26]

*1288. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport what assessment has been undertaken regarding the impact of the proposed system on persons who do not own smartphones, including older persons and those experiencing digital exclusion, and what alternative access arrangements are envisaged. — Ken O’Flynn. [1084/26]

*1289. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport what estimate has been made of the total cost to the Exchequer of developing, implementing, operating, and overseeing the proposed digital age-verification system, and whether a cost-benefit analysis has been completed. — Ken O’Flynn. [1085/26]

*1290. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department has examined alternative child-protection measures that do not rely on State-issued digital identity systems, including default algorithmic controls, platform design obligations, and enhanced enforcement of existing online safety codes, and to outline the reasons such measures are considered insufficient. — Ken O’Flynn. [1086/26]

*1291. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport what role Coimisiún na Meán has been assigned in the design, approval, implementation, or oversight of the proposed digital age-verification system, and to outline the statutory basis for any such role. — Ken O’Flynn. [1087/26]

*1292. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether any mechanism is envisaged to allow individuals to appeal or challenge a requirement imposed by a platform or regulator to verify age using a State-issued digital identity, and to outline the form of any such mechanism. — Ken O’Flynn. [1093/26]

*1293. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department has examined the implications of the proposed system for anonymous or pseudonymous online activity, including political discourse, whistleblowing, and journalistic engagement, and to outline the conclusions reached. — Ken O’Flynn. [1094/26]

*1294. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether the introduction of a mandatory digital age-verification system would require amendment to the Online Safety and Media Regulation Act 2022, and if so, to specify the provisions under consideration. — Ken O’Flynn. [1095/26]

*1295. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether he will confirm the extent to which the proposed digital age-verification system is aligned with, or dependent upon, any forthcoming European Commission proposals on EU-wide age-verification, and whether Ireland intends to proceed in advance of any binding EU framework. — Ken O’Flynn. [1104/26]

*1296. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding the reopening of applications under the sports capital programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [73949/25]

*1297. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if the provision of an all-weather dome structure to cover an existing pitch facility can be applied for under the sports capital programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [73950/25]

- *1298. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the funding in place for underage athletes (under 18 years old) who are looking to fund training in elite camps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [74035/25]
- *1299. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if funding will be provided so a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [74075/25]
- *1300. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when a new National Archive Advisory Council will be appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [74123/25]
- *1301. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide a list of AI pilot projects which have taken place in his Department within the past 12 months; the expenditure associated with those projects; and whether they are still ongoing, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [74129/25]
- *1302. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether standards or service-level targets exist for his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department, in responding to correspondence from members of local authorities; if compliance with such standards is monitored; the reasons for delays or failures to respond to correspondence from elected members; and the measures being taken to ensure more consistent and timely communication going forward. — Sorca Clarke. [74263/25]
- *1303. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the office rental costs per annum for staff in his Department and for each agency or organisation under his remit, in each of the years between 2015 and 2025 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74444/25]
- *1304. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide funding to secure the future of a complex (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [74566/25]
- *1305. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the payroll cost of his Department and of each organisation or agency under its remit individually, in 2015 to 2025, by year, in tabular form. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [74622/25]
- *1306. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department will provide the €6 million in funding required to secure the continued operation of a centre (details supplied) in Dublin City; whether his Department has engaged with the organisation regarding its stated intention to close on 14 January 2026; the assessment made of the cultural and community impact of such a closure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [74807/25]
- *1307. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of data breaches recorded by his Department in 2025; and the number that were reported to the Data Protection Commissioner. — Cathal Crowe. [74891/25]
- *1308. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his plans to support grassroots football development (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [74967/25]

*1309. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will report on the engagement between his Department and an organisation (details supplied) on the success of ETB soccer courses on pathways for young players, including those progressing to League of Ireland and national underage teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [74968/25]

*1310. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when County Kerry will receive full broadband coverage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74981/25]

*1311. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to expedite the provision of high speed broadband to a location (details supplied) and address these issues as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [75074/25]

*1312. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding the implementation of the recommendations of the 2022 Joint Committee on Tourism, Culture, Arts, Sport and Media, A Safe and Respectful Working Environment in the Arts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [75081/25]

*1313. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of projects in his Department that were delayed in 2023 and 2024 due to the change of document from the Public Spending Code to the Infrastructure Guidelines, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [75105/25]

*1314. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the administrative process for the per cent for arts scheme within a new public sector building. — Marie Sherlock. [75131/25]

*1315. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if advice has been set out to each public sector body as to the appropriate procurement strategy for the per cent for art scheme; when such guidance was issued; what is that guidance and the person or body in charge of overseeing compliance with an appropriate process. — Marie Sherlock. [75132/25]

*1316. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the salary scale that applies to the Secretary General in his Department and to the head of each agency for which they are responsible; whether this scale has changed in the past two years or whether there are proposals to change this scale in the coming period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75191/25]

*1317. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the amount expended on advertising and promotion in his Department, and within each agency for which he is responsible, for 2022 to 2024, by year and budgeted for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75209/25]

*1318. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of press, media or communications staff currently employed in his Department and within each agency for which he is responsible; the cost of these staff for 2025 and the expected cost for 2026; whether there are proposals to increase the number of such staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75227/25]

*1319. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the estimated cost to his Department and to each agency for which they are responsible arising from Ireland's presidency of the European Council; the line items or events for which a cost is expected to arise and the estimated cost for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75245/25]

*1320. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the priorities of his Department and each agency for which they are responsible for, in respect of Ireland's presidency of the European Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75263/25]

*1321. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether Coimisiún na Meán has been formally consulted on the proposal to require users to verify their age through a State-issued digital wallet or MyGovID in order to access social media platforms, and if so, to outline the views expressed. — Ken O'Flynn. [1088/26]

*1322. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether Coimisiún na Meán will have the authority to require age-verification for categories of lawful online content beyond pornography or violent material, and if so, to specify the limits that will apply to such authority. — Ken O'Flynn. [1089/26]

*1323. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether any binding guidance has been issued, or is proposed to be issued, to Coimisiún na Meán regarding the circumstances in which age-verification may be mandated, and whether such guidance will be published. — Ken O'Flynn. [1090/26]

*1324. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department has assessed the risk of scope expansion or function creep arising from the proposed digital age-verification system, whereby its use could be extended to additional platforms or lawful content over time, and to outline any safeguards identified. — Ken O'Flynn. [1091/26]

*1325. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether private online platforms will be permitted to require age-verification through a State-issued digital identity system beyond what is explicitly mandated by legislation or regulatory codes, and what oversight arrangements will apply. — Ken O'Flynn. [1092/26]

*1326. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when fibre broadband will be introduced in Listowel (details supplied); if he has engaged with the supplier on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1380/26]

*1327. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide a theatre in Killarney, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1706/26]

*1328. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the date on which a supplementary estimate or supplementary estimates was sought in respect of his Department's Vote for each of the past ten years, and to the date in 2026; the gross and net amount involved in each case; and the Vote subheads to which each supplementary estimate related. — Albert Dolan. [1788/26]

*1329. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the value of expenditure originally allocated in the Estimates to specific programmes or staffing measures that could not

be spent as planned within the year for each of the past five years; and whether such underspends were surrendered, carried forward, or reallocated to other areas within the Vote. — Albert Dolan. [1809/26]

*1330. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his attention has been drawn to concerns related to funding shortfalls for a venue funded by the Arts Council (details supplied); and the actions he will take to ensure the long-term funding of this venue. — Barry Ward. [1970/26]

*1331. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will engage with the Arts Council in relation to funding for a venue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1971/26]

*1332. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding any product or service purchased from Israel or the Occupied Territories by his Department in 2025, broken down by description and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1976/26]

*1333. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department, or any body under its aegis, has funded, or is funding, other than where legal costs were awarded against the employer by a court or tribunal, the legal costs of any current or concluded litigation taken by an employee or former employee against that Department or body, in each of the past five years; if so, to provide details of the number of such cases, the bodies involved, and the total costs incurred in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2016/26]

*1334. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the basis on which his Department, or a body under its aegis, may fund the legal costs of an employee or former employee in litigation where that employee is in dispute with, or taking proceedings against, the same body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2034/26]

*1335. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether the funding of employee legal costs in disputes against his Department, or a body under its aegis, is standard practice; if not, the circumstances in which such funding may be permitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2052/26]

*1336. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline the guidance, codes, circulars or directions that govern the payment of legal costs by his Department, and bodies under its aegis, in employment-related disputes, including any requirements under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies or Departmental sanction arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2070/26]

*1337. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether the funding of employee legal costs in litigation against the employing body could give rise to governance, accountability, or value for money concerns; whether his Department has issued any guidance in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2088/26]

*1338. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department has reviewed, or intends to review, the practice of Departments, and bodies under their aegis, funding legal costs in employment disputes involving those same bodies; and if so, the outcome

or timeline for such a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2106/26]

*1339. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether arrangements to fund legal costs in employment disputes involving his Department, or bodies under its aegis, require the prior approval of his Department or the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2124/26]

*1340. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding access by schools to sports capital grant funding, including whether a schools-only stream is planned that does not require partnership/matching with a sports club, and the expected commencement date; and criteria for such a scheme. — Erin McGreehan. [2182/26]

*1341. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department is using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the Department are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2242/26]

*1342. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether any agencies or other bodies under his remit are using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the organisation are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2260/26]

*1343. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide a list of the top ten capital or programme projects delivered by his Department or its agencies over the past three years which were completed on time and within the originally approved budget; the project name, location, delivery timeframe, original approved budget, final outturn cost, and delivery body, for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2424/26]

*1344. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to detail the annual spend on external consultants by his Department and its agencies in each of the past three years; the number of consultancy contracts, the largest individual consultancy engagements by value, and whether internal capacity-building or cost-benefit assessments were undertaken prior to engaging external consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2442/26]

*1345. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide a list, for each of the past three years of the top ten projects per annum delivered by his Department or its agencies which were completed late and over the originally approved budget; the project name, location, original approved completion date, actual completion date, original approved budget, final outturn cost, cost overrun expressed in euro and percentage terms, and the delivery body for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2460/26]

*1346. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he has reviewed the findings of the night time economy pilots that concluded recently; his opinion on the findings; whether consideration is being given to expansion into new locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2486/26]

*1347. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport in the event that new locations for development of the night time economy be considered, how these locations are

being selected; the criteria that will be used to select these locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2487/26]

*1348. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the review of the night time economy pilots will be published; if a timeline for implementation of its recommendations will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2488/26]

*1349. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the progress to date on ensuring that pensioners (details supplied) receive their pension increase due since January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [2508/26]

*1350. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if an environmental impact assessment has been undertaken in respect of the hosting of an event (details supplied); if the car parking is being facilitated for this event; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [2909/26]

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

*1351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [2153/26]

*1352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update regarding the proposed exemptions for building a granny flat for a family member onto an existing house. — Danny Healy-Rae. [2719/26]

*1353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 121 of 5 November 2025, to clarify whether his reply, in which he stated that he “asked that a review be undertaken of all existing Memoranda of Understanding,” means that all existing MoUs between the NPWS and 28 external organisations will be subject to the specific review he requested; and the timeline for the review of all MoUs with the 28 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [73875/25]

*1354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a timeline on the introduction of the “above the shop” vacant grant proposed; the criteria to qualify; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [73904/25]

*1355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the introduction of the enhanced “Above the Shop” Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [73906/25]

*1356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the eligibility criteria that will apply to the enhanced “Above the Shop” grant, including vacancy period, construction date, and any additional requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [73907/25]

*1357. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if multi-unit conversions above commercial premises will qualify for the full €140,000 grant package; the number of units which must be included to avail of this amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [73908/25]

*1358. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a single-unit conversion above a shop will remain eligible only for the standard €50,000 grant plus €20,000 top-up for dereliction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [73909/25]

*1359. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans to amend the current rules requiring properties to be used as a principal private residence or for one rental unit in the context of multi-unit conversions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [73910/25]

*1360. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to merge the voter registration websites checktheregister.ie and voter.ie; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [74006/25]

*1361. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for the delivery of social and affordable housing in county Louth in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74029/25]

*1362. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Tenants-in-Situ scheme will continue or has it been subsumed into the Second Hand Social Housing Acquisitions Programme; if it is to continue whether funding has been allocated to Councils; the funding which will be allocated for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74090/25]

*1363. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the stipulation in the Tenants-in-Situ scheme that a residence must be in HAP for two years remain in place (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74091/25]

*1364. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Council has the authority to buy a property under 6.12 of the Second Hand Social Housing Acquisitions Programme, if the tenants-in-situ are at risk of becoming homeless, even if the property has not been in HAP for 2 years, in order to address ‘tenancy sustainment’; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74092/25]

*1365. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide additional information and clarity on eligibility regarding the local authority engineers, who are qualified and experienced, that are being deemed ineligible for progression under revised eligibility criteria, despite having previously been assessed, appointed, and in many cases promoted based on those same qualifications; to provide confirmation of who is responsible for reviewing and addressing this issue and an indication of the steps are being taken to resolve this matter. — Sorca Clarke. [74095/25]

*1366. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Wind Energy Guidelines will form part of the National Planning Statement; if it will be published Spring 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Natasha Newsome Drennan. [72814/25]

*1367. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of AI pilot projects which have taken place in his Department within the past 12 months; the expenditure associated with those projects; and whether they are still ongoing, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [74137/25]

*1368. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding competitions for executive engineer roles in local authorities, the position regarding career progression for engineers already employed in local authority roles with qualifications under the previous eligibility criteria who have relevant experience but who do not hold qualifications under the new criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [74228/25]

*1369. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions his Department is taking to ensure students living in private accommodation do not face further rent increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [74236/25]

*1370. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions his Department is taking to ensure there are no rent increases for students living in private accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [74240/25]

*1371. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of ongoing difficulties experienced by elected members of local authorities, including Mullingar Kinnegad Municipal District of Westmeath County Council, in receiving timely responses from his Department to formal representations; if he has issued any guidance or protocols regarding engagement with local authorities. — Sorca Clarke. [74251/25]

*1372. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps being taken to improve inter-departmental responsiveness to correspondence from local authorities and their elected members, particularly where issues relating to childcare provision, transport, healthcare and integration are concerned. — Sorca Clarke. [74252/25]

*1373. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the adequacy of current engagement between Government departments and local authorities and their elected members; whether his Department has received representations from local authorities regarding non-responses from other Departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [74253/25]

*1374. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether standards or service-level targets exist for his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department, in responding to correspondence from members of local authorities; if compliance with such standards is monitored; the reasons for delays or failures to respond to correspondence from elected members; and the measures being taken to ensure more consistent and timely communication going forward. — Sorca Clarke. [74257/25]

*1375. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline on when the boundary review into local electoral areas will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [74261/25]

*1376. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 86 of 9 July 2025, the date he will provide a substantive response; if his Department will provide this Deputy with a copy of the memorandum of understanding that was provided to inform the Oireachtas Committee charged with development of the 1976 Act; the date his Department will make all of the relevant policy files available to the public for inspection as is legally required under the terms of the National Archives Act 1986 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [74297/25]

*1377. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm unequivocally to this Deputy whether, the State is legally required and empowered to manage all wild birds, including urban gulls, as laid down in Article 9 of the EU Birds Directive and pertinent National legislation (primary and secondary); if he is the Minister responsible for the necessary and consequential policies for management and control of wild birds (details supplied); and if not, which Minister is responsible; if his Department and the NPWS is not the lead and overarching Government Department, which Government Department(s) is/are responsible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [74298/25]

*1378. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether the Elective Derogation Regulation (details supplied) must be restored with immediate effect, before the 2026 breeding season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [74331/25]

*1379. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No's, 148,149,150,151,152 of 16 July 2025, if he will provide a complete copy of the Department/NPWS's correspondence concerning gulls and public health and safety with the HSE in 2017, as cited in his reply; and if he will provide copies of any consistent/similar correspondence that his Department/NPWS has had with the HSE in respect of wild bird species subject to lethal control nationally under the General Derogation for the past forty-plus years. — Louise O'Reilly. [74333/25]

*1380. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No's 148,149,150,151,152 of 16 July 2025, and his statement in his reply that he is satisfied that the NPWS carries out their functions in a balanced and measured manner in line with the legislative provisions for the protection of wild birds, if is satisfied that, since the withdrawal of the proactive, protective Derogation that ran from 2017-2023, schools that have nesting seagull colonies on their roofs must apply to his Department/NPWS for licences to protect schoolchildren from attack and injury by seagulls, a policy reversal with multiple negative consequences for schools and the children in their care; or if this Derogation should be re-instated with immediate effect, and prior to the 2026 seagull breeding season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [74334/25]

*1381. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department or the National Parks and Wildlife Service has issued any public notices that it is perfectly legal under the Wildlife Acts 1976 and 2000 (Amended) to remove nests from occupied buildings provided they do not contain eggs or hatched chicks; if no such public notice has been issued, and as the Houses of the Oireachtas has legislated for this entitlement, if he will direct his Department/NPWS to issue such a public notice in the interests of adherence to normal public service standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [74335/25]

*1382. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a summary of all wildlife licences granted in the period 2019 to 2025 in respect of herring gulls and removal of their nests and eggs; the licence date, location, the reason for which licences were sought, the approved control actions; and the specific legal grounds for the granting of the licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [74336/25]

*1383. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to increase the thresholds to qualify for social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [74354/25]

- *1384. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the minimum and average times that it has taken in 2025 from when a local authority home becomes vacant to when it is occupied by a new tenant, by each local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [74356/25]
- *1385. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it is planned to review the local election boundaries in advance of the 2029 Local Elections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [74363/25]
- *1386. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the next Dail constituency boundary redraw will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [74364/25]
- *1387. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the wind energy guidelines being updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [74376/25]
- *1388. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the office rental costs per annum for staff in his Department and for each agency or organisation under his remit, in each of the years between 2015 and 2025 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74452/25]
- *1389. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the Q3 affordable housing delivery figures will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [74468/25]
- *1390. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the value of the vacant property refurbishment grants that have been issued in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 respectively, for the purpose of renovating a rental property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [74469/25]
- *1391. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to re designate the Broadmeadow estuary at Corballis, Donabate an exclusion zone for shooting given this forms part of the Broadmeadow Way Greenway cycle and pedestrian route from Malahide to Newbridge park when this is completed in 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [74470/25]
- *1392. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of all EU infringement enforcement procedures against his Department; the date they were initiated; a description of the infringement/enforcement procedure; and a status update, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [74479/25]
- *1393. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he intends to commence all relevant provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2024 which would enable the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to introduce secondary legislation to implement scale of fees, capping the costs of environmental planning judicial reviews as per part 9 of the Planning and Development Act 2024; the level and degree of consultation the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment has had with him, as required under the relevant provision of the Act and describe the form that consultation took; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [74483/25]

- *1394. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the financial supports available from his Department for conservation and restoration of historical and heritage buildings such as a building (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [74534/25]
- *1395. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address health and safety issues (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74541/25]
- *1396. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Planning and Development (Exempted Development) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 have been signed into law; if Section 10.6, which provides for the extension of exempted development provisions allowing for a change of use from commercial to residential has been commenced; and if these provisions will extend to 31 December 2028; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [74557/25]
- *1397. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of when the regulations/guidelines for large wind turbines will be published; if they will include the noise regulations that are compatible with the World Health Organization standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [74558/25]
- *1398. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to review the current practice where elderly and disabled people are in need of a replacement grant by the local authorities to replace gas boilers that are no longer functioning, pending the National Retrofit Plan being rolled out more extensively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [74559/25]
- *1399. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the rationale for using Eircode routing keys in respect of the upcoming Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Act 2025 concerning the rent register as opposed to using the Pobal HP deprivation index; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [74601/25]
- *1400. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the payroll cost of his Department and of each organisation or agency under its remit individually, in 2015 to 2025, by year, in tabular form. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [74630/25]
- *1401. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the warning letter issued by South Dublin County Council on 28 November 2025 under the Building Control Act in relation to the material change of use and material alteration of the Convention Centre; whether the letter was issued to his Department and if he plans to take any action to address this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [74665/25]
- *1402. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if staffing, procurement or tendering issues within Kildare County Council are contributing to delays and cost overruns in delivering social housing in Newbridge, Kildare Town and Athy; and the corrective actions which are being taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [74667/25]
- *1403. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of households currently on the social housing waiting list in Kildare south; the number of people

who have been removed from the list since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [74668/25]

*1404. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will approve exceptional funding measures to unlock stalled social and affordable housing developments in Newbridge, Kildare town and Athy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [74670/25]

*1405. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions he will take in 2026 to ensure that approved but delayed housing projects in Newbridge, Kildare town and Athy will proceed to construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [74671/25]

*1406. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reasons construction costs for social and affordable housing developments in County Kildare are significantly higher than the national average; the specific factors contributing to these costs, including land prices, labour shortages, construction inflation, infrastructure requirements and compliance standards; the measures which he will take to ensure that cost ceilings and funding mechanisms better reflect the realities of delivery in high-growth commuter counties such as Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [74672/25]

*1407. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a person (details supplied) in County Clare who has submitted an appeal on the defective concrete block scheme, will receive a response given that the appeal was submitted at the end of August 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74725/25]

*1408. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in view of the ban on new boilers under the older person grant, if he will revise the grant scheme to allow for other forms of heating systems, such as electric heaters, to be installed. — Séamus McGrath. [74861/25]

*1409. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to increase the income threshold eligibility criteria for social housing supports (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [74874/25]

*1410. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of data breaches recorded by his Department in 2025; and the number that were reported to the Data Protection Commissioner. — Cathal Crowe. [74899/25]

*1411. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if funding is available to join the Peake Mantua Amalgamation GWS with Corracreigh GWS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [74957/25]

*1412. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the plans of the NPWS to invest in the amenities at Glenveagh National Park in the short-term and medium-term. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [75030/25]

*1413. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a risk assessment was carried out regarding the potential impact on public safety regarding the implementation of the NMACS system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [75049/25]

- *1414. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps that have been taken to date in response to the request for a SAC designation of a site (details supplied); the timeframe for action on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [75060/25]
- *1415. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the policies which are in place to provide assurance and security of supply for quarried materials. — Shane Moynihan. [75061/25]
- *1416. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of projects in his Department that were delayed in 2023 and 2024 due to the change of document from the Public Spending Code to the Infrastructure Guidelines, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [75113/25]
- *1417. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the working group key findings are recommendations under section F acknowledging the changing role of engineering in the sector, section ii and section iii (details supplied). — Shay Brennan. [75121/25]
- *1418. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to significantly increase affordable housing targets for County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [75135/25]
- *1419. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has taken any measures since assuming office against local authorities that have not been fulfilling their duties under derelict sites legislation; and if he plans to introduce further measures in this regard for the coming year. — Liam Quaide. [75183/25]
- *1420. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the salary scale that applies to the Secretary General in his Department and to the head of each agency for which they are responsible; whether this scale has changed in the past two years or whether there are proposals to change this scale in the coming period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75199/25]
- *1421. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount expended on advertising and promotion in his Department, and within each agency for which he is responsible, for 2022 to 2024, by year and budgeted for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75217/25]
- *1422. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of press, media or communications staff currently employed in his Department and within each agency for which he is responsible; the cost of these staff for 2025 and the expected cost for 2026; whether there are proposals to increase the number of such staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75235/25]
- *1423. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost to his Department and to each agency for which they are responsible arising from Ireland's presidency of the European Council; the line items or events for which a cost is expected to arise and the estimated cost for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75253/25]

*1424. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the priorities of his Department and each agency for which they are responsible for, in respect of Ireland's presidency of the European Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75271/25]

*1425. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the proposals to review the electoral boundaries for county council municipal districts in advance of the next local elections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75278/25]

*1426. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to reconsider the importance of tourism in County Kerry and especially Killarney town by reconsidering the short-term lets policy (details supplied) and allow a waiver for the proprietors of short term lets who have been in business three years or longer in relation to the need to apply for planning permission to be allowed continue with their short-term lets livelihoods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1060/26]

*1427. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the fully rollout of An Coimisiún Pleanála - Plean IT system will be fully operational and fully accessible for members of the public to interact with its portal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1118/26]

*1428. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties by local authority area that have availed of the vacant property refurbishment grant under the croí cónaithe fund, by each year since its inception to date. — Malcolm Byrne. [1119/26]

*1429. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the full range of powers available to local authorities to address derelict properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [1120/26]

*1430. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding options available for the construction of a second bridge over the Avoca river at Arklow, County Wicklow in order to unlock areas in the town for development and relieve traffic pressures on the existing bridge. — Malcolm Byrne. [1122/26]

*1431. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average price of a new home in the Gorey local electoral area, County Wexford; the number of successful applications under the first home scheme in that LEA in 2025; the number of affordable homes provided in that LEA in 2025; the number that currently are being planned; the projected completion dates in that LEA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [1123/26]

*1432. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average price of a new home in the Arklow local electoral area, County Wicklow; the number of successful applications under the first home scheme in that LEA in 2025; the number of affordable homes provided in that LEA in 2025; the number that currently are being planned; the projected completion dates in that LEA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [1124/26]

*1433. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage given the significant difference in home prices across local authority areas, if he will consider introducing qualifying

thresholds for the first home scheme based on local electoral areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [1125/26]

*1434. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the research undertaken by his Department on the potential impact on small landlords of changes to the residential rental rules on 1 March, 2026; and if any modelling was carried out of the impact of landlords potentially leaving the sector. — Malcolm Byrne. [1127/26]

*1435. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list, by each local authority which offer pre-planning meetings and the circumstances under which they will offer such meetings, including whether they will offer such meetings to those seeking to build just one home. — Malcolm Byrne. [1128/26]

*1436. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the work of the housing delivery office including its current membership; the number of meetings it has had to date; the dates of those meetings; the actions that have been taken to date including inviting and accepting invitations for infrastructure funding; and to provide an update on any such applications. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1152/26]

*1437. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total expenditure on social and affordable housing by local authorities, approved housing bodies and the Land Development Agency in 2024 and 2025; and the breakdown, by funding stream and by delivery agent (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [1153/26]

*1438. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the fire safety defects remediation scheme will fully open for applications; the eligibility criteria and timelines; if roof and water ingress issues be included in any State-supported remediation scheme; the practical support that can be offered to apartment owners currently facing unsafe conditions and escalating costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [1234/26]

*1439. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount each county council has spent on tourism in 2023, 2024 and 2025; the amount they have budgeted for 2026, by each county council nationwide, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [1324/26]

*1440. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of applicants on local authority housing waiting lists, including those receiving HAP and RAS payments, broken down by county council, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [1327/26]

*1441. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress of the apartment and duplex defects remediation Bill; the issues identified by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [1348/26]

*1442. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of reports that REITs are increasing rental prices for car parking spaces adjoining homes at a rate that far exceeds the rate of allowable increase in property rents in a rent pressure zone and that the RTB has no legislative ability to offer guidance or protection to renters whose spaces are now becoming unaffordable; if he is concerned that REITs are using rent increases on parking spaces as a means of bypassing RPZ limits; and if he has plans to expand protection for renters to include the car parking spaces adjoining their homes. — Seán Crowe. [1363/26]

*1443. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the interim remediation scheme for fire safety defects in apartments and duplexes will come back into effect having seemingly been suspended for procurement law reasons; the number of payments to date that have been made to OMCs via the scheme; whether the Housing Agency is actively contacting OMCs who have already carried out remediation work with a view to reimbursing them; if not, when this will happen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [1377/26]

*1444. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for legislation to specifically provide for planning with regard to quarries, including enforcement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [1461/26]

*1445. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff employed in each local authority that are specifically focused on planning enforcement. — Malcolm Byrne. [1463/26]

*1446. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of third level students currently accommodated under the rent a room scheme by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [1495/26]

*1447. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the apartments and duplex defects remediation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1504/26]

*1448. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide clarification to a query regarding engineering qualifications in the Local Government sector (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1521/26]

*1449. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps his Department is taking to recognise the positive impact that allotments and community gardens have had on Irish society over the past 100 years (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [1555/26]

*1450. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the proposed apartment, duplex and multi-unit dwelling remediation scheme will provide for the remediation of all multi-unit developments impacted by defective concrete; the anticipated timeline for enactment of the legislation and commencement of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [1556/26]

*1451. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the prohibition on pet bans in social and AHB housing will be extended to all rental accommodation, with normal wear and tear conditions such as RTB standard being applied to all occupiers such as specifically the wear and tear and anti-social behaviour clauses. — Maeve O'Connell. [1606/26]

*1452. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the new measures for the delivery of age-friendly housing, that are not currently in place, being introduced in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [1627/26]

*1453. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total funding allocation for social housing acquisitions in 2026; the total funding for acquisitions by local

authority; when the allocation will be communicated to each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [1628/26]

*1454. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the deadline for which each local authority will be required to publish its Housing Delivery Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [1629/26]

*1455. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he and his Department are taking to support increased housing delivery by local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [1630/26]

*1456. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the industry capability working group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [1633/26]

*1457. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the planning permission exemption for modular homes will be enacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [1670/26]

*1458. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, in light of new findings, his position has changed with respect to the transfer and sale of homes in Cork (details supplied); if he has instructed his officials to review the submission and its findings; if he will now engage meaningfully with a group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1701/26]

*1459. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which residents can work with their respective local authorities in respect to partially handing over of defined areas of their estate for the local authority to take in charge. — Aidan Farrelly. [1780/26]

*1460. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the date on which a supplementary estimate or supplementary estimates was sought in respect of his Department's Vote for each of the past ten years, and to the date in 2026; the gross and net amount involved in each case; and the Vote subheads to which each supplementary estimate related. — Albert Dolan. [1798/26]

*1461. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the value of expenditure originally allocated in the Estimates to specific programmes or staffing measures that could not be spent as planned within the year for each of the past five years; and whether such underspends were surrendered, carried forward, or reallocated to other areas within the Vote. — Albert Dolan. [1819/26]

*1462. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of applications received for affordable purchase homes under all affordable housing schemes administered by each local authority; the number of those applications which met all eligibility requirements; the number of homes available for allocation in each year; and the number of homes ultimately allocated in each of the past three years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1893/26]

*1463. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average number of eligible applications per affordable purchase home available at the point of allocation, for each

local authority in each of the past three years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1894/26]

*1464. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applicants who met all eligibility criteria for affordable purchase housing but were not offered a home due to demand exceeding supply for each local authority in each of the past three years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1895/26]

*1465. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department or local authorities track repeat applications by the same household for affordable purchase housing schemes; if so, the number of unique applicant households, the number of households that applied more than once, and the average and median number of application rounds entered by households prior to being allocated an affordable purchase home for each local authority in each of the past three years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1900/26]

*1466. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if data on the length of time or number of application rounds spent in the affordable purchase housing application process by successful applicants is collected or monitored by his Department or by local authorities; if so, to provide details and any available data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1901/26]

*1467. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the standard eligibility criteria applied by local authorities when assessing applications for affordable purchase homes, including income thresholds, mortgage capacity assessments, first time buyer status, and local authority area connection requirements; whether these criteria are applied consistently across all local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1902/26]

*1468. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether consideration has been given to the introduction of anonymised unique applicant identifiers for affordable purchase housing schemes in order to better assess repeat application rates, unmet demand, and waiting times across local authorities; and if so, the status of such consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1903/26]

*1469. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if comparative data on demand versus supply for affordable purchase housing across local authorities is used by his Department to inform funding allocations, programme design, or future delivery targets; and if so, to provide details; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1904/26]

*1470. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding any product or service purchased from Israel or the Occupied Territories by his Department in 2025, broken down by description and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1984/26]

*1471. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department, or any body under its aegis, has funded, or is funding, other than where legal costs were awarded against the employer by a court or tribunal, the legal costs of any current or concluded litigation taken by an employee or former employee against that Department or body, in each of the past five years; if so, to provide details of the number of such cases, the bodies involved, and the total costs incurred in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2024/26]

*1472. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the basis on which his Department, or a body under its aegis, may fund the legal costs of an employee or former employee in litigation where that employee is in dispute with, or taking proceedings against, the same body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2042/26]

*1473. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the funding of employee legal costs in disputes against his Department, or a body under its aegis, is standard practice; if not, the circumstances in which such funding may be permitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2060/26]

*1474. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the guidance, codes, circulars or directions that govern the payment of legal costs by his Department, and bodies under its aegis, in employment-related disputes, including any requirements under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies or Departmental sanction arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2078/26]

*1475. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the funding of employee legal costs in litigation against the employing body could give rise to governance, accountability, or value for money concerns; whether his Department has issued any guidance in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2096/26]

*1476. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has reviewed, or intends to review, the practice of Departments, and bodies under their aegis, funding legal costs in employment disputes involving those same bodies; and if so, the outcome or timeline for such a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2114/26]

*1477. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether arrangements to fund legal costs in employment disputes involving his Department, or bodies under its aegis, require the prior approval of his Department or the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2132/26]

*1478. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the rationale for limiting eligibility for the vacant property refurbishment grant (including above-the-shop accommodation) to individual applicants only; whether he accepts that this restriction is limiting the scale and pace of delivery of homes in town centres; and if he will outline any plans to extend eligibility to companies, approved housing bodies or small-scale developers. — Michael Murphy. [2147/26]

*1479. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications approved to date under the vacant property refurbishment grant for over-the-shop or upper-floor accommodation; the number refused, by county, on the basis of applicant status; and whether consideration has been given to amending the scheme to better unlock the significant vacant residential potential above commercial premises in town centres. — Michael Murphy. [2148/26]

*1480. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he accepts that the current requirement that the vacant property refurbishment grant be paid only to individuals is acting as a barrier to town centre regeneration; and if he will outline the changes, if any, that are under consideration to ensure the scheme aligns with the objectives of the Town Centre First policy. — Michael Murphy. [2149/26]

*1481. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has undertaken any analysis comparing the vacant property refurbishment grant with other housing activation schemes that permit applications from companies or delivery partners; and if he will publish or outline the findings of any such analysis. — Michael Murphy. [2150/26]

*1482. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he agrees that restricting the vacant property refurbishment grant to individuals limits the ability to bring multiple units back into use in a single development; and if he will consider introducing a parallel stream of the scheme for multi-unit or mixed-use properties owned by non-individual entities. — Michael Murphy. [2151/26]

*1483. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a review the operational rules of the vacant property refurbishment grant which is planned in 2026; and whether such a review will specifically examine applicant eligibility with a view to increasing delivery of above-the-shop and town centre housing. — Michael Murphy. [2152/26]

*1484. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if all private home grants are covered by the same scheme for all local authorities or if local authorities set their own scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [2170/26]

*1485. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a person who has a right of residency in a house of their child, are not entitled to a housing adaptation grant because there is no tenancy agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [2171/26]

*1486. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current status of the consideration of letters of recommendation submitted by local authorities in regard to the enhanced defective concrete blocks grant scheme; to confirm when such letters of recommendation submitted by Meath County Council and Wexford County Council will be processed; whether a submission from Louth County Council is currently under consideration or expected shortly; the expected timeline for decisions or determinations in respect of each county where letters of recommendation have been submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [2185/26]

*1487. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when legislation to support the remediation of apartments and duplexes will be brought before the Houses of the Oireachtas; and when such a scheme will open for applications. — Tom Brabazon. [2197/26]

*1488. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of people on housing waiting lists in 2025 in each county, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [2199/26]

*1489. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social, affordable and cost-rental homes completed in 2025, broken down by local authority; how these figures compare with annual targets set out in Government housing plans; the number of projects delayed or that have not commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [2200/26]

*1490. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to concerns regarding the proposed six-year tenancy requirement contained in forthcoming residential tenancies legislation, particularly in cases where families are availing of the fair deal nursing home loan scheme; if he accepts that the proposed measure may create a

conflict with the requirement to repay nursing home loans within one year of a resident's death; if any exemptions or safeguards are being considered prior to enactment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2203/26]

*1491. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered the impact of the proposed six-year tenancy requirement on executors administering estates under the fair deal nursing home loan scheme; if he accepts that the proposed measure may prevent executors from selling properties in a timely manner in order to discharge debts and distribute estates; if he will consider amending the proposed legislation to allow for short-term tenancies or termination of leases in such circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2204/26]

*1492. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he acknowledges that, in the context of the fair deal scheme, while properties may technically be sold with tenants in situ, doing so may significantly reduce the value of an estate and conflict with executors' fiduciary duties; if this issue has been considered in the drafting of the proposed six-year tenancy requirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2205/26]

*1493. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide clarity on the way in which the proposed six-year tenancy requirement is intended to operate in cases involving fair deal loan repayments and estate administration; if guidance or exemptions will be included in the legislation prior to enactment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2207/26]

*1494. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the National Planning Statement will issue in 2026; if it will make childcare provision a binding requirement, including fit-out and operational phasing, and introduce a presumption against the change of use of crèche sites, with reference to an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2211/26]

*1495. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to issue a circular confirming that childcare demand in apartment schemes must be based on child-yield methodology, and that any on-site facility must be at ground-floor level with safe access and outdoor play space in rail-accessible locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2213/26]

*1496. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the Department are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2250/26]

*1497. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether any agencies or other bodies under his remit are using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the organisation are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2268/26]

*1498. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the exempted development regulations on free-standing residential home extensions. — Paul Murphy. [2291/26]

*1499. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the solutions that are in place for people who are over the income threshold for social housing but under the income threshold for cost rental schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2373/26]

*1500. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of the top ten capital or programme projects delivered by his Department or its agencies over the past three years which were completed on time and within the originally approved budget; the project name, location, delivery timeframe, original approved budget, final outturn cost, and delivery body, for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2432/26]

*1501. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to detail the annual spend on external consultants by his Department and its agencies in each of the past three years; the number of consultancy contracts, the largest individual consultancy engagements by value, and whether internal capacity-building or cost-benefit assessments were undertaken prior to engaging external consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2450/26]

*1502. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list, for each of the past three years of the top ten projects per annum delivered by his Department or its agencies which were completed late and over the originally approved budget; the project name, location, original approved completion date, actual completion date, original approved budget, final outturn cost, cost overrun expressed in euro and percentage terms, and the delivery body for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2468/26]

*1503. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will establish an interim order to prevent families with pets being disaffected in social housing in advance of the enactment of the pet ban legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maeve O'Connell. [2500/26]

*1504. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the local authority housing vacancy figures for the year 2025, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [2509/26]

*1505. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to detail the refurbishment timelines, per county, for bringing vacant local authority housing stock back in to use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [2510/26]

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

*1506. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has examined the introduction of a dedicated support scheme for parents with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [1840/26]

*1507. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on the proposal that schools should have greater autonomy over the Hot School Meals Programme, with any savings achieved through reduced waste retained at school level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2412/26]

*1508. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to review the case of a persons request (details supplied) to receive their social insurance contribution record from Australia to assist in their application for invalidity pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [73900/25]

*1509. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider changing the rules of the back to education allowance, as it applies to further education and training (FET) courses so that individuals who were unable to complete their original FET course are given a second chance to receive an allowance payment if they start a new course of study; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [73981/25]

*1510. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the Government’s position on proposals contained in the pensions authority’s recent consultation on PRSA investment rules; whether he has considered the potential impact that restricting direct property investment within personal retirement savings accounts will have on small pension savers who use such arrangements to invest prudently in individual properties, as distinct from institutional or collective property funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [73983/25]

*1511. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it is Government policy to support a balanced approach between small-scale pension investors, including self-directed PRSA holders investing in individual properties, and large institutional investors (vulture funds); and whether he has concerns that the investment restrictions under consideration by the pensions authority could disproportionately disadvantage individual or “mom-and-pop” pension investors relative to institutional participants in the property market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [73984/25]

*1512. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the statutory basis on which his Department requires rent supplement or supplementary welfare allowance applicants to submit property ownership documentation, including local property tax records, insurance policies, title deeds or mortgage statements; and to identify the relevant provisions of S.I. No. 412/2007 relied upon in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [74078/25]

*1513. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which the “reasonably required” test under Article 23(1)(a) of the Social Welfare (Consolidated Supplementary Welfare Allowance) Regulations 2007 is applied when requesting documentation from tenants; and if consideration is given to a tenant’s legal or practical ability to obtain the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [74079/25]

*1514. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason confirmation of landlord identity and ownership from a licensed property agent, including the beneficial owner’s details and the agent’s PSRA licence number, is not accepted as sufficient evidence for rent supplement and related schemes; and the legal basis for requiring alternative documentation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [74080/25]

*1515. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of rent supplement, housing assistance payment and supplementary welfare allowance claims that were closed, suspended or disallowed, due to failure to provide proof of property ownership; and the number of such cases where this arose from landlord or letting-agent non-cooperation in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [74081/25]

*1516. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if Ministerial guidelines, circulars or internal instructions exist specifying acceptable forms of landlord verification for rent supplement

and related supports; if so, to publish them; and to clarify whether alternative evidence from licensed property agents is permitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [74082/25]

*1517. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if tenants are required by his Department to purchase land registry folios or title documents in order to retain eligibility for rent supplement or supplementary welfare allowance; and whether such costs are provided for in the governing legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [74083/25]

*1518. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has sought advice from the data protection commission regarding the practice of requesting tenants to submit third-party personal or financial data relating to landlords; and whether this practice has been assessed for compliance with data protection legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [74084/25]

*1519. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he intends to review the Department's procedures for verifying landlord ownership for rent supplement and related supports, with a view to ensuring that claimants are not adversely affected by matters outside their control; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [74085/25]

*1520. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department limits documentation requests to information that tenants can reasonably be expected to obtain; whether alternative evidence from licensed property agents is accepted where appropriate; and whether claims may be maintained where non-compliance arises from landlord or agent refusal to cooperate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [74086/25]

*1521. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the Department's procedures where income supports are suspended or terminated due to the non-provision of documentation by landlords or managing agents; and the safeguards in place to ensure proportionality and fairness for tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [74087/25]

*1522. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if additional administrative requirements introduced by his Department in relation to rent supplement and supplementary welfare allowance are supported by statutory authority; and the oversight mechanisms in place to ensure compliance with the legislative framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [74088/25]

*1523. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide a list of AI pilot projects which have taken place in his Department within the past 12 months; the expenditure associated with those projects; and whether they are still ongoing, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [74141/25]

*1524. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the breakdown of the 55 cent fee that will be charged to account holders enrolled in My Future Fund; the details of how that fee is calculated; how it will be apportioned to the various service providers associated with the fund that is, investment services, administration services, and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [74196/25]

*1525. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the breakdown of how the 55 cent fee that will be charged to account holders enrolled in My Future Fund was calculated; how fee changes will be calculated and decided upon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [74197/25]

- *1526. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether standards or service-level targets exist for his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department, in responding to correspondence from members of local authorities; if compliance with such standards is monitored; the reasons for delays or failures to respond to correspondence from elected members; and the measures being taken to ensure more consistent and timely communication going forward. — Sorca Clarke. [74266/25]
- *1527. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a disability allowance application will be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [74288/25]
- *1528. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the basis on which law or statutory instrument the implementation of the means test for the State pension (non-contributory) is made. — Edward Timmins. [74312/25]
- *1529. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will make the back-to-school clothing and footwear allowance available, without means test, to foster carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [74313/25]
- *1530. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will make the back-to-school clothing and footwear allowance available, without means test, to kinship carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [74314/25]
- *1531. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the guardian's payment will be abolished; and if foster carers allowance will be available to those in informal kinship care arrangements. — Aisling Dempsey. [74316/25]
- *1532. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a path to pension is being considered for kinship carers as it is for foster carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [74317/25]
- *1533. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has given consideration to the introduction of a baby loss certificate process, similar to that which is in place in the UK through the NHS; if not, if he will consider the implementation of similar process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [74408/25]
- *1534. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the office rental costs per annum for staff in his Department and for each agency or organisation under his remit, in each of the years between 2015 and 2025 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74456/25]
- *1535. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for maternity benefit that were unsuccessful in each year from 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [74474/25]
- *1536. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will receive a final decision in respect of their carers allowance application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [74518/25]
- *1537. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the waiting time for a final decision for an applicant to the carers allowance section after all requested documentation and relevant medical

reports have been submitted by the applicant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [74519/25]

*1538. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost to fully restore the cuts made from 2010 to the DTSS and DTBS schemes and to the public dental service for children and people with additional needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [74562/25]

*1539. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost to equalise the treatment of PRSI contributors with that of medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [74564/25]

*1540. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the payroll cost of his Department and of each organisation or agency under its remit individually, in 2015 to 2025, by year, in tabular form. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [74634/25]

*1541. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will provide a cost estimate for extending the free travel pass to children in receipt of the domiciliary care allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [74642/25]

*1542. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to automatically granting invalidity pension to those with a diagnosis of cancer for the duration of their treatment and the time they are unable to work as a result of their cancer, provided they meet the PRSI credits requirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [74709/25]

*1543. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 179 of 11 June 2025, when the review of means testing in the social protection system will be completed; if he now intends to amend the current weekly means limit for the increase for qualified adult allowance for recipients of the State pension and to increasing the current means limit of €100 which has been in place since 2007; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [74718/25]

*1544. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his attention has been drawn to the Karshan Disclosure Opportunity Guidance; if his Department was consulted before the Revenue Commissioners launched this scheme; the way in which his Department will ensure workers' PRSI records pre-2024 are corrected in line with Karshan; the reason his Department failed to prosecute employers under ss. 251–252 despite repeated confirmation of bogus self-employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [74842/25]

*1545. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on the merits of eliminating the means test for the carer's allowance; the research his Department has carried out into this proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74849/25]

*1546. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will issue a hard copy of the Med 1 cert-incapacity for work medical certificate to this Deputy. — Marie Sherlock. [74884/25]

*1547. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of schools in Donegal that have applied for the school meals scheme for the 2025-2026 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [74887/25]

*1548. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of data breaches recorded by his Department in 2025; and the number that were reported to the Data Protection Commissioner. — Cathal Crowe. [74903/25]

*1549. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people on illness benefit for longer than two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [74912/25]

*1550. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated net loss of income faced by a single adult on disability allowance living alone in 2026 compared with 2025, arising from the discontinuation of once-off supports such as the €400 disability payment, €300 fuel lump sum, €300 living-alone lump sum, €200 electricity credits and double-week bonuses; the rationale for removing these supports without providing equivalent replacement measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75000/25]

*1551. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to publish any disability-specific poverty or social exclusion modelling carried out by his Department in advance of Budget 2026, and to outline what modelling, if any, informed the decision to withdraw once-off supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75003/25]

*1552. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the fiscal rationale for removing once-off supports for disabled people, given the continuing cost-of-living pressures and the absence of the cost of disability payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75009/25]

*1553. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to introduce an emergency winter payment for people with a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [75043/25]

*1554. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of projects in his Department that were delayed in 2023 and 2024 due to the change of document from the Public Spending Code to the Infrastructure Guidelines, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [75116/25]

*1555. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the salary scale that applies to the Secretary General in his Department and to the head of each agency for which they are responsible; whether this scale has changed in the past two years or whether there are proposals to change this scale in the coming period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75203/25]

*1556. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount expended on advertising and promotion in his Department, and within each agency for which he is responsible, for 2022 to 2024, by year and budgeted for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75221/25]

*1557. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of press, media or communications staff currently employed in his Department and within each agency for which he is responsible; the cost of these staff for 2025 and the expected cost for 2026; whether there are proposals to increase the number of such staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75239/25]

*1558. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to his Department and to each agency for which they are responsible arising from Ireland's presidency of the European Council; the line items or events for which a cost is expected to arise and the estimated cost for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75257/25]

*1559. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the priorities of his Department and each agency for which they are responsible for, in respect of Ireland's presidency of the European Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75275/25]

*1560. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps he has taken to advertise the my future fund scheme; the steps specifically that have been taken to encourage people to maintain payments after the six month period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [1017/26]

*1561. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he plans to introduce a scheme similar to the my future fund scheme for farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [1018/26]

*1562. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he plans to introduce a scheme similar to the my future fund scheme for the self-employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [1019/26]

*1563. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to provide a dedicated telephone number or email address for a section (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [1170/26]

*1564. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of the carers allowance review for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [1183/26]

*1565. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); if the decision can be expedited given the person's financial difficulties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [1311/26]

*1566. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the carer's benefit payment structure in cases where a full-time carer is providing intensive care to two dependants with equal and significant needs, given that such carers receive only one-and-a-half times the rate despite carrying out full-time care for both; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [1382/26]

*1567. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the rules governing carer's allowance and carer's benefit in cases where a full-time carer is providing care to three dependants, given that the current system provides no additional payment for the third person despite the significant extra workload involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [1383/26]

*1568. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if support can be provided to a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1524/26]

*1569. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the State pension (contributory) eligibility rules as they apply to former members of religious orders (details

supplied); if he will consider the introduction of credited contributions, reckonable service, or other measures to recognise such service for contributory pension purposes; if he acknowledges that reliance on the State pension (non-contributory), which is assessed on household means, does not address the underlying inequity arising from the absence of recognised PRSI contributions for this cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [1526/26]

*1570. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the exact criteria applicable to an under 66 fuel allowance application; the current means test limit for such an application, and if this has been recently increased. — Robert Troy. [1572/26]

*1571. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of work to introduce a cost of disability payment; when he expects to move from research and design to implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [1594/26]

*1572. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has undertaken an assessment of the cumulative impact of Budget 2026 measures on households where a person is in receipt of disability allowance, particularly those living alone; and if he will publish any such analysis. — Michael Murphy. [1595/26]

*1573. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration has been given to targeted transitional or seasonal supports for people with disabilities following the withdrawal of once-off cost-of-living payments provided in Budget 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [1596/26]

*1574. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether the adequacy of the fuel allowance for people with disabilities, particularly those with higher heating needs, has been reviewed in light of winter energy costs; and if additional targeted measures are under consideration. — Michael Murphy. [1597/26]

*1575. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will give consideration to the introduction of a targeted winter payment for people with disabilities to address additional disability-related costs during peak winter months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [1598/26]

*1576. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the mechanisms in place to monitor the risk of poverty and social exclusion among people with disabilities following Budget 2026; and the way in which these align with Ireland's obligations under the UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities. — Michael Murphy. [1599/26]

*1577. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will bring forward legislation to amend section 108 entitlement to pension of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 to allow contributions made during the year in which pensionable age is reached be considered in pension entitlement calculations on a pro-rata basis in order that those born later in a given year are not progressively penalised; if not, the reasons he will not consider such an amendment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [1635/26]

*1578. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on whether the information campaigns carried out to date in relation to the auto enrolment pension scheme have been sufficient to ensure widespread knowledge of this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1774/26]

- *1579. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding any further campaigns to ensure that there is sufficient knowledge and awareness of the auto enrolment pension scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1775/26]
- *1580. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the feedback his Department has received to date from businesses that are partaking in the auto enrolment pension scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1776/26]
- *1581. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the feedback his Department has received to date from employees that are partaking in the auto enrolment pension scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1777/26]
- *1582. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the date on which a supplementary estimate or supplementary estimates was sought in respect of his Department's Vote for each of the past ten years, and to the date in 2026; the gross and net amount involved in each case; and the Vote subheads to which each supplementary estimate related. — Albert Dolan. [1802/26]
- *1583. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the value of expenditure originally allocated in the Estimates to specific programmes or staffing measures that could not be spent as planned within the year for each of the past five years; and whether such underspends were surrendered, carried forward, or reallocated to other areas within the Vote. — Albert Dolan. [1825/26]
- *1584. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if assistance can be offered to a person (details supplied) with processing a working family payment claim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [1835/26]
- *1585. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps his Department is taking to design and deliver a targeted social welfare payment for families experiencing consistent poverty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1906/26]
- *1586. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on work underway to reduce child poverty, including progress against the Government's target to reduce consistent child poverty to 3%; to list the specific measures within Vote 37 that are being prioritised to support low-income families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1907/26]
- *1587. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether his Department collects data on the uptake of paternity and parent's leave by fathers and other parents, including the latest figures available on the percentage of eligible fathers availing of these entitlements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1908/26]
- *1588. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the interactions between targeted poverty payments and supports for families such as working family payment, child support payment and family leave benefits; the modelling undertaken of combined impacts on disposable income for families with children in or at risk of poverty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1911/26]
- *1589. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding any product or service purchased from Israel or the Occupied Territories by his Department in 2025, broken down by description and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1988/26]

*1590. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether his Department, or any body under its aegis, has funded, or is funding, other than where legal costs were awarded against the employer by a court or tribunal, the legal costs of any current or concluded litigation taken by an employee or former employee against that Department or body, in each of the past five years; if so, to provide details of the number of such cases, the bodies involved, and the total costs incurred in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2028/26]

*1591. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the basis on which his Department, or a body under its aegis, may fund the legal costs of an employee or former employee in litigation where that employee is in dispute with, or taking proceedings against, the same body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2046/26]

*1592. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether the funding of employee legal costs in disputes against his Department, or a body under its aegis, is standard practice; if not, the circumstances in which such funding may be permitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2064/26]

*1593. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline the guidance, codes, circulars or directions that govern the payment of legal costs by his Department, and bodies under its aegis, in employment-related disputes, including any requirements under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies or Departmental sanction arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2082/26]

*1594. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether the funding of employee legal costs in litigation against the employing body could give rise to governance, accountability, or value for money concerns; whether his Department has issued any guidance in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2100/26]

*1595. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether his Department has reviewed, or intends to review, the practice of Departments, and bodies under their aegis, funding legal costs in employment disputes involving those same bodies; and if so, the outcome or timeline for such a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2118/26]

*1596. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether arrangements to fund legal costs in employment disputes involving his Department, or bodies under its aegis, require the prior approval of his Department or the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2136/26]

*1597. To ask the Minister for Social Protection with regard to his responsibility for the General Register Office, when the digitisation of death registrations from 1864 -1871 will be completed and made available online. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2174/26]

*1598. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he has been made aware of the challenges schools with under 75 pupils are facing in securing school lunch providers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [2202/26]

*1599. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department is using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the Department are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2254/26]

*1600. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether any agencies or other bodies under his remit are using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the organisation are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2272/26]

*1601. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide a list of the top ten capital or programme projects delivered by his Department or its agencies over the past three years which were completed on time and within the originally approved budget; the project name, location, delivery timeframe, original approved budget, final outturn cost, and delivery body, for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2436/26]

*1602. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to detail the annual spend on external consultants by his Department and its agencies in each of the past three years; the number of consultancy contracts, the largest individual consultancy engagements by value, and whether internal capacity-building or cost-benefit assessments were undertaken prior to engaging external consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2454/26]

*1603. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide a list, for each of the past three years of the top ten projects per annum delivered by his Department or its agencies which were completed late and over the originally approved budget; the project name, location, original approved completion date, actual completion date, original approved budget, final outturn cost, cost overrun expressed in euro and percentage terms, and the delivery body for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2472/26]

*1604. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average processing times for each social protection payment, for the year 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [2515/26]

*1605. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average processing times for social protection payment appeals, for the year 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [2516/26]

*1606. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the Government can reconcile the “Welfare Cheats Cheat Us All” campaign with an amnesty that forgives employer welfare fraud. — Mairéad Farrell. [2904/26]

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

*1607. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of English language students enrolled in a facility (details supplied) that are currently in Ireland on a study visa (Stamp 2); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [2154/26]

*1608. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on measures being considered by his Department to address retail crime, as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2478/26]

*1609. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his Department’s efforts to fulfil the Programme for Government commitments regarding taking steps to reduce retail crime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1724/26]

*1610. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the breakdown of the 18.4% calculation for the former Garda Commissioner (details supplied) in respect of pension contributions. — Alan Kelly. [73874/25]

*1611. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of Gardaí in the State at present; the total number who are permitted to retain a firearm in their personal possession; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [73914/25]

*1612. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to the concerns of members of a community (details supplied) in relation to delays in processing visa applications; the actions he will take to address these concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [73955/25]

*1613. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to situations where victims of domestic violence face losing their home and the steps he will take, including through the introduction or amendment of legislation, to protect the victims of domestic violence from the risk of losing their homes on foot of court decisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [73972/25]

*1614. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration is he aware of situations where victims of domestic violence face losing their home and/or being forced by the courts to sell and share the proceeds of the sale of the home with the perpetrator on foot of the perpetrator refusing to pay maintenance for children, ceasing contributions to mortgage repayments, or serving the victim with an equity civil bill demanding sale of the home; the steps he will take including through the introduction or amendment of legislation, to protect the victims of domestic violence from such risks to their housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [73973/25]

*1615. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if, following recent calls for the establishment of a national will register, his plans to establish it; if there are any plans to progress with the legislation necessary to put it in place; the reasons the Bill proposed in 2011, again in 2016, and again in 2021 was never progressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [73982/25]

*1616. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of criminal investigations opened under the Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act 2020 from 9 February 2021 to 30 November 2025, by district, offence name and year. — Máire Devine. [73989/25]

*1617. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of prosecutions begun by the DPP under the Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act 2020 from 9 February 2021 to 30 November 2025, by district, offence name and year. — Máire Devine. [73990/25]

*1618. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of convictions under the Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act 2020 from 9 February 2021 to 30 November 2025, by court, offence name and year. — Máire Devine. [73991/25]

*1619. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of convictions under the Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act 2020

from 9 February 2021 to 30 November 2025, which resulted in a custodial sentence, by court, offence name and year. — Máire Devine. [73992/25]

*1620. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average length of custodial sentence for convictions under the Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act 2020 from 9 February 2021 to 30 November 2025, which resulted in a custodial sentence, by court, offence name and year. — Máire Devine. [73993/25]

*1621. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of criminal investigations under the Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act 2020 which did not go forward due to an expiration of the statute of limitations, from 9 February 2021 to 30 November 2025, by district, offence name and year. — Máire Devine. [73994/25]

*1622. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of An Garda Síochána units handling technical analysis of electronic devices from subjects of interest and from complainants/witnesses, from 2019 through 2025 by district and year. — Máire Devine. [73995/25]

*1623. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current staffing levels of each An Garda Síochána unit handling technical analysis of electronic devices from subjects of interest and from complainants/witnesses, from 2019 through 2025 by district and month. — Máire Devine. [73996/25]

*1624. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the engagement there has been between his Department, the Department of Children, Disability and Equality, the Department of Education and Youth and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on providing an inter-agency response to the scourge of drugs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74031/25]

*1625. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the action being taken by his Department to improve the processing timeline of Join Family Visa applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [74058/25]

*1626. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the action being taken by his Department to ensure Join Family visa applications are processed along estimated timelines, in view that delays in processing may be experienced by applicants; and the steps which are being taken to improve on these processing times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [74059/25]

*1627. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of Join Family Visa applications processed and a decision reached in the years 2022 to 2024, and from 1 January 2025 to 30 November 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [74060/25]

*1628. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason a person has been repeatedly asked to upload documents they have already provided to the Department with regard to an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [74094/25]

- *1629. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of deportation orders that have been issued to date in the State, in tabular form, for each of the past 10 years. — Paul Lawless. [74117/25]
- *1630. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total cost of deportations to the State, in tabular form, for each of the past 10 years. — Paul Lawless. [74118/25]
- *1631. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps taken after a deportation order is issued whereby the individual does not self deport. — Paul Lawless. [74119/25]
- *1632. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of the location of all individuals in the State who have been issued with a deportation order and have not left the State. — Paul Lawless. [74120/25]
- *1633. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average processing time for an EU treaty Rights application; the range of processing times for EU Treaty Rights applications in the past 12 months; and the median processing time for EU treaty Rights applications in the past 12 months. — Sinéad Gibney. [74124/25]
- *1634. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a list of AI pilot projects which have taken place in his Department within the past 12 months; the expenditure associated with those projects; and whether they are still ongoing, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [74138/25]
- *1635. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether standards or service-level targets exist for his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department, in responding to correspondence from members of local authorities; if compliance with such standards is monitored; the reasons for delays or failures to respond to correspondence from elected members; and the measures being taken to ensure more consistent and timely communication going forward. — Sorca Clarke. [74260/25]
- *1636. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to clarify the position of citizenship applicants who had achieved the requisite three years residency but who have fallen short of the five years required under the new regime; to clarify the position of persons who had not yet commenced the process of applying for citizenship; his plans to provide for legal pathways to immigration and citizenship acquisition here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [74274/25]
- *1637. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the €2.1 million allocated in Budget 2026 for electronic monitoring relates solely to the 12-month pilot phase; and if so, the estimated annual cost of maintaining the system once fully operational. — Paul Lawless. [74279/25]
- *1638. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the expected duration of the pilot phase for electronic monitoring; the anticipated cost per monitored individual during the pilot; and the projected cost per monitored individual under a national rollout. — Paul Lawless. [74280/25]
- *1639. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the estimated number of offenders that will be subject to electronic monitoring under a full national rollout; and the

projected annual expenditure required to sustain this level of monitoring. — Paul Lawless. [74281/25]

*1640. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has conducted a cost-benefit analysis comparing electronic monitoring with custodial sentences; and if he will publish the findings of this analysis. — Paul Lawless. [74282/25]

*1641. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the anticipated capital and recurring costs associated with electronic monitoring over the next five years; and if he will provide a year-by-year breakdown of projected expenditure. — Paul Lawless. [74283/25]

*1642. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of prisoners given a custodial short-term sentence under 18 months; and for a breakdown of the number of prisoners serving sentences under 18 months in the format under 3, under 6, under 9, 12 and under 18 months for each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [74307/25]

*1643. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average wait time for a first instance decision for international protection applicants. — Aisling Dempsey. [74308/25]

*1644. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average wait time for an appeal decision for international protection applicants.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [74309/25]

*1645. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding two applications (details supplied); the reason for the delay in processing these applications; the further turnaround time, if available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [74320/25]

*1646. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the assessment his Department has made of the impact of ECHR interventions on Ireland's ability to enforce deportation orders; and the estimated number of deportations that could not proceed as a direct result of ECHR case law or Strasbourg rulings. — Gary Gannon. [74337/25]

*1647. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in terms of the amended requirements for those applying for Irish citizenship, if an application received on the 8 of December from a person previously granted international protection is subject to the new five year residency requirements. — Sorca Clarke. [74358/25]

*1648. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether, prior to the Government's decision for Ireland to opt into the EU Migration and Asylum Pact, his Department carried out or commissioned any Ireland-specific impact assessment, modelling, or analysis examining the likely effects of participation in the Pact's solidarity mechanism on the number of international protection applicants entering the State via the Northern Ireland land border, secondary movements from the United Kingdom into the State, and pressures on accommodation capacity and public services; if so, the details of each such assessment, including the date completed, the body or officials responsible, and whether the assessment was submitted to Government; and if not, the reasons no such analysis was undertaken in advance of the opt-in decision. — Ken O'Flynn. [74381/25]

*1649. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when construction will commence on the purpose-built Family Law Court complex at Hammond Lane, Dublin 7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [74432/25]

*1650. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the office rental costs per annum for staff in his Department and for each agency or organisation under his remit, in each of the years between 2015 and 2025 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74453/25]

*1651. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the level and degree of consultation the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment has had with him concerning all relevant provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2024 which would enable the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment introduce secondary legislation to implement scale of fees, capping the costs of environmental planning judicial reviews as per part 9 of the Planning and Development Act 2024; if he can detail the form this consultation has taken and the number of meetings which have taken place under this statutory consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [74484/25]

*1652. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to the replies to Parliamentary Questions Nos 761, 762 and 763 of 16 December 2025, in which it was stated that an immigration permission may be revoked where a person fails to obey the laws of the State or becomes involved in criminal activity, the total number of immigration permissions revoked by his Department in the past five years. — Ken O'Flynn. [74511/25]

*1653. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of people in Irish prisons with a personality disorder diagnosis between 2020 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [74550/25]

*1654. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures he will take to reduce the number of people in prison on short term sentences of less than 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [74551/25]

*1655. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to detail whether his Department uses or have ever used any forms of artificial intelligence (details supplied) to assist with or process citizenship applications or related documentation; at what stage in the process of handling this documentation have these systems been used; who authorised the decision to use these systems; the company that provides services; to provide an exhaustive record of all contracts to companies that have provided his Department with such systems in 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; the value of these contracts; to outline in detail the extent of any human oversight of these systems, their outputs, their decision-making capacity or the procedures they are embedded in; if he will publish any written or digitally available protocols used by his Department around the use of such systems that have been made available within his Department via email, print, social media or any other online platform or intranet; if there is any means by which his Department can assess the accuracy of these systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [74561/25]

*1656. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the latest inspector of prisons report into Limerick prison; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [74599/25]

*1657. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of Gardaí broken down by rank in each Garda division in the country; and the number of Garda retirements

in each division between 2020 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [74600/25]

*1658. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when measures will be introduced to incorporate the Convention for the Protection of the Profession of Lawyer into domestic law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74618/25]

*1659. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current processing times for long stay (D) join family applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [74643/25]

*1660. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures his Department is taking to reduce the timeframe in order that a decision is made within the six months period as per the visa processing times listed on his Departments website; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [74644/25]

*1661. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way in which applicants can track the status of their application when the ID-Pal Login method requires a passport to login and the applicants passport is currently held by the Visa office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [74645/25]

*1662. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total expenditure by his Department, for 2025, in settlement payments, compensation, damages or negotiated payments arising from the repudiation, cancellation or termination of international protection accommodation contracts, including payments already made, payments legally committed to, and any financial provisions recorded in the Department's accounts, in aggregate, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [74711/25]

*1663. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total expenditure by his Department, for each of the years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 in settlement payments, compensation, damages or negotiated payments arising from the repudiation, cancellation or termination of international protection accommodation contracts, including payments already made, payments legally committed to, and any financial provisions recorded in his Department's accounts, in aggregate, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [74712/25]

*1664. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans for the temporary accommodation provided at a location (details supplied), which was developed to house people from Ukraine; if so, to outline what assessment has been made of the suitability of this site for conversion to social housing once temporary measures for Ukrainian accommodation cease; the intended future use of this site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [74734/25]

*1665. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when the current contract between the International Protection Accommodation Service (IPAS) and a hotel (details supplied), is due to cease; if the facility will be discontinued as an IPAS centre and permitted to return to operation as a hotel; the plans the Department has regarding the future use of this facility; and the assessment has been made of the impact of its continued use as an IPAS centre on tourism and local businesses in Roscrea; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [74735/25]

- *1666. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda traffic enforcement operations carried out nationally and in the Dublin Metropolitan Region in the years 2023 to 2024 and to date in 2025; the number of Garda members assigned to dedicated traffic duties in each period, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [74801/25]
- *1667. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his position regarding the issue of facial recognition technology being broadly available in society; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [74852/25]
- *1668. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding a change of immigration permission application (details supplied); to expedite the same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [74870/25]
- *1669. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of data breaches recorded by his Department in 2025; and the number that were reported to the Data Protection Commissioner. — Cathal Crowe. [74900/25]
- *1670. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of instances to date where a contract with providers of accommodation for people fleeing the war in Ukraine has been terminated where a breach of contractual obligations was identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [74909/25]
- *1671. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount of funding provided to each county to combat domestic violence over each of the past three years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [74914/25]
- *1672. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí, by rank attached to Donegal Divisional Drugs Unit as of 8 December 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [74922/25]
- *1673. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of the accommodation of people in the international protection process, the number of people currently accommodated in settings that are not monitored by the Health Information and Quality Authority for compliance with the 2019 National Standards for Accommodation Offered to People in the Protection Process; and the nature of those settings including emergency, temporary and contingency settings. — Ciarán Ahern. [74926/25]
- *1674. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 653 of 9 December 2025, if the implementation plan due in January 2026 will specifically include a statutory four-week mandate for initial child contact assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [75033/25]
- *1675. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of domestic abuse refuge accommodation units currently available in each county; the number of family spaces and single-person spaces within those units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75063/25]
- *1676. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the annual funding allocated to domestic abuse refuges in each of the past five years, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75066/25]

*1677. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of staff employed in domestic abuse refuges in each county; the number of specialist support workers available, including child support workers, trauma counsellors, and outreach workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75067/25]

*1678. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the plans in place to increase refuge capacity nationwide; the counties identified as priority areas for new units; the expected timelines for delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75068/25]

*1679. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of refuge spaces required for Ireland to meet the standards set out under the Istanbul Convention; the current shortfall; the steps being taken to close this gap; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75069/25]

*1680. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of children accommodated in domestic abuse refuges in each of the past five years; the supports available to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75070/25]

*1681. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the counties that currently have no refuge provision; the number of victims from those counties who sought refuge elsewhere in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75071/25]

*1682. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an updated list of measures Ireland has opted into under Protocol 21, and a list of the measures Ireland is automatically bound by as a result of our participation in elements of the Schengen acquis. — Sinéad Gibney. [75100/25]

*1683. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when an updated list of measures Ireland has opted into under Protocol 21, and a list of the measures Ireland is automatically bound by as a result of our participation in elements of the Schengen acquis will be uploaded to the Department website, as the current list has not been updated since 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [75101/25]

*1684. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of projects in his Department that were delayed in 2023 and 2024 due to the change of document from the Public Spending Code to the Infrastructure Guidelines, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [75114/25]

*1685. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide details of accommodation at a centre (details supplied). — Paul Lawless. [75119/25]

*1686. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to consider offering a stamp 4 residence permit for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [75155/25]

*1687. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to reconsider the decision on a leave to remain application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [75156/25]

*1688. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the categories of welfare payments that will render an applicant ineligible for naturalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [75157/25]

*1689. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the specific timeline for the change of residence for naturalisation from three years to five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [75158/25]

*1690. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to place the proposed restrictions on naturalisations on a statutory footing; the timeline for the introduction for such legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [75159/25]

*1691. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to examine a matter (details supplied) regarding Irish citizenship applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [75161/25]

*1692. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason, notwithstanding legislation enacted in 2007 providing for the electronic monitoring and tagging of offenders, a fully operational national electronic tagging system has not yet been implemented; the steps taken by his Department to date to give effect to this legislation; and the timeline now envisaged for full implementation. — Ken O'Flynn. [75162/25]

*1693. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current status of the procurement process for electronic monitoring services, including the stage reached, the expected date for completion, and any factors that have contributed to delays; and the resources allocated within his Department to ensure the system becomes operational. — Ken O'Flynn. [75163/25]

*1694. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether a cost benefit or value for money assessment has been carried out by or on behalf of his Department in relation to the introduction of electronic tagging of offenders; if so, to provide details of the findings; and if not, to explain the reason such an assessment has not been undertaken. — Ken O'Flynn. [75164/25]

*1695. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the enforcement, monitoring, and oversight arrangements which are planned in respect of breaches of electronic tagging conditions; the way in which inter agency responsibility between his Department, the Irish Prison Service, and An Garda Síochána will be structured; and the measures in place to ensure public safety and accountability. — Ken O'Flynn. [75166/25]

*1696. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to examine a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [75186/25]

*1697. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the salary scale that applies to the Secretary General in his Department and to the head of each agency for which they are responsible; whether this scale has changed in the past two years or whether there are proposals to change this scale in the coming period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75200/25]

*1698. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount expended on advertising and promotion in his Department, and within each agency for which he is responsible,

for 2022 to 2024, by year and budgeted for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75218/25]

*1699. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of press, media or communications staff currently employed in his Department and within each agency for which he is responsible; the cost of these staff for 2025 and the expected cost for 2026; whether there are proposals to increase the number of such staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75236/25]

*1700. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the estimated cost to his Department and to each agency for which they are responsible arising from Ireland's presidency of the European Council; the line items or events for which a cost is expected to arise and the estimated cost for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75254/25]

*1701. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the priorities of his Department and each agency for which they are responsible for, in respect of Ireland's presidency of the European Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75272/25]

*1702. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has been formally notified, directly or via international partners, of allegations contained in recently released United States federal documents associated with investigations (details supplied) which reference Ireland as a destination in an alleged human trafficking context; and if he will outline any engagement undertaken at departmental level with United States authorities in relation to allegations of international human trafficking that reference this jurisdiction. — Ken O'Flynn. [1002/26]

*1703. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the State's current policy and legal framework for cooperation with United States law enforcement agencies in cases of alleged international human trafficking where Ireland is referenced; and if he will detail the statutory instruments, memoranda of understanding, or bilateral mechanisms in place to facilitate such cooperation. — Ken O'Flynn. [1003/26]

*1704. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration what oversight structures exist within his Department to assess allegations of international human trafficking that emerge through foreign judicial or law-enforcement disclosures; and how such information is evaluated at policy level to determine whether further inter-agency or inter-governmental action is required. — Ken O'Flynn. [1004/26]

*1705. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the supports, protections, and referral pathways available under current State policy for victims of international human trafficking where allegations involve Ireland; and whether any review of these frameworks is underway in light of emerging patterns of transnational trafficking identified by international partners. — Ken O'Flynn. [1005/26]

*1706. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he is satisfied that existing national anti-trafficking strategies and inter-departmental coordination mechanisms are sufficient to respond to allegations of high-level or transnational trafficking networks; and if he will indicate whether any updates or policy reviews are planned. — Ken O'Flynn. [1006/26]

- *1707. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of disqualified driver offences recorded caught driving while under a driving ban in 2024. — Emer Currie. [1061/26]
- *1708. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of detections, arrests and prosecutions broken down for the offence of driving while disqualified in the past five years. — Emer Currie. [1063/26]
- *1709. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of people arrested and prosecuted for the offence of driving while disqualified in the past five years. — Emer Currie. [1064/26]
- *1710. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for a breakdown of offences that led to driving disqualification in 2024 (details supplied). — Emer Currie. [1065/26]
- *1711. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the policy rationale underpinning the current level and structure of court fees applicable in the superior courts; and how this rationale reflects the constitutional right of access to the courts, particularly in cases involving alleged breaches of constitutional rights. — Michael Murphy. [1071/26]
- *1712. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the basis on which the State and State bodies are exempt from certain court fees under S.I. No. 492/2014; and whether consideration has been given to the impact of these exemptions on equality of arms between the State and private litigants. — Michael Murphy. [1072/26]
- *1713. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether S.I. No. 492/2014 (Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court (Fees) Order 2014) is currently under review; and if not, whether he intends to initiate a review having regard to access to justice considerations. — Michael Murphy. [1073/26]
- *1714. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether consideration has been given to introducing reduced or waived court fees in the Superior Courts for proceedings that raise bona fide constitutional or public-interest issues; and if so, to outline the options examined. — Michael Murphy. [1074/26]
- *1715. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has assessed the potential chilling effect of court fees and adverse costs exposure on individuals seeking to vindicate constitutional rights; and if so, to provide details of any such assessment. — Michael Murphy. [1075/26]
- *1716. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has examined how other common-law jurisdictions address court fees and costs in constitutional or public-interest litigation; and whether any such models are being considered in an Irish context. — Michael Murphy. [1076/26]
- *1717. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardai assigned to roads policing units each month in 2025, by Garda division; the total number of Gardai currently working in roads policing units by division. — Emer Currie. [1141/26]
- *1718. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the procedure used by the Courts Service to inform drivers of the requirement to surrender their licence to the Road Safety

Authority following a court disqualification; the procedure used to identify a driver to contact, when their unique driver number has not been captured in court. — Emer Currie. [1142/26]

*1719. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will intervene to ensure the immediate release of passports currently held at the Irish embassy in Moscow in respect of a family (details supplied), given the urgent need for one child to travel for specialist medical treatment abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [1221/26]

*1720. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the timeline for the implementation of the implementation of schedule 3 of the Gambling Regulation Act 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1270/26]

*1721. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in relation to the self-exclusion register proposed by the Gambling Regulation Act 2024, if he will ensure that the register applies equally to in person and online gambling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1271/26]

*1722. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in relation to gambling regulation, if he will ensure that the licensing system reflects the level of compliance of each of the licensees, if he will consider implemented a tiered system that gives greater room for manoeuvre for those licensees that show exceptional compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1272/26]

*1723. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in relation to the licensing framework under the Gambling Regulation Act 2024, if he will enhance the licensing restrictions to ensure that there is a penalty for licensees who fail to comply in any material effect with the conditions of their licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1273/26]

*1724. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the retail crime strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1274/26]

*1725. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps he has taken to address Mountjoy Prison inmates' complaints about the unavailability of gluten-free food; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1302/26]

*1726. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps he has taken to address Mountjoy Prison inmates' complaints about the food standards in the prison; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1303/26]

*1727. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps he has taken to address insect infestations in Mountjoy Prison; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1304/26]

*1728. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps he has taken to address issues raised in the annual report of the Mountjoy Prison Visiting Committee (MPVC) 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1305/26]

- *1729. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current prison population in each Irish Prison Service centre, the capacity of each, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1306/26]
- *1730. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps he has taken, or intends to take to address prison overcrowding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1307/26]
- *1731. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the existing rehabilitative programmes and services available in each prison or detention centre, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1308/26]
- *1732. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps he will take to increase the number of rehabilitative programmes and services available in Irish prisons and detention centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1309/26]
- *1733. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current rate of recidivism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1310/26]
- *1734. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has considered the establishment of a central register of wills in Ireland; if he will provide an update on any analysis, consultation or scoping work undertaken to date on the feasibility, legal implications and potential benefits of such a register; and his plans to progress the creation of a national system to record the existence and location of wills in order to support families, legal practitioners and the administration of estates. — Shay Brennan. [1359/26]
- *1735. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to consider implementing legislation to restrain the use of handcuffs for non-violent vulnerable offenders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [1387/26]
- *1736. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of visas and residency permits per category (Employment - General and Category 1, Student, Family Reunification etc) issued per state of origin in 2025; the corresponding figures for 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1513/26]
- *1737. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of family reunification visas issued in 2025 by category (Irish citizen, refugees, Category 1 Employment, General Employment etc); the corresponding figures for 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1514/26]
- *1738. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications for family reunification visas received in each year from 2020 to 2025 inclusive; the numbers in each year approved in first instance; the number of refusals which were appealed and the number of those appeals which were successful, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1515/26]
- *1739. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of times in each of the years 2020 to 2025 inclusive in which the Minister waived certain criteria in respect of family reunification visa applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1516/26]

*1740. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if any language or integration criteria applies for family reunification visas; if there are any proposals to amend or introduce any such criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1517/26]

*1741. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration following on from the recommendations of An Garda Síochána recruitment training capacity group that reported to him in September 2025, who are the members of the working group that was established to specifically consider the case for a second training college and the role that the tertiary system could play in the delivery of Garda training; and the dates upon which the group has met since the report was published. — Alan Kelly. [1557/26]

*1742. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will urgently approve the application for permission to remain of a critical skills visa holder (details supplied) who has been made redundant and is seeking further employment in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [1604/26]

*1743. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the breakdown of the employment status of asylum seekers with permission to work and of those with leave to remain, including information on the sectors and jobs in which they are working. — Paul Murphy. [1625/26]

*1744. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the progress and current timeline for the development of the Children's Court building on Hammond Lane; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [1766/26]

*1745. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the date on which a supplementary estimate or supplementary estimates was sought in respect of his Department's Vote for each of the past ten years, and to the date in 2026; the gross and net amount involved in each case; and the Vote subheads to which each supplementary estimate related. — Albert Dolan. [1799/26]

*1746. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the value of expenditure originally allocated in the Estimates to specific programmes or staffing measures that could not be spent as planned within the year for each of the past five years; and whether such underspends were surrendered, carried forward, or reallocated to other areas within the Vote. — Albert Dolan. [1820/26]

*1747. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of EU citizens who have been refused entry to Ireland in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1842/26]

*1748. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current income eligibility limits for access to free legal aid services; whether any exemptions or discretionary provisions apply in cases of financial hardship; his plans to review or increase these income limits in light of rising wages and cost of living pressures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [1879/26]

*1749. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to expedite a visa application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [1885/26]

*1750. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department is involved in the development of proposals or legislation to establish a transport security force; the nature of that involvement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1921/26]

*1751. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current staffing complement of Balbriggan Garda station, including the number of sworn garda members and civilian staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1956/26]

*1752. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department is developing or implementing a specific strategy to address the recent increase in retail break-ins and vandalism, particularly those targeting small and independent businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1964/26]

*1753. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the supports and measures available to small businesses impacted by retail crime and break-ins; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1967/26]

*1754. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department plans to increase the supports and measures available to small businesses impacted by retail crime and break-ins during the lifetime of this Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1969/26]

*1755. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding any product or service purchased from Israel or the Occupied Territories by his Department in 2025, broken down by description and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1985/26]

*1756. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department, or any body under its aegis, has funded, or is funding, other than where legal costs were awarded against the employer by a court or tribunal, the legal costs of any current or concluded litigation taken by an employee or former employee against that Department or body, in each of the past five years; if so, to provide details of the number of such cases, the bodies involved, and the total costs incurred in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2025/26]

*1757. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the basis on which his Department, or a body under its aegis, may fund the legal costs of an employee or former employee in litigation where that employee is in dispute with, or taking proceedings against, the same body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2043/26]

*1758. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the funding of employee legal costs in disputes against his Department, or a body under its aegis, is standard practice; if not, the circumstances in which such funding may be permitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2061/26]

*1759. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the guidance, codes, circulars or directions that govern the payment of legal costs by his Department, and bodies under its aegis, in employment-related disputes, including any requirements under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies or Departmental sanction arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2079/26]

*1760. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the funding of employee legal costs in litigation against the employing body could give rise to governance, accountability, or value for money concerns; whether his Department has issued any guidance in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2097/26]

*1761. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has reviewed, or intends to review, the practice of Departments, and bodies under their aegis, funding legal costs in employment disputes involving those same bodies; and if so, the outcome or timeline for such a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2115/26]

*1762. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether arrangements to fund legal costs in employment disputes involving his Department, or bodies under its aegis, require the prior approval of his Department or the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2133/26]

*1763. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of domestic abuse-related calls that were recorded by An Garda Síochána in 2025.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [2172/26]

*1764. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of reported incidents of gender-based violence recorded in 2025, broken down by month and by county. — Sorca Clarke. [2179/26]

*1765. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of incidents of Gender-Based Violence reported in 2025 that have resulted in arrests, prosecutions and convictions; the average time taken for cases to progress through the criminal justice system, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [2180/26]

*1766. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding his Department's work to develop a single unique identifier and standardising data categorisation across the justice sector which intends on facilitating better collation and sharing of data to support policy research and inform Domestic, Sexual, and Gender-Based Violence service development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [2181/26]

*1767. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a list of appointees to the Dublin South Central local community safety partnerships. — Jen Cummins. [2210/26]

*1768. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department is using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the Department are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2251/26]

*1769. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether any agencies or other bodies under his remit are using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the organisation are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2269/26]

- *1770. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for a list of Peace Commissioners in Offaly, with their contact details, as per the most up to date roll of peace commissioners maintained by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2386/26]
- *1771. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the review of the role, function and appointment process of peace commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2387/26]
- *1772. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the roll of peace commissioners will be made available online and accessible to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2388/26]
- *1773. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the project to establish the new statutory national security authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2389/26]
- *1774. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the progress of the retail crime strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2390/26]
- *1775. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the establishment of the 36 local community safety partnerships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2391/26]
- *1776. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures being considered by his Department to improve data sharing between retailers and Gardaí, as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2392/26]
- *1777. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on his Department's input to the development of the national security strategy; when the strategy is likely to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2395/26]
- *1778. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a list of the top ten capital or programme projects delivered by his Department or its agencies over the past three years which were completed on time and within the originally approved budget; the project name, location, delivery timeframe, original approved budget, final outturn cost, and delivery body, for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2433/26]
- *1779. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to detail the annual spend on external consultants by his Department and its agencies in each of the past three years; the number of consultancy contracts, the largest individual consultancy engagements by value, and whether internal capacity-building or cost-benefit assessments were undertaken prior to engaging external consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2451/26]
- *1780. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a list, for each of the past three years of the top ten projects per annum delivered by his Department or its agencies which were completed late and over the originally approved budget; the project name, location,

original approved completion date, actual completion date, original approved budget, final outturn cost, cost overrun expressed in euro and percentage terms, and the delivery body for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2469/26]

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

*1781. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the European leaders he personally contacted in advance of the Fisheries Council seeking support for Ireland. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [73713/25]

*1782. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has any events/initiatives planned to coincide with the International Year of the Woman Farmer 2026; if any funding has been allocated for any events/initiatives planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [73876/25]

*1783. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason an animal welfare organisation (details supplied) have had their annual animal welfare grant reduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [73959/25]

*1784. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider a submission by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74002/25]

*1785. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason funding was cut for an organisation (details supplied); if this will be reviewed and the funding be reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [74077/25]

*1786. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether the 117 dairy heifers exported to Libya on 5 January 2025 were pregnant at the time of export; the procedures which were followed to verify their gestation stage in accordance with EC Regulation 1/2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [74099/25]

*1787. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the journey log for 5 January 2025 Libya shipment lists Murcia, Spain as the destination; to provide details of the method of transport from Spain to Libya, including whether a livestock vessel was used and whether it complied with the Carriage of Livestock by Sea Regulation 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [74100/25]

*1788. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to confirm whether all 117 heifers arrived safely in Libya; the details of any injuries, illnesses, or mortalities during transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [74101/25]

*1789. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the route, means of transport, duration, and veterinary supervision for the 287 unweaned dairy calves exported to Libya in May 2025, including the journey from France to Libya; the measures taken to ensure compliance with EC Regulation 1/2005 on feeding and rest intervals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [74102/25]

*1790. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to confirm whether all 287 unweaned calves arrived safely in Libya; the details of any injuries, illnesses, or mortalities

during the journey; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [74103/25]

*1791. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the process used by his Departments veterinary inspectors to verify that in-calf heifers exported to Algeria on 15 November 2025 had less than 90% of their expected gestation completed; the way in which the fitness for transport of pregnant cows is assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [74104/25]

*1792. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures which are taken to ensure the safety of calves if a birth occurs during transit, including space allocation for pregnant cows, and whether any cows gave birth during the recent shipment to Algeria; and if so, whether the cows and calves arrived safely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [74105/25]

*1793. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether any cows died during the recent shipment to Algeria; and if so, the cause of death; the way in which carcasses were disposed of; whether any efforts were made to save calves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [74106/25]

*1794. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether veterinary supervision was present during loading at Waterford Port; the reason animals with lameness were permitted to board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [74107/25]

*1795. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps which were taken to ensure safe transport of exported heifers from the port of arrival to the final destination in Algeria, including vehicle compliance with EC Regulation 1/2005, rest breaks; the action which will be taken against exporters using vehicles that do not meet legal standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [74108/25]

*1796. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a list of AI pilot projects which have taken place in his Department within the past 12 months; the expenditure associated with those projects; and whether they are still ongoing, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [74126/25]

*1797. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether standards or service-level targets exist for his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department, in responding to correspondence from members of local authorities; if compliance with such standards is monitored; the reasons for delays or failures to respond to correspondence from elected members; and the measures being taken to ensure more consistent and timely communication going forward. — Sorca Clarke. [74262/25]

*1798. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the negotiations he took part in prior to the EU's decision on 13 December in relation to the fisheries deal; and if he was aware that the Hague preferences would be blocked. — Paul Lawless. [74284/25]

*1799. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review the correspondence from Monaghan County Council (details supplied); the position of his Department on the concerns raised therein; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [74377/25]

*1800. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which the aquaculture and foreshore management division (AFMD) in his Department determines the prioritisation of aquaculture applications requiring appropriate assessment; the criteria used to place bays or applications on its priority list; and if the prioritisation framework is published or communicated to applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [74426/25]

*1801. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the indicative timeframes for the commencement and completion of appropriate assessment (AA) once an application or bay has been prioritised; the reason no start date has been scheduled for AA's in an area (details supplied) despite their inclusion on a priority list; the steps are being taken to improve transparency and certainty around timelines in the aquaculture licensing process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [74427/25]

*1802. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the office rental costs per annum for staff in his Department and for each agency or organisation under his remit, in each of the years between 2015 and 2025 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74441/25]

*1803. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to promote grants for installing solar panels on farm buildings in rural areas; if he will consider allowing all grant recipients to sell surplus electricity back to the grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74500/25]

*1804. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the payroll cost of his Department and of each organisation or agency under its remit individually, in 2015 to 2025, by year, in tabular form. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [74619/25]

*1805. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the cross-departmental working group focused on navigating the complexities of State aid rules to create a capital funding scheme for non-SMEs in the seafood processing sector. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [74641/25]

*1806. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will engage with Coillte to ascertain the reason they disengaged from a longterm lease at a location (details supplied); if he will examine measures to ensure that public access to the forest is permitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [74724/25]

*1807. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration was given to assessing the human health impacts of extending the nitrates derogation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [74788/25]

*1808. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of data breaches recorded by his Department in 2025; and the number that were reported to the Data Protection Commissioner. — Cathal Crowe. [74888/25]

*1809. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of WTE Forestry Inspector Grade 1 and Forestry Inspector Grade 2 posts that were filled within his Department as of 5 December 2025; if he will provide same figures as of 1 December 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [74920/25]

- *1810. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the WTE staff by job title posts that are currently filled at the regional veterinary office based in Raphoe, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [74921/25]
- *1811. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether he will expedite the ban on surgical artificial insemination in greyhounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [74959/25]
- *1812. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to respond to query (details supplied) regarding slurry storage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [74963/25]
- *1813. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74975/25]
- *1814. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to request an emergency meeting with the European Commission, the Fisheries Commissioner and the Trade Commissioner to debate the consequences of the cuts to Ireland’s Fishing Quotas. — Michael Cahill. [74978/25]
- *1815. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to request an emergency meeting with the European Commission, the Agriculture Commissioner and the Trade Commissioner to debate the consequences of the Mercosur trade deal for Irish farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74984/25]
- *1816. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to request an emergency meeting with the European Commission, the Fisheries Commissioner and the Trade Commissioner to debate the consequences of the savage cuts to Ireland’s fishing quotas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74985/25]
- *1817. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of projects in his Department that were delayed in 2023 and 2024 due to the change of document from the Public Spending Code to the Infrastructure Guidelines, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [75102/25]
- *1818. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No.734 of 9 December 2025, if he is satisfied that this post given its independent position, sufficiently allows for employment equality in view of its confinement to those in the civil service. — Ruth Coppinger. [75170/25]
- *1819. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the salary scale that applies to the Secretary General in his Department and to the head of each agency for which they are responsible; whether this scale has changed in the past two years or whether there are proposals to change this scale in the coming period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75188/25]
- *1820. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount expended on advertising and promotion in his Department, and within each agency for which he is responsible, for 2022 to 2024, by year and budgeted for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75206/25]

*1821. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of press, media or communications staff currently employed in his Department and within each agency for which he is responsible; the cost of these staff for 2025 and the expected cost for 2026; whether there are proposals to increase the number of such staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75224/25]

*1822. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated cost to his Department and to each agency for which they are responsible arising from Ireland's presidency of the European Council; the line items or events for which a cost is expected to arise and the estimated cost for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75242/25]

*1823. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the priorities of his Department and each agency for which they are responsible for, in respect of Ireland's presidency of the European Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75260/25]

*1824. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current number of fishing trawlers registered in Ireland, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [75282/25]

*1825. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current legislative and regulatory framework governing the ownership, breeding, sale, and importation of exotic animals, including reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates; and if he is satisfied that this framework provides adequate safeguards for animal welfare, public safety, and biosecurity. — Ken O'Flynn. [75299/25]

*1826. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether Ireland operates, or plans to introduce, a positive list or prohibited list system governing which exotic species may be legally kept as pets; and if not, the rationale for relying on the current approach in view of practices in other EU member states. — Ken O'Flynn. [75300/25]

*1827. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the mechanisms in place to monitor and enforce compliance with animal welfare standards in relation to exotic pets, including inspections, licensing, and penalties; and the number of enforcement actions taken in each of the past five years. — Ken O'Flynn. [75301/25]

*1828. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the oversight which exists in respect of the sale of exotic animals through online platforms, pet shops, and private breeders; and whether he plans to strengthen regulation in this area to address animal welfare and consumer protection concerns. — Ken O'Flynn. [75302/25]

*1829. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department has conducted or commissioned any risk assessments regarding public health, zoonotic disease, or environmental risks associated with the private ownership of exotic pets; and if so, to provide details of same. — Ken O'Flynn. [75303/25]

*1830. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has assessed the availability of suitably qualified veterinary and animal welfare expertise to deal with exotic species in Ireland, including in cases of abandonment or seizure; and whether gaps have been identified. — Ken O'Flynn. [75304/25]

- *1831. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will commit to a formal review of Ireland's approach to regulating exotic pets, including consultation with veterinary bodies, animal welfare organisations, and public health authorities; and the timeframe for same. — Ken O'Flynn. [75305/25]
- *1832. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures being taken to address the dangers to human life caused by roaming deer along all roads in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1001/26]
- *1833. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to increase forestry grants to landowners in 2026 who wish to plant some or all of their lands or additional lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1033/26]
- *1834. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to take into consideration that farming is in under enormous pressure as an indigenous industry and introduce a series of measures in relation to same (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1111/26]
- *1835. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide all figures and data in respect of producer organisations approved by this Department (details supplied), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1112/26]
- *1836. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to eradicate TB in Ireland, if he will reconvene the TB forum as a matter of priority, (initially not in camera), with all stakeholders involved, and a broad spectrum approach with a full public consultation in the mix; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1113/26]
- *1837. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps being taken to ensure that a fair market is secured for sheep wool (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1114/26]
- *1838. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on fishing quotas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1202/26]
- *1839. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to address fishing quotas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1205/26]
- *1840. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 734 of 9 December 2025, his views on whether the job competition referred to is in compliance with equality and employment legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [1208/26]
- *1841. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding his Department's efforts to fulfil the Programme for Government commitments to address the disjointed approach to dog control issues by ensuring all legislation and policy in relation to the control of dogs, dog welfare and dog breeding establishments rests with his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1299/26]
- *1842. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to review legislation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1300/26]

*1843. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider implementing a formal review of the restricted breed list to include input from veterinary professionals, qualified behaviourists, and animal welfare organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [1432/26]

*1844. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider removing a particular breed from the restricted breed lists (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [1433/26]

*1845. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider implementing a mechanism to assess individual behaviour of dogs on the restricted breeds given issues with the current legislation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [1434/26]

*1846. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the long delays in issuing ACRES payments to farmers; if the financial burden these delays are placing on farmers has been brought to his attention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [1492/26]

*1847. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will enable veterinary prescriptions to be filled at any veterinary practice and not tied to the prescription issuer. — Maeve O'Connell. [1609/26]

*1848. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the date on which a supplementary estimate or supplementary estimates was sought in respect of his Department's Vote for each of the past ten years, and to the date in 2026; the gross and net amount involved in each case; and the Vote subheads to which each supplementary estimate related. — Albert Dolan. [1785/26]

*1849. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the value of expenditure originally allocated in the Estimates to specific programmes or staffing measures that could not be spent as planned within the year for each of the past five years; and whether such underspends were surrendered, carried forward, or reallocated to other areas within the Vote. — Albert Dolan. [1806/26]

*1850. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an up-to-date report in 2025 on the number of horses currently registered in the State, by category and county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [1860/26]

*1851. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the enforcement of horse welfare and control measures; if he is satisfied that current resources are adequate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [1861/26]

*1852. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when members of the Oireachtas can expect an updated strategy or legislative proposals relating to horse traceability, abandonment and welfare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [1862/26]

*1853. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which funding allocated for horse welfare in 2025 was spent; the outcomes achieved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [1863/26]

*1854. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress to date in honouring the commitment in the Programme for Government to defend the interests of Irish farmers in all discussions on the proposed Mercosur Trade Deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [1887/26]

*1855. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding any product or service purchased from Israel or the Occupied Territories by his Department in 2025, broken down by description and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1973/26]

*1856. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department, or any body under its aegis, has funded, or is funding, other than where legal costs were awarded against the employer by a court or tribunal, the legal costs of any current or concluded litigation taken by an employee or former employee against that Department or body, in each of the past five years; if so, to provide details of the number of such cases, the bodies involved, and the total costs incurred in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2013/26]

*1857. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the basis on which his Department, or a body under its aegis, may fund the legal costs of an employee or former employee in litigation where that employee is in dispute with, or taking proceedings against, the same body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2031/26]

*1858. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether the funding of employee legal costs in disputes against his Department, or a body under its aegis, is standard practice; if not, the circumstances in which such funding may be permitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2049/26]

*1859. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline the guidance, codes, circulars or directions that govern the payment of legal costs by his Department, and bodies under its aegis, in employment-related disputes, including any requirements under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies or Departmental sanction arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2067/26]

*1860. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether the funding of employee legal costs in litigation against the employing body could give rise to governance, accountability, or value for money concerns; whether his Department has issued any guidance in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2085/26]

*1861. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department has reviewed, or intends to review, the practice of Departments, and bodies under their aegis, funding legal costs in employment disputes involving those same bodies; and if so, the outcome or timeline for such a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2103/26]

*1862. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether arrangements to fund legal costs in employment disputes involving his Department, or bodies under its aegis, require the prior approval of his Department or the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2121/26]

- *1863. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider banning the live export of livestock given issues around the practices that have been raised (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [2141/26]
- *1864. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress of the project to make former Land Commission records which are of historical interest available in digital format and online. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2173/26]
- *1865. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a breakdown, on a tranche-by-tranche basis, of the total costs incurred under each scheme operating within TAMS three, from tranche one up to and including tranche nine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [2194/26]
- *1866. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated additional cost if 100% of tranche nine TAMS applications were to be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [2195/26]
- *1867. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the Mercosur deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [2222/26]
- *1868. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the contingency measures for farmers livelihoods the State has in place that may be impacted by the Mercosur deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [2223/26]
- *1869. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the Department are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2239/26]
- *1870. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether any agencies or other bodies under his remit are using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the organisation are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2257/26]
- *1871. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an ownership/responsibility issue can be examined in regard to Kilkeaveragh Pier, Portmagee, County Kerry, given Trinity College records seem to be at odds with those of his Department (details supplied); if he will request his Department to liaise with the college; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [2295/26]
- *1872. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a list of the top ten capital or programme projects delivered by his Department or its agencies over the past three years which were completed on time and within the originally approved budget; the project name, location, delivery timeframe, original approved budget, final outturn cost, and delivery body, for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2421/26]
- *1873. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to detail the annual spend on external consultants by his Department and its agencies in each of the past three years; the number of consultancy contracts, the largest individual consultancy engagements by value, and whether internal capacity-building or cost-benefit assessments were undertaken prior to engaging

external consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2439/26]

*1874. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a list, for each of the past three years of the top ten projects per annum delivered by his Department or its agencies which were completed late and over the originally approved budget; the project name, location, original approved completion date, actual completion date, original approved budget, final outturn cost, cost overrun expressed in euro and percentage terms, and the delivery body for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2457/26]

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

*1875. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will examine the current statutory framework governing redundancy protections for pregnant employees; if she will consider extending redundancy protection to cover the period from the point at which an employee notifies their employer of pregnancy, rather than only from the commencement of statutory maternity leave; and if she will report on any review being undertaken by her Department regarding international best practice in this area, including recent legislative developments in the UK, France, Germany and the Netherlands, which provide broader protections for pregnant workers. — Shay Brennan. [1224/26]

*1876. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the role her Department plays in public awareness campaigns for paternity leave and parent's leave, including targeted outreach to employers and employees; the plans in place to increase awareness and take-up by men; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1909/26]

*1877. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she will commission a review of barriers to fathers and other parents taking up paternity and parent's leave, including workplace practices and cultural norms, and publish options to increase take-up; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [1910/26]

*1878. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding an assessment of need appointment for a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [73922/25]

*1879. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide an update on her engagement with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to the review of the 2001 planning guidelines for childcare facilities; if she has met with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to this matter; the outcome of the meeting; her views on the length of time this review is taking; if she expects the review will be completed in the first half of 2026 or if she can indicate the timeframe for its completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [73943/25]

*1880. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has identified suitable properties for purchase in order to progress the commitment to State-led childcare facilities; the engagement her Department has had with local authorities and the Land Development Agency in relation to this matter; her views on whether properties built under the 2001 planning guidelines for childcare facilities which remain vacant could be utilised to add capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [73944/25]

*1881. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children currently waiting for assessment of needs, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74021/25]

*1882. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the progress on the recommendations from reports or reviews into Tusla's handling of child cases (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74023/25]

*1883. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the engagement there has been with Tusla to staff unfilled positions in the agency; the work being done to recruit for these positions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74024/25]

*1884. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the engagement there has been with the community and voluntary sector, which deals with referrals from Tusla, to expand capacity in that sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74025/25]

*1885. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the implementation of the new model of care for complex family cases referred to Tusla; the timeline for the implementation of the new model; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74026/25]

*1886. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the interactions her Department has had with the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration regarding the creation of an inter-agency response to complex family cases and complex behavioural issues with children in community and residential care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74027/25]

*1887. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the direct engagement, which has taken place between her Department and survivors affected by the safeguarding failures identified in a report (details supplied) including when such engagement occurred; and the way in which survivors' views were reflected in the State's response; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74061/25]

*1888. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she accepts that survivors are central stakeholders in safeguarding and accountability processes, rather than peripheral to governance, audit, or compliance structures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74062/25]

*1889. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason Departmental funding for the National Safeguarding Officer role recommended by a person (details supplied) to be independent has ended; and the way in which genuine independence is being safeguarded where that role is now retained directly by a service (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74063/25]

*1890. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she will commit to establishing a formal, survivor-centred engagement and accountability framework to apply where serious safeguarding failures occur in independent, voluntary, or charitable organisations involving children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74064/25]

- *1891. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she is concerned that emphasising the organisational independence of a service (details supplied) in the context of serious safeguarding failures involving children, risks signalling to survivors of child sexual abuse that the State does not stand with them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74065/25]
- *1892. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a list of AI pilot projects which have taken place in her Department within the past 12 months; the expenditure associated with those projects; and whether they are still ongoing, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [74127/25]
- *1893. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the allocation of funding to support a pay deal for early years educators and managers will be announced; when representative bodies for this sector will receive notification of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Brabazon. [74233/25]
- *1894. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department will consider bringing the early years sector under the remit of the Ombudsman for Children's Office. — Tom Brabazon. [74234/25]
- *1895. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number on assessment of needs waiting lists by county in tabular form including how many are waiting more than 6 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [74243/25]
- *1896. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether standards or service-level targets exist for her Department or bodies under the aegis of her Department, in responding to correspondence from members of local authorities; if compliance with such standards is monitored; the reasons for delays or failures to respond to correspondence from elected members; and the measures being taken to ensure more consistent and timely communication going forward. — Sorca Clarke. [74268/25]
- *1897. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to reform the national childcare scheme to cover children with complex medical needs who are deemed unsuitable for group childcare settings due to their circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [74272/25]
- *1898. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the national policy of the rights of children living in informal kinship care will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [74295/25]
- *1899. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if all informal kinship care arrangements will be recognised in Ireland as they are internationally as a form of alternative care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [74296/25]
- *1900. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if all formal kinship carers are paid the same allowances as foster carers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [74315/25]
- *1901. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the status of the proposal to enshrine discrimination on the basis of socio-economic status as a non-discrimination ground, as outlined in the general scheme of the Equality (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024; the next

steps her Department is taking on this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [74366/25]

*1902. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she has assessed the risk of serious unintended consequences arising from her reform proposals (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [74367/25]

*1903. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is concerned that her proposed reforms will diminish the independence of guardians ad litem as they will be State employees, create potential conflicts of interest and reduce the ability of guardians to advocate freely for children (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [74368/25]

*1904. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is concerned that her proposed reforms will result in children losing automatic access to legal representation through their GAL (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [74369/25]

*1905. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide further details of phase one of the early years action plan; if she will provide specific details regarding how the plan will assist childcare service providers tackle rising and immediate costs and administrative burdens; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [74371/25]

*1906. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department will recommend the inclusion of the early years sector on the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, critical skills list to address the immediate staffing, retention and recruitment pressures across the early years sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [74372/25]

*1907. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason little or no consultation with large full-time early years providers took place during the process of formulating phase one of the early years action plan, with just one large provider of only part-time services on the new childcare forum; her views on whether this lack of adequate consultation may have negatively impacted the plan; the steps she proposes to take to address the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [74373/25]

*1908. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the longest period of time, in years, that any child has spent in State care since the establishment of Tusla in 2014; and to provide the year in which that duration was recorded, in aggregate form and without reference to any individual case. — Ken O’Flynn. [74387/25]

*1909. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children currently in State care who have remained continuously in care for more than 10 years, more than 15 years, and more than 18 years respectively; and to outline how these figures have changed in each year since 2015. — Ken O’Flynn. [74388/25]

*1910. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the statutory, regulatory, or administrative timeframes apply to permanency planning for children in long-term State care; and whether any mandatory escalation, review, or senior-level oversight is triggered once a child exceeds a defined duration in care. — Ken O’Flynn. [74389/25]

- *1911. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department monitors compliance with permanency planning timelines within Tusla at a national level; if so, the performance indicators used; and how breaches of those timelines are addressed as a matter of governance and accountability. — Ken O’Flynn. [74390/25]
- *1912. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has considered the introduction of statutory maximum periods within which a permanency decision must be made for a child in State care, subject to exceptional judicial review; and if not, to outline the policy rationale for the absence of such limits. — Ken O’Flynn. [74391/25]
- *1913. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality in respect of services funded by her Department, the governance and oversight arrangements that apply where internal investigations are carried out into the handling of cash or vouchers; the number of such investigations initiated between 2018 and 2024; whether each investigation resulted in a written report or assurance being furnished to the Department or to Tusla, or the HSE, as appropriate; if any findings of non-compliance, control failure, or breach of financial procedures were identified; if any disciplinary or managerial actions were taken arising from those investigations, including removals from post; and the measures her Department has taken to ensure that robust financial controls, audit trails, and safeguarding arrangements are in place across all funded services. — Ken O’Flynn. [74404/25]
- *1914. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she acknowledges that core funding provided to the early learning sector will not cover auto enrolment in the pension scheme from January 2026; if this additional cost will be included in core funding for the early learning sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [74433/25]
- *1915. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the service plans for children with special needs from cradle to grave in Cavan and Monaghan; the schools for special needs respite services; adult day service; full time care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [74434/25]
- *1916. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the services currently in place are adequate for people with special needs in both Cavan and Monaghan; if Cavan and Monaghan both have their own services in each county for each age group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [74435/25]
- *1917. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the office rental costs per annum for staff in her Department and for each agency or organisation under her remit, in each of the years between 2015 and 2025 inclusive, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74442/25]
- *1918. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 464 of 27 November 2025, if the investigation referred to by the Regional Chief Officer in relation to the handling of cash, or vouchers between 2018 and 2024 was a criminal investigation involving An Garda Síochána, or an internal administrative investigation only; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [74499/25]
- *1919. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of the funding difficulties for a services (details supplied); if she will review the funding to address the December 2025 funding gap; to provide confirmation of 2026 funding to unlock essential banking support and provide sustainable multi annual funding pathways that reflect the real cost

of delivering a national service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [74529/25]

*1920. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if there is a vulnerable adults database in place, both intellectual and physical; the data her Department collects to support vulnerable adults; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [74577/25]

*1921. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her Department's policy for supporting adults with intellectual disabilities after their primary carers die, given the large number with elderly primary carers and the diminishing stock of respite housing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [74578/25]

*1922. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children under five years of age currently on the caseloads of Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) one, two, and three in County Mayo, this year and each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74583/25]

*1923. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children in County Mayo currently awaiting an assessment of need under the Disability Act 2005, this year and each of the last five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74585/25]

*1924. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children and young people under 18 years of age in County Mayo who have a formal autism diagnosis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74586/25]

*1925. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide a breakdown of autism diagnoses in County Mayo by age cohort (under 5, 5-12, 13-18) this year and each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74587/25]

*1926. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if foetal alcohol spectrum disorder Ireland are included in the disability forum engagements. — Sorca Clarke. [74594/25]

*1927. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the funding her Department has provided for an organisation (details supplied) in relation to their work with those with foetal alcohol spectrum disorder in 2023, 2024 and 2025; and if it is her intention to make funding available in 2026.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [74596/25]

*1928. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the payroll cost of her Department and of each organisation or agency under its remit individually, in 2015 to 2025, by year, in tabular form. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [74620/25]

*1929. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the alternative funding streams available to a community-based project (details supplied) which previously relied in part on the national childcare scheme support but now faces a funding shortfall as age-based eligibility thresholds for NCS funding have changed, notwithstanding the fact that the project provides wider community development, family support and youth intervention services beyond formal childcare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [74637/25]

*1930. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has a policy or continuity plan to prevent the loss of community-based services for vulnerable

teenagers where a programme has historically relied on the national childcare scheme support but now faces a shortfall as participants age out of eligibility; and whether she will engage with the service (details supplied) and relevant funders to secure sustainable multi-annual funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [74638/25]

*1931. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review the 2025 funding allocation and shortfall given from what was originally sought for a charity (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [74673/25]

*1932. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason the national childcare scheme (NCS) which is available to children from 6 months of age and offers up to 45 hours per week, while the AIM model which supports ECCE programmes with additional resources and capitation to accommodate children with additional needs is only available to those aged two years and nine months; the rationale for the cap of 30 hours per week under the Aim model, whereas the NCS is up to 40 hours per week; if she accept that this is viewed by parents as exclusionary and discriminatory and take steps to bring the AIM model in line with the NCS; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [74751/25]

*1933. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 919 of 18 November 2025, the actions she will take to address the significant additional costs imposed on families that have children attending childcare centres classified under Band F; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74771/25]

*1934. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 919 of 18 November 2025, her views on the merits of creating a targeted financial support for families that have children attending childcare centres classified under Band F; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74772/25]

*1935. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to extend the national childcare scheme to all working families, as childcare is a necessary cost of employment, regardless of income band; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [74827/25]

*1936. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to extend the national childcare scheme to working families that use private childminders due to the lack of available creche places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [74828/25]

*1937. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if flexible working and parental leave policies will be properly implemented, including allowing parental leave to be taken in single days rather than rigid seven-day blocks, which does not reflect the reality of family life; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [74830/25]

*1938. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the supports in place for a young person in foster care through non family placement if they turn 18 while in 6th year and preparing for their Leaving Certificate; and the supports available to them from her Department to progress on to third level education. — Sorca Clarke. [74841/25]

*1939. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the waiting list for assessments of need, broken down by county, and by length of time waiting for an assessment in three month intervals; the waiting list for those who have been waiting longer than 6 months; 9 months, 12 months, 15 months, 18 months, 21 months, 24 months, 27 months, 30 months and 36 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [74848/25]

*1940. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of data breaches recorded by her Department in 2025; and the number that were reported to the Data Protection Commissioner. — Cathal Crowe. [74889/25]

*1941. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the way in which the State regulates and monitors the use of restrictive practices (details supplied) in non-residential disability services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [74941/25]

*1942. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children which have been transferred outside the jurisdiction of Ireland for care; the legal basis; the settings and the countries, over the past 36 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [74947/25]

*1943. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether the Child and Family Agency funds, arranges or manages any care services other than those inspected by the Health Information and Quality Authority pursuant to the Health Act 2007 (as amended); for a list of any such services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [74950/25]

*1944. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children currently awaiting accommodation in secure care units pursuant to court orders; the arrangements which have been made for these children in the interim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [74951/25]

*1945. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of adoptions, both domestic and international, that have taken place in the State in each of the past 30 years, by year; the level of Exchequer funding allocated to the Adoption Authority of Ireland / adoption services in each of the past 30 years, by year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [74958/25]

*1946. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason Budget 2026 prioritises long-term structural investment in disability services over immediate income supports, despite evidence that disabled people face the highest poverty rates in the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75013/25]

*1947. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her response to concerns from disability organisations that the €600 million increase in disability service funding will not benefit the majority of disabled people, who rely on income supports rather than HSE-delivered services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75016/25]

*1948. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the expected timeline for the delivery of the additional disability services funded in Budget 2026, including residential places, respite, day services and assessments of need; her views on whether these timelines leave disabled people worse off in the interim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75017/25]

*1949. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she has met with an organisation (details supplied) and other advocacy groups regarding their concerns that Budget 2026 represents a “devastating setback” for disabled people; and what actions she intends to take in response; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75018/25]

- *1950. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the process by which books are selected for inclusion in the my little libraries initiative; if there is a formal mechanism for Irish authors or publishers to submit titles for consideration; the way such information is communicated publicly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [75019/25]
- *1951. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if it has been brought to her attention that two brothers suffering from Duchenne muscular dystrophy (details supplied) have had to share carers over the past year; the measures she will take to ensure they are receiving adequate care and support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [75020/25]
- *1952. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when her Department will complete its assessment of the potential costs for the Exchequer, and an enhanced SME test, of the General Scheme of the Equality (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [75032/25]
- *1953. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of ELC services in each county division; the number of SAC services in each county division for 2023/2024n tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [75040/25]
- *1954. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review the joint protocol between the HSE and Tusla to ensure that children and young adults leaving care, particularly those with complex needs such as foetal alcohol spectrum disorder, are prioritised for housing and support services; if she will address the situation where local authorities do not prioritise care leavers for housing, leaving vulnerable individuals homeless; and the measures that will be introduced to guarantee that care leavers with lifelong support needs are provided with sustainable housing and wraparound supports. — Shane Moynihan. [75046/25]
- *1955. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the vacant childcare places in ELC and SAC services for the years 2020- 2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2024-2025; and the overall national average from 2020 to 2025, by county, in tabular form. — Emer Currie. [75082/25]
- *1956. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of projects in her Department that were delayed in 2023 and 2024 due to the change of document from the Public Spending Code to the Infrastructure Guidelines, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [75103/25]
- *1957. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average national childcare fee in 2025 encompassing the NCS subsidy and parent contribution. — Marie Sherlock. [75124/25]
- *1958. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the payment to early years provider by the State in respect of a sponsored child. — Marie Sherlock. [75125/25]
- *1959. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to account for the difference, if any, between the combined parent contribution and NCS relative the payment made in respect of a sponsored child. — Marie Sherlock. [75126/25]

*1960. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider legislation to allow people dealing with severe menstrual symptoms to apply for paid time-off without the need for a doctor's note; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [75154/25]

*1961. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide details of the process to be undertaken in the new educational assessments (details supplied); the person or body which will be undertaking these educational assessments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [75169/25]

*1962. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total spend by her Department on private for-profit companies for each of the years 2021 to 2025; and the breakdown of this spend on the different types of services being contracted. — Liam Quaide. [75178/25]

*1963. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of residential placements being provided by for-profit companies for young people aged under 18, for each of the years 2021 to 2025; and the breakdown of the costs for each year (details supplied), in tabular form. — Liam Quaide. [75179/25]

*1964. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the projected percentage of her Department's €3.8 billion investment in disability for 2026 that will be spent on services provided by private-for-profit companies; the breakdown of what this will equate to in respect of placements, assessments of needs and the other categories of service that this figure encompasses. — Liam Quaide. [75180/25]

*1965. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the salary scale that applies to the Secretary General in her Department and to the head of each agency for which they are responsible; whether this scale has changed in the past two years or whether there are proposals to change this scale in the coming period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75189/25]

*1966. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the amount expended on advertising and promotion in her Department, and within each agency for which she is responsible, for 2022 to 2024, by year and budgeted for 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75207/25]

*1967. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of press, media or communications staff currently employed in her Department and within each agency for which she is responsible; the cost of these staff for 2025 and the expected cost for 2026; whether there are proposals to increase the number of such staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75225/25]

*1968. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated cost to her Department and to each agency for which they are responsible arising from Ireland's presidency of the European Council; the line items or events for which a cost is expected to arise and the estimated cost for each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75243/25]

- *1969. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the priorities of her Department and each agency for which they are responsible for, in respect of Ireland's presidency of the European Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75261/25]
- *1970. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated number of people aged under 65 who entered nursing-home care for each of the years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025; and for the estimated number of people in the same age group who transitioned out of nursing-home care in each of those years, in tabular form. — Liam Quaide. [75280/25]
- *1971. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No.14 of 8 December 2025, and the publication of the National Services Plan 2026, if she can provide assurances that a service (details supplied) will be operational until the opening of a permanent service; and that sufficient funding has been made available for 2026; if she has reviewed the potential to retain the service following the opening of the permanent centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75281/25]
- *1972. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if a child who is under the care of a local children's disability network team (CDNT), but who is unable to access occupational therapy through that team due to staffing shortages or prolonged waiting lists, may access occupational therapy through primary care without losing their place or ongoing eligibility with the CDNT; if there is a national HSE policy governing this situation; if parents are being advised, formally or informally, that accessing primary care services may result in discharge from CDNT services; the way in which consistency is being ensured across CHOs in the application of this policy; and the steps are being taken to ensure that families are not penalised for seeking timely therapeutic supports for their children where CDNT capacity is limited. — Michael Murphy. [1000/26]
- *1973. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to urgently address the shortfall in respite beds across County Kerry for adults with profound disabilities; the number of additional respite beds that will be required in 2026 to adequately cover all clients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1031/26]
- *1974. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to urgently address the shortfall in respite beds across County Kerry for children with profound disabilities; the number of additional respite beds that will be required in 2026 to adequately cover all clients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1032/26]
- *1975. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if a capacity assessment will be given to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1058/26]
- *1976. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children with profound disabilities awaiting respite in County Kerry; the length of time they have been waiting; and the number of additional respite beds required in 2026 to adequately cover all clients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1105/26]
- *1977. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of adults with profound disabilities awaiting respite in County Kerry; the length of time they have been waiting; and the number of additional respite beds that will be required in 2026 to adequately cover all clients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1106/26]

*1978. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the delivery of 199 residential placements, 58 decongregation transitions, and 45 transitions from nursing homes for people under 65 is expected, as outlined in the HSE National Service Plan 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [1149/26]

*1979. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding Tusla applications (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [1196/26]

*1980. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to address the serious and ongoing concern regarding the lack of physical and therapeutic supports available through the CDNT based in east Limerick (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [1370/26]

*1981. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review the practice within CDNTs (details supplied) of assessing children strictly on a chronological basis without triage according to level of clinical need; if she will outline plans to introduce needs-based prioritisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [1371/26]

*1982. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding issues relating to the locking away of files connected with the mother and baby homes; the status this matter, particularly over any outstanding legal matters that were required to be resolved at the time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [1384/26]

*1983. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the details of the progress made in addressing the Action Plan for Disability Services 2024-2026 action to develop a ‘formal policy on respite, including agreed access and prioritisation criteria’; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1417/26]

*1984. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the details of the progress made in addressing the Action Plan for Disability Services 2024-2026 action A6.1 ‘Complete Personalised Budgets pilot and its evaluation, in line with recommendation of Task Force on Personalised Budgets’; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1418/26]

*1985. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the details of the progress made in addressing the Action Plan for Disability Services 2024-2026 action A9.2 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1419/26]

*1986. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the details of the progress made in addressing the Action Plan for Disability Services 2024-2026 action A9.4 (details supplied); and to make the aggregated data on account scale publicly available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1420/26]

*1987. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the details of the progress made in addressing the Action Plan for Disability Services 2024-2026 action A15.4 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1421/26]

*1988. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the current progress in implementing the Transforming Lives/ Time to Move on from Congregated Settings strategy; the current number of individuals with a disability living in a congregated setting; the number of people with disabilities who have been transitioned to independent living

from congregated settings annually since 1 January 2022 to date; the number of people with disabilities who have been admitted or housed in congregated settings annually since 1 January 2022 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1442/26]

*1989. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current number of individuals aged under 65 residing in nursing homes; the total number of individuals who have been transitioned to their own home annually since 1 Jan 2023 to date; the average time the discharge process takes; the measures in place to improve the quality of life and independence of people under 65 who continue to reside in nursing homes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1443/26]

*1990. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of disabled people who are in receipt of intensive support packages currently; the number of people who are currently on assessment/waiting lists for these packages; and number of people the Minister plans to provide packages for next year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1444/26]

*1991. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide details on the progress made by working groups on personal assistance and home support to define personal assistance and home care services, develop policy, eligibility and prioritisation criteria, and examine the appropriate standards and form of regulatory oversight in the light of the work underway on regulating the statutory home care scheme, as outlined in the Action Plan for Disability Services 2024-2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1445/26]

*1992. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the supports in place for students in care who turn 18 in the period leading up to the leaving certificate; the supports available to such students while they continue their studies; and the supports available to them after completing the leaving certificate. — Sorca Clarke. [1493/26]

*1993. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to confirm the time to first contact, assessment, and intervention in relation to Community Disability Network Team (CDNT) caseloads, per practitioner, by county, with regards to CDNT, vacancy rates and time-to-fill, by CDNT. — Paul Lawless. [1525/26]

*1994. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children currently awaiting any service under community disability network teams, by county; the median and mean number of days from referral to first contact, first assessment, and first therapeutic intervention; the therapies delivered under the interdisciplinary model; the proportion of cases in which the first therapeutic intervention was delivered by speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, psychology, or social work; the number and whole-time equivalent of funded posts, filled posts, and unfilled posts within Community Disability Network Teams, with vacancy rates, by community healthcare organisation and by community disability network team; the definition used for initial contact and for intervention in the Health Service Executive reporting; the monthly inflow and outflow (entries and exits) to waiting lists for community disability network teams, by county, for each month in 2025; and if the Department or the Health Service Executive cannot provide discipline-specific waiting time data, the alternative access metrics that are used to ensure accountability for timely therapy delivery.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [1532/26]

*1995. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department is considering aligning the parental leave age limit of 12 years in the private sector as laid out in the

parental leave acts with that of the public sector, where the limit is 16 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [1648/26]

*1996. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to conduct an analysis on the impact of the 2024 fee adjustments on families who receive income assessed subsidies through the national childcare scheme based on their income of €26 thousand and below; the number of families that were out of pocket by the fee increases as they did not receive an increase in subsidies in September 2024, by amount, and whether phase one of the action plan will address their fee increases. — Emer Currie. [1694/26]

*1997. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of times the national childcare scheme subsidies for families on incomes of €26 thousand or less have been increased since it launched in 2019. — Emer Currie. [1695/26]

*1998. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if flexibility can be built into the Core Funding contract when new childcare rooms are opened after the Core Funding submission deadline; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [1769/26]

*1999. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the level of direct engagement she has had with groups representing childcare providers since she took office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [1770/26]

*2000. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the date on which a supplementary estimate or supplementary estimates was sought in respect of her Department’s Vote for each of the past ten years, and to the date in 2026; the gross and net amount involved in each case; and the Vote subheads to which each supplementary estimate related. — Albert Dolan. [1786/26]

*2001. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the value of expenditure originally allocated in the Estimates to specific programmes or staffing measures that could not be spent as planned within the year for each of the past five years; and whether such underspends were surrendered, carried forward, or reallocated to other areas within the Vote. — Albert Dolan. [1807/26]

*2002. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide an overview of the capacity of creches in County Clare (most especially the Shannon / Newmarket-on-Fergus / Bunratty / Sixmilebridge locality) to meet the needs of local families; her plans to increase creche places in the aforementioned areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1855/26]

*2003. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if funding awarded to organisations through the Children’s Disability Grant Fund has been received by the organisations; if the amounts received in 2025 will be provided; if not when all successful applicants will be awarded, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1939/26]

*2004. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the scheme or funding stream available for the provision of guide dogs for a visually impaired person living in a rural area who is no longer working but who still wants to be able to leave the house and cannot do so safely

without the assistance of a guide dog; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [1963/26]

*2005. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any product or service purchased from Israel or the Occupied Territories by her Department in 2025, broken down by description and amount paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1974/26]

*2006. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for occupational therapy or psychologist support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [2011/26]

*2007. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when a person (details supplied) will receive an occupational therapy or an appointment with a psychologist; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [2012/26]

*2008. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department, or any body under its aegis, has funded, or is funding, other than where legal costs were awarded against the employer by a court or tribunal, the legal costs of any current or concluded litigation taken by an employee or former employee against that Department or body, in each of the past five years; if so, to provide details of the number of such cases, the bodies involved, and the total costs incurred in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2014/26]

*2009. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the basis on which her Department, or a body under its aegis, may fund the legal costs of an employee or former employee in litigation where that employee is in dispute with, or taking proceedings against, the same body; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2032/26]

*2010. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether the funding of employee legal costs in disputes against her Department, or a body under its aegis, is standard practice; if not, the circumstances in which such funding may be permitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2050/26]

*2011. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to outline the guidance, codes, circulars or directions that govern the payment of legal costs by her Department, and bodies under its aegis, in employment-related disputes, including any requirements under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies or Departmental sanction arrangements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2068/26]

*2012. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether the funding of employee legal costs in litigation against the employing body could give rise to governance, accountability, or value for money concerns; whether her Department has issued any guidance in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2086/26]

*2013. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has reviewed, or intends to review, the practice of Departments, and bodies under their aegis, funding legal costs in employment disputes involving those same bodies; and if so, the outcome or timeline for such a review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2104/26]

*2014. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether arrangements to fund legal costs in employment disputes involving her Department, or bodies under its aegis, require the prior approval of her Department or the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2122/26]

*2015. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if there have been any private forensic reports undertaken at a site (details supplied); if she will provide this Deputy with reports relating to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2183/26]

*2016. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the revised Early Learning and Childcare Planning Guidance will be issued; whether it will require childcare facilities to be fully fitted out and operational before a set proportion of dwellings are occupied, with reference to an area (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2215/26]

*2017. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the Building Blocks Capital Programme will be expanded to include crèche fit out costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2216/26]

*2018. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if a county level operator pipeline for Kildare, including all allocations since 2022, will be published, in order to combat delays such as the continued non operation of a purpose built crèche in an area (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2217/26]

*2019. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to publish quarterly county level dashboards detailing new childcare capacity, waiting lists by, age band, and the number of estate crèches opened versus those permitted, with reference to County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2218/26]

*2020. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she intends to introduce updated childcare planning guidance requiring childcare demand assessments for large residential schemes in Kildare north; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2219/26]

*2021. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the 2001 Childcare Facilities Guidelines will be updated; whether the revised guidance would include a modernised demand assessment for apartment developments, including one bed, studio and appropriate two bed units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2220/26]

*2022. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department is using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the Department are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2240/26]

*2023. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether any agencies or other bodies under her remit are using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the organisation are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2258/26]

*2024. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a list of the top ten capital or programme projects delivered by her Department or its agencies over the past three years which were completed on time and within the originally approved budget; the project name, location, delivery timeframe, original approved budget, final outturn cost, and delivery body, for each project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2422/26]

*2025. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to detail the annual spend on external consultants by her Department and its agencies in each of the past three years; the number of consultancy contracts, the largest individual consultancy engagements by value, and whether internal capacity-building or cost-benefit assessments were undertaken prior to engaging external consultants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2440/26]

*2026. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a list, for each of the past three years of the top ten projects per annum delivered by her Department or its agencies which were completed late and over the originally approved budget; the project name, location, original approved completion date, actual completion date, original approved budget, final outturn cost, cost overrun expressed in euro and percentage terms, and the delivery body for each project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2458/26]

*2027. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of the concerns of an organisation (details supplied) in relation to changes to the role of guardians ad litem; and if she will engage with the organisation in relation to these concerns. — Maeve O'Connell. [2476/26]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*2028. To ask the Minister for Health if legislation is planned to ban the practice called vaping from public gathering places such as pubs, restaurants, shops, offices and so on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [2318/26]

*2029. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 828 of 25 February 2025 (details supplied), when and by whom the decision was taken to exclude medical scientists who retired before 1 January 2024 from receiving the pay parity increases recommended by the Labour Court; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [2511/26]

*2030. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 828 of 25 February 2025 (details supplied) if she has considered whether excluding retired medical scientists from the Labour Court-recommended pay adjustments is consistent with past practice on pension parity for public servants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [2512/26]

*2031. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 828 of 25 February 2025 (details supplied), if she will review the implementation of the Labour Court's recommendation on pay parity for medical scientists to ensure that those who retired before 1 January 2024, including those who returned to support the health service during COVID-19 and the cyberattack, are treated fairly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [2513/26]

*2032. To ask the Minister for Health her priorities for the Irish EU Presidency regarding the EU cardiovascular disease health plan to be published shortly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [73852/25]

*2033. To ask the Minister for Health how she plans to prioritise and implement the EU cardiovascular disease health plan in Ireland and channel EU funds to support this work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [73853/25]

*2034. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which hospitals in the mid-west have in-hospital counselling services available to patients who may be enduring mental health problems; the associated staffing levels in each hospital in the mid-west region; the days and hours the service is available in each hospital in the mid-west; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [73854/25]

*2035. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE expects to begin receiving new patients at the new surgical hub that will be based in Swords; and the types of procedures that will be performed at this hub. — Ann Graves. [73855/25]

*2036. To ask the Minister for Health the locations within CHO9 where HSE employed orthoptists are based, in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Ann Graves. [73856/25]

*2037. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of revenue generated via restaurant/coffee shops sales at Beaumont Hospital in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. — Ann Graves. [73857/25]

*2038. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE paediatric psychologists posts that were filled at Portmarnock Primary Care Centre in each of the years of 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form. — Ann Graves. [73858/25]

*2039. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently on the waiting list to see a dentist at Swords Health Centre; and the average waiting time for same. — Ann Graves. [73859/25]

*2040. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for removing funding for monitored dosage systems (blister packs); the assessment carried out on the impact this will have on vulnerable patients, including those with dementia and complex medication regimes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [73860/25]

*2041. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider introducing a sustainable funding model for blister packs, given that the service costs approximately €70 per patient, per cycle, and is essential for medication safety and independent living; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [73861/25]

*2042. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has engaged with the Irish Pharmacy Union regarding the removal of blister pack supports and the financial impact on community pharmacies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [73862/25]

*2043. To ask the Minister for Health the guidance which has been issued to GPs and pharmacists regarding applications for blister packs following the policy change; the alternative supports which will be available for vulnerable patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [73863/25]

- *2044. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently receiving blister packs and the projected impact of introducing charges of €20–€50 per month on these households; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [73864/25]
- *2045. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has considered the risk of medication errors and hospital admissions resulting from the removal of blister pack supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [73865/25]
- *2046. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to review the phased dispensing scheme, which currently covers only nine core drug families; and whether this will be expanded to include blister packs for vulnerable patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [73866/25]
- *2047. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients currently receiving monitored dosage systems (blister packs) through community pharmacies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [73867/25]
- *2048. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a breakdown of blister pack users by category, including the number of patients with dementia; the number with severe or complex illnesses; the number requiring multiple medications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [73868/25]
- *2049. To ask the Minister for Health the clinical or risk assessments which have been carried out by her Department or the HSE on the impact of removing funding for blister packs, particularly in relation to medication adherence and hospital admissions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [73869/25]
- *2050. To ask the Minister for Health if any cost-benefit analysis has been undertaken comparing the cost of funding blister packs versus the potential cost of increased hospital admissions and adverse medication events; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [73870/25]
- *2051. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide details of any consultation with patient advocacy groups, healthcare professionals, or the Irish Pharmacy Union before deciding to remove support for blister packs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [73871/25]
- *2052. To ask the Minister for Health the alternative measures which will be put in place to protect vulnerable patients who currently rely on blister packs for safe medication management; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [73872/25]
- *2053. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm whether there was a cut to a service (details supplied) in 2025; to confirm the funding for 2026; the governance arrangements expected for this service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [73888/25]
- *2054. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to removing the need for a prescription for ostomy products; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [73899/25]
- *2055. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 165 and 166 of 3 July 2025, the status of her considerations on policy since; if she will conduct a retrospective

audit to discern the level of harm which has occurred due to vaginal mesh implants before considering the lifting of any pause on the use of such products; and if she will follow up with individuals who have previously received mesh implants to check on their clinical wellness as part of such an audit, to inform any decision on the future use of such implants. — David Cullinane. [73905/25]

*2056. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure for closing a waiting list for an outpatient service at a hospital, including what approvals are required. — Paul Murphy. [73911/25]

*2057. To ask the Minister for Health if management within St Columcille's Hospital, Ireland East Hospital Group, and the HSE were aware of the National Gender Service's decision to close the waiting list before the letter to him; and who among those had approved the closure before sending the letter. — Paul Murphy. [73912/25]

*2058. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to provide any additional staff, a new location, or other resources to the National Gender Service. — Paul Murphy. [73913/25]

*2059. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of drug detox beds within the State public health system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [73920/25]

*2060. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public detox beds there are within the midlands integrated health area of Longford, Westmeath, Laois and Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [73921/25]

*2061. To ask the Minister for Health the status of SMA newborn screening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [73923/25]

*2062. To ask the Minister for Health her views on a matter (detail supplied) regarding prescription charges; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [73925/25]

*2063. To ask the Minister for Health the actions being undertaken by the HSE to ensure that all individuals who are diagnosed with type-1 diabetes, including those diagnosed as adults, have access to CGM technology; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [73926/25]

*2064. To ask the Minister for Health the reason approximately 500 to 700 people who received a late/delayed clinical diagnosis of type 1 diabetes are currently being denied CGM reimbursement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [73927/25]

*2065. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given to a review of the single reimbursement application system for people with type 1 diabetes to access CGM technology to ensure that all individuals with type 1 diabetes, including those with adult-onset diabetes or delayed diagnosis, have access to this technology; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [73928/25]

*2066. To ask the Minister for Health the number of official Food Safety Authority control or targeted audits FSAI has programmed from the years 2018 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [73930/25]

*2067. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to FSAI control and targeted audits, if reports on all audits have been drafted and agreed with the auditees involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [73931/25]

*2068. To ask the Minister for Health if reports on all audits conducted since 1 January 2018 by FSAI have been published on the FSAI website in line with agreed procedures and protocols to ensure a high level of transparency regarding the outcomes of such audits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [73932/25]

*2069. To ask the Minister for Health if all audits programmed and or commenced by FSAI have progressed to report or publication stage, and if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [73933/25]

*2070. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the Spinal Muscular Atrophy test has still not been added to the national heelprick test two years after the announcement that it was to be included; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [73942/25]

*2071. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the assistance given to the evacuation of three Palestinian fathers (details supplied) to reunite them with their children, who came to Ireland for urgent medical care along with their mothers; if she will confirm if they have written to the Palestinian and Israeli authorities to determine the necessary steps for their evacuation to proceed; and will the ministers please provide an update to the families. — Paul Murphy. [73956/25]

*2072. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify if those on disability allowance and in receipt of a medical card will be charged more for their medication as a result of the Government's decision to withdraw funding for blister packs; to specify the exact increase in charges that such people can expect; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [73976/25]

*2073. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite a case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74001/25]

*2074. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has issued any written guidance, directions, circulars, or instructions to the HSE since 2018 concerning the automatic approval of gender-affirming surgical procedures under the treatment abroad scheme; and if not, how ministerial oversight is exercised over approvals that carry significant and rising Exchequer cost. — Ken O'Flynn. [74020/25]

*2075. To ask the Minister for Health to set out, in respect of the years 2015 to 2019 inclusive, the total annual expenditure incurred by the HSE on gender-affirming surgical procedures funded under the treatment abroad scheme; the number of patients funded in each year; the average cost per patient in each year; the highest and lowest amounts reimbursed per patient in each year; and whether her Department holds any records of projected or estimated expenditure for such procedures during that period. — Ken O'Flynn. [74028/25]

*2076. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the work being done to recruit more GPs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74032/25]

*2077. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement there has been with an organisation (details supplied) regarding the improved provision of dental services for medical card holders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74033/25]

*2078. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the appointment of a clinical specialist sonographer (ultrasound) to the Louth County Hospital, Dundalk; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74034/25]

*2079. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of a child in County Mayo (details supplied) who has been waiting over two years for a clinical psychology appointment; if she accepts that such delays are unacceptable; the immediate measures which will be taken to ensure timely access to services for this child and others; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74067/25]

*2080. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 905 of 9 December 2025, if her Department receives, holds, or reviews data from the primary care reimbursement service on medical card eligibility decisions where discretion is exercised following a means assessment; the number of such discretionary eligibility decisions made in respect of persons aged over 70 in each of the years 2020 to 2025; the number of cases in which discretionary eligibility was refused following assessment in each year; and the arrangements in place within the Department to monitor trends, consistency, and outcomes in the exercise of discretion for older persons under the general medical services scheme. — Ken O'Flynn. [74068/25]

*2081. To ask the Minister for Health the number of discretionary medical card applications received for persons aged over 70 for the years 2020 to date in 2025, by year; the number approved; the number refused; the number of appeals lodged following refusals; of those appeals the number granted on review and the number in which the original decision was upheld; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [74076/25]

*2082. To ask the Minister for Health the reason carer's allowance is taken into consideration when applying for a medical card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [74089/25]

*2083. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment. — Tony McCormack. [74096/25]

*2084. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will undergo surgery; the reason surgery has been delayed and cancelled previously; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [74097/25]

*2085. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of AI pilot projects which have taken place in her Department within the past 12 months; the expenditure associated with those projects; and whether they are still ongoing, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [74136/25]

*2086. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on dialysis for more than five years in 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74144/25]

*2087. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of people on dialysis who have had a kidney transplant that has subsequently failed in 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74145/25]

*2088. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of people on dialysis who were active on the kidney transplant waiting list, as of 31 December in 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74146/25]

- *2089. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on dialysis who have, or have had an organ transplant, other than a functioning kidney transplant, in 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74147/25]
- *2090. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on dialysis in each of the age profiles (details supplied) as of 31 December in 2022, 2023 and 2024 by age cohorts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74148/25]
- *2091. To ask the Minister for Health the number of deaths amongst dialysis patients in 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74149/25]
- *2092. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Irish resident patients that have been able to avail of out of area dialysis, in Ireland, in 2023, 2024 and 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74150/25]
- *2093. To ask the Minister for Health the number of visitors from outside of the State who were able to avail of dialysis whilst visiting Ireland in 2023, 2024 and 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74151/25]
- *2094. To ask the Minister for Health the approved posts and available full-time equivalent staffing by healthcare professional type in each dialysis unit, by HSE run and third party units (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74153/25]
- *2095. To ask the Minister for Health the approved number of vascular surgeon posts and available full-time equivalent staffing in each dialysis unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74154/25]
- *2096. To ask the Minister for Health the approved number of academic professional posts and available full-time equivalent staffing by hospital for each of kidney and cancer disease; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74155/25]
- *2097. To ask the Minister for Health the number of and protected time allocation of renal system administrators (EMED), by dialysis unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74156/25]
- *2098. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for those who received a deceased donor kidney transplant in each of the years, 2018 to 2024, from the time of first listing on the transplant list; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74157/25]
- *2099. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for those who received a living donor kidney transplant in each of the years, 2018 to 2024, from the time of listing on the transplant list; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74158/25]
- *2100. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who received a kidney transplant in each of the age profiles (details supplied) in each of the years 2018 to 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74159/25]
- *2101. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time taken to work up a successful living kidney donor from their first presentation at the transplant coordinators' office in Beaumont to being approved to donate a kidney in each of the age profiles (details supplied) in each of the years 2018 to 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74160/25]

*2102. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of people who presented to the living donor programme in Beaumont Hospital as willing potential living kidney donors who became actual living kidney donors in each of the years 2018 to 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74162/25]

*2103. To ask the Minister for Health the average time for being approved for kidney transplant to actually receiving a transplant in each of the years 2018 to 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74163/25]

*2104. To ask the Minister for Health the average time from when a successful living kidney donor comes forward to be assessed for donation to the date of donation in each of the years 2018 to 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74164/25]

*2105. To ask the Minister for Health the number of kidney patients who received a transplant from a living donor without commencing treatment by dialysis in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74165/25]

*2106. To ask the Minister for Health the number of kidney patients who have been referred to Belfast City Hospital for kidney or transplant treatment in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74166/25]

*2107. To ask the Minister for Health the planning for and location of new dialysis units and additional dialysis capacity in existing units (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74167/25]

*2108. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated date for the new EMED system to go live; and whether formal consultations with health care professionals and patients have started (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74168/25]

*2109. To ask the Minister for Health when the Ennis dialysis unit will be open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74169/25]

*2110. To ask the Minister for Health when the Sligo dialysis unit will be upgraded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74170/25]

*2111. To ask the Minister for Health the reason peritoneal dialysis patients cannot receive peritoneal dialysis in St. James's Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74171/25]

*2112. To ask the Minister for Health her position on the provision of a chronic dialysis unit in St. James's Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74172/25]

*2113. To ask the Minister for Health with the launch of the HSE Climate Action Strategy 2023 to 2025, if there are plans in place to mitigate the environmental impact of dialysis by improved water treatments systems and use of renewable energies; if no such plans in place, when these plans will be put in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74173/25]

*2114. To ask the Minister for Health the clinical guidance used to treat specific gynaecological problems experienced by women with kidney disease; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74174/25]

- *2115. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the average waiting times from referral to nephrologist to first appointment time, by hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74175/25]
- *2116. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the number of people on waiting lists to see a nephrologist, by hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74176/25]
- *2117. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the number of kidney patients on waiting lists to see a vascular surgeon, by hospital and the average waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74177/25]
- *2118. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the number of kidney patients on waiting lists specifically for fistula creation and the average waiting times for the procedure and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74178/25]
- *2119. To ask the Minister for Health if she plans to appoint a clinical GP lead for renal disease in primary care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74179/25]
- *2120. To ask the Minister for Health if, from 1 July 2025 adult GMS patients who have stage 4 or 5 chronic kidney disease are now included in the CDM Treatment Programme; and if patients who have stages 1 to 3 chronic kidney disease are included in the CDM Prevention Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74180/25]
- *2121. To ask the Minister for Health based on the opportunistic case findings of chronic kidney disease under the Chronic Disease Management Programme, the percentage of those identified as having stage 4 or 5 chronic kidney disease have been included in the CDM Treatment Programme; the percentage of patients who have stages 1 to 3 chronic kidney disease have been included in the CDM Prevention Programme; if any of these patients have not been provided with follow on kidney care; if a cost provision has been made for any legal actions these patients may take for failure to provide appropriate care and delay progression to dialysis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74181/25]
- *2122. To ask the Minister for Health given that dialysis provision and related inpatient stays currently costs €125,000 per year per patient, the plans that are in place, or for the future, to prevent patients progressing to end stage kidney failure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74182/25]
- *2123. To ask the Minister for Health given the major in-centre treatment costs if she will clarify when chronic kidney disease screening and treatment will become available in each of the 96 HSE community health networks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74183/25]
- *2124. To ask the Minister for Health given the major treatment costs, when home dialysis and assisted dialysis will become available in each of the 96 HSE community health networks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74184/25]
- *2125. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HIPE's case mix system is tracking the cost of every dialysis session provided per in-patient stay; if not, if it is assigning an assumed cost per dialysis session per in-patient stay, thus underestimating the cost of kidney disease treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74185/25]

*2126. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a copy of the clinical guidelines for assessment and treatments of kidney patients who present in emergency departments; if this is in use in all hospitals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74187/25]

*2127. To ask the Minister for Health given that a number of patients receiving dialysis are homeless or at risk of homelessness, if such patients will be automatically placed in the band 1 category in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74189/25]

*2128. To ask the Minister for Health given the increasing frequency of storm related utility outages, the plans that are in place to protect vulnerable patients who are dependent on utilities for life saving treatments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74190/25]

*2129. To ask the Minister for Health given that Donegal patients who were travelling to Northern Ireland or Beaumont hospital for treatment are now being sent to Galway, the reason treatment in Northern Ireland is no longer available, forcing patients to travel longer distances; whether accommodation costs for such patients will be covered given they could previously avail of free accommodation in a centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74191/25]

*2130. To ask the Minister for Health if a re-imburement case has been made for the use of drugs (details supplied) in Ireland to the relevant authority; if so, the stage the drug approval is at; when a decision is likely to be taken for when such drugs will or will not be reimbursed; whether supply of these drugs is currently being re-imbursed by any Irish hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74192/25]

*2131. To ask the Minister for Health the whole-time equivalent staffing levels in an organisation (details supplied) for each year 2020 to date in 2025, broken down by sanctioned posts, filled posts and vacancies, and by division and grade where available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [74199/25]

*2132. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the PSI's annual pay and pensions costs; the amount spent on agency staff, contractors and other temporary staffing supports, for each year 2020 to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [74200/25]

*2133. To ask the Minister for Health the PSI's annual operating budget and outturn; the breakdown of income sources including registration fees and any Exchequer funding, for each year 2020 to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [74201/25]

*2134. To ask the Minister for Health the number of pharmacy inspections carried out by the PSI in each year 2020 to date in 2025, broken down by inspection type including systems inspections, risk-based inspections and re-inspections and by on-site versus remote/desktop inspections where relevant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [74202/25]

*2135. To ask the Minister for Health the number of regulatory investigations initiated and concluded by the PSI in each year 2020 to date in 2025; the average and median time to conclusion, and the outcomes recorded including no further action, advice/warning, referral to

disciplinary processes and referral to other bodies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [74203/25]

*2136. To ask the Minister for Health the number of complaints received by the PSI; the number progressed to preliminary proceedings; the number progressed to formal inquiry; the number resulting in sanctions, broken down by sanction type including admonishment, conditions, suspension and cancellation; whether the sanction related to an individual pharmacist or a retail pharmacy business for each year 2020 to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [74204/25]

*2137. To ask the Minister for Health the PSI's enforcement actions other than fitness-to-practise sanctions; the number of warning/advisory letters, undertakings, any District Court proceedings, and any other formal compliance actions; and the basis on which such actions are deployed for each year 2020 to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [74205/25]

*2138. To ask the Minister for Health the number of complaints received by the PSI in each year 2020 to date in 2025, relating specifically to patient access and communications including inability to contact a pharmacy by phone, delayed responses to patient queries, or failures in continuity of supply communications; and the outcomes of such complaints including inspection triggered, advice issued, enforcement action taken and no further action; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [74206/25]

*2139. To ask the Minister for Health the standards, guidance or policies the PSI has issued to pharmacies and pharmacists regarding communications with patients including responsiveness, accessibility, and the handling of urgent clinical queries; if the PSI sets or expects any minimum operational arrangements including phone access, voicemail, email or other channels to protect patient safety; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [74207/25]

*2140. To ask the Minister for Health the oversight arrangements and performance indicators in place between her Department and the PSI; the targets or expectations in respect of inspection volumes, complaint handling timelines, and public accessibility/communications safeguards; to outline any reviews, audits or improvement plans agreed since 2020, including any planned measures for 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [74208/25]

*2141. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently intervene and allow for a transitional payment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74230/25]

*2142. To ask the Minister for Health if holders of a long-term illness card are entitled to receive blister packs (medication compliance aids) free of charge where they are clinically required; if this entitlement is provided for under the long-term illness scheme or other community drug schemes; the guidance that has been issued by the HSE to pharmacies in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [74231/25]

*2143. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department is examining the expansion of the approved appliances and drugs under the long-term illness scheme in light of ongoing difficulties with the approval request process for pharmacies; the impact these difficulties are having on people with disabilities and other long-term illness card holders who are being required to pay upfront for necessary prescribed items; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [74232/25]

*2144. To ask the Minister for Health when the endometriosis hub in Cork will be fully staffed, to provide a breakdown of how many people have accessed the hub in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [74244/25]

*2145. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who availed of a cervical check by county over the last three years including 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [74245/25]

*2146. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who availed of breast check by county over the last three years including 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [74246/25]

*2147. To ask the Minister for Health whether standards or service-level targets exist for her Department or bodies under the aegis of her Department, in responding to correspondence from members of local authorities; if compliance with such standards is monitored; the reasons for delays or failures to respond to correspondence from elected members; and the measures being taken to ensure more consistent and timely communication going forward. — Sorca Clarke. [74256/25]

*2148. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for children awaiting an occupational therapy assessment in County Longford; the number of children currently on the waiting list; the average and longest waiting time for an assessment; the number of whole-time equivalent occupational therapists assigned to children's disability services in Longford; and the measures being taken to reduce waiting times, particularly for children transitioning to post-primary education. — Micheál Carrigy. [74277/25]

*2149. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding an occupational therapy assessment for a child (details supplied) in County Longford who has been waiting over a year for an assessment; their current position on the waiting list; if a timeline can now be provided for assessment given that the child is due to commence post-primary education in September; and if the Minister will engage with the HSE to ensure that this case is reviewed as a matter of urgency. — Micheál Carrigy. [74278/25]

*2150. To ask the Minister for Health if a certificate of interest from a financial institution of all accounts be accepted and taken into consideration when assessing over 70s for a medical card instead of an assessment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74285/25]

*2151. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the HSE's plans for the expansion of the Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV) schools programme in 2026; the measures that will be taken to increase uptake and encourage schools at primary and secondary level to opt in; whether the HSE has considered deploying school-based HSE vaccination teams to deliver the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [74286/25]

*2152. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the current waiting times for children requiring an MRI under general anaesthesia in Ireland; the measures being taken to reduce these waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [74293/25]

*2153. To ask the Minister for Health the number of older persons awaiting a home help package in Kerry, by area and by length of time, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [74294/25]

- *2154. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on a list (details supplied), in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [74319/25]
- *2155. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults waiting on a first-time appointment with a neurologist; the length of time they are waiting, by each HSE area, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [74359/25]
- *2156. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on a first time appointment with a neurologist, the length of time they are waiting, by each HSE area, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [74360/25]
- *2157. To ask the Minister for Health the number of neurological staff vacancies there are within the HSE and the area they are in, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [74361/25]
- *2158. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to include relugolix in the drugs payment scheme; and if so, the timeline for same. — Claire Kerrane. [74370/25]
- *2159. To ask the Minister for Health if CORU will bring the athletic rehab therapy sector under its regulatory remit. — Tom Brabazon. [74384/25]
- *2160. To ask the Minister for Health to reassure the Iveragh Hospice Branch in County Kerry and the residents of Iveragh, that hospice beds in St. Anne's Hospital, Cahersiveen will not be closed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74386/25]
- *2161. To ask the Minister for Health the national datasets her Department requires for governance, planning, financial control, and performance oversight of all services funded under the health vote, for each dataset, whether it is currently fully operational, partially operational, or not in place; the legislative, policy, or administrative basis on which each dataset is required; and the timeline by which her Department expects full national data coverage to be in place across the health system, in tabular form. — Ken O'Flynn. [74392/25]
- *2162. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has approved a national set of key performance indicators for monitoring recruitment activity, vacancy levels, clearance timelines, and the delivery of development posts across services funded under the Health Vote; if so, to list those KPIs and the date on which they were approved; if not, to state the reason such KPIs have not been approved, given the scale of the staffing and pay envelope; and the date by which full national KPI reporting will be operational and routinely available to her Department. — Ken O'Flynn. [74393/25]
- *2163. To ask the Minister for Health the controls used by her Department to oversee the staffing and pay envelope funded under the Health Vote pending the full rollout of the national integrated staff records and pay system; the proportion of the HSE workforce currently covered by that system; the projected completion date for national rollout; and whether her Department has identified any financial or governance risks arising from the absence of a fully integrated national staffing and pay dataset. — Ken O'Flynn. [74394/25]
- *2164. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department estimates the annual cost to the Health Vote arising from delayed transfers of care linked to housing shortages; the methodology used by her Department to calculate bed-day costs associated with delayed discharges; if such costs

are reported to her Department on a routine basis; and the date by which she intends to introduce regular national cost reporting for delayed transfers of care. — Ken O’Flynn. [74395/25]

*2165. To ask the Minister for Health the governance and policy framework approved by her Department for gender identity services for children and young people; the date of the most recent Departmental review of that framework; the role of her Department in setting safeguarding and clinical governance standards for these services; and how compliance with those standards is monitored at national level. — Ken O’Flynn. [74396/25]

*2166. To ask the Minister for Health the national datasets her Department requires for planning, oversight, and safeguarding of gender identity services for minors, including referral volumes, diagnostic profiles, and treatment pathways; which of those datasets are not currently in place; and the timeline for establishing a national dataset aligned with evidence-based clinical governance standards. — Ken O’Flynn. [74397/25]

*2167. To ask the Minister for Health her Department’s policy for evaluating international clinical guidance prior to alignment with national healthcare frameworks; the assessments carried out by her Department on the WPATH Standards of Care between 2018 and 2023; and the timeline for completing a formal review of those standards in light of the Cass Review. — Ken O’Flynn. [74398/25]

*2168. To ask the Minister for Health the national reporting requirements approved by her Department for waiting times in publicly funded addiction services; the reason a comprehensive national waiting-time dataset is not currently available; and the timeline for introducing full national reporting of assessment and treatment waiting times. — Ken O’Flynn. [74399/25]

*2169. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has adopted any population-based workforce planning benchmark or consultant-to-patient ratio for the provision of chronic pain services; if so, to specify the benchmark applied; and if not, to explain how the adequacy of current consultant capacity is assessed for governance and service planning purposes. — Ken O’Flynn. [74400/25]

*2170. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time, by hospital group, for a first outpatient assessment in publicly funded chronic pain services at the end of Q4 2025; the longest waiting time recorded nationally; and the number of patients waiting longer than six months and longer than twelve months for an initial appointment. — Ken O’Flynn. [74401/25]

*2171. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of patients diagnosed with chronic pain are managed without access to a specialist consultant-led pain service due to capacity constraints; and the assessment her Department has made of the clinical, social, and economic impacts of managing chronic pain outside specialist services. — Ken O’Flynn. [74402/25]

*2172. To ask the Minister for Health if the current number of whole-time equivalent consultants delivering chronic pain services meets any recognised international guideline, standard, or comparator used by her Department; and if not, the actions planned, with timelines, to align consultant capacity with population need. — Ken O’Flynn. [74403/25]

*2173. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department or the Health Service Executive maintains any national dataset recording cases where a baby is born alive following a termination of pregnancy carried out under the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; and if not, the rationale for the absence of such a dataset given her Department’s statutory

responsibility for governance, quality assurance and patient safety across maternity services. — Ken O’Flynn. [74421/25]

*2174. To ask the Minister for Health if maternity hospitals are required by her Department, the HSE, or the national women and infants health programme to formally notify the Department or the HSE of all cases where signs of life are observed following termination of pregnancy; and if notification is not mandatory, the legal or policy basis for this position. — Ken O’Flynn. [74422/25]

*2175. To ask the Minister for Health if the national women and infants health programme has issued any binding national protocols, as distinct from non-statutory guidance, governing the clinical, reporting and governance response to live births following termination of pregnancy; and if so, the date of issue and whether such protocols are subject to compliance monitoring. — Ken O’Flynn. [74423/25]

*2176. To ask the Minister for Health the number of internal reviews, clinical audits, serious incident reviews or governance assessments commissioned or overseen by her Department or the HSE since 2019 in respect of live births following termination of pregnancy; and if the findings of any such reviews have been provided to her Department. — Ken O’Flynn. [74424/25]

*2177. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has sought legal advice since 2019 on the absence of a statutory reporting requirement for live births following termination of pregnancy; and if she will commit to examining the introduction of a formal national reporting and audit framework to ensure consistent oversight and learning across the maternity system. — Ken O’Flynn. [74425/25]

*2178. To ask the Minister for Health the procedures in place to tackle the delay in the symptomatic rapid assessment clinic in CUH; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74428/25]

*2179. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the current waiting list times in Drogheda hospital for dermatology services from 2019 to date in 2025, per year, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [74436/25]

*2180. To ask the Minister for Health if the movement of dermatology services from Monaghan Hospital has added to the waiting list times in Drogheda Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [74437/25]

*2181. To ask the Minister for Health her plans for any reforms to ensure that the dermatology services remain in Monaghan Hospital, along with a dermatologist in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [74438/25]

*2182. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a list of the services currently available in Monaghan Hospital; in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [74439/25]

*2183. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of free rooms in Monaghan Hospital; the reason these room are not being utilised for clinics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [74440/25]

*2184. To ask the Minister for Health the office rental costs per annum for staff in her Department and for each agency or organisation under her remit, in each of the years between 2015 and 2025 inclusive, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74451/25]

*2185. To ask the Minister for Health if she plans to increase the number of assistant psychologist jobs nationwide to support the provision of mental healthcare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74459/25]

*2186. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for registration with the Irish Medical Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [74472/25]

*2187. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding CAMHS services in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74485/25]

*2188. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider adding Jorveza (Budesonide) to the drugs payment scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74512/25]

*2189. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be made for a child (details supplied) with CAMHS; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [74521/25]

*2190. To ask the Minister for Health if she will clarify the reimbursement claims for services under the PCRS scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [74530/25]

*2191. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cases recorded (details supplied) for a medical service in each of the years from 2019 to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [74531/25]

*2192. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 572 of 27 November 2025, the timeline for the development by her Department, of a framework to guide policy on the regulation of health and social care professionals into the future; the organisations with whom it is intended to consult with in drawing up the framework; the timeline for these consultations; whether she expects a revised policy to emerge as a consequence of any new framework; the date she expects any new regulatory framework or policy to be in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [74552/25]

*2193. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 572 of 27 November 2025, the precise process her Department has in place for considering whether a profession should be regulated by CORU; to provide a list of professions that have sought to be regulated since the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 (as amended) was enacted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [74553/25]

*2194. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 572 of 27 November 2025, where a medical profession has sought to be regulated by CORU under the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 (as amended), and where a decision not to regulate such a profession at this juncture has been made, the process by which her Department has arrived at such a decision and rationale for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [74554/25]

*2195. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 572 of 27 November 2025, if she is aware of an organisation (details supplied), representing a healthcare profession that has been seeking to be regulated for over 15 years; whether it is proposed to regulate this profession as requested; the specific reasons no progress has been made on this request; her views that non-regulation of this profession to date poses a risk to patient safety, or puts this profession at a disadvantage over similar professions which are regulated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [74555/25]

*2196. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of Athletic Therapy as a profession; the qualifications required to become a certified athletic therapist; the medical conditions which such therapists are qualified to manage and the difference between athletic therapy and physiotherapy; the potential for both professions to be employed by the health care sector to help reduce waiting lists for a range of musculoskeletal treatments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [74556/25]

*2197. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of any mental health service funded by the HSE that is utilising AI generated content in response to service users; if she will investigate the recent media reports of same; and the current policy for service providers are in relation to same. — Sorca Clarke. [74569/25]

*2198. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 916 of 16 December 2025, if she is conscious of the specific work that is done by an organisation (details supplied) which sets it out from community first responder groups; if she will meet with the CEO to discuss the work this organisation does regarding emergency response; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [74575/25]

*2199. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under five years of age in County Mayo currently being supported through primary care teams, this year and each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [74584/25]

*2200. To ask the Minister for Health the Departments with responsibility for the diagnosis, intervention therapy services, awareness raising, education and prevention of the condition and support for those with foetal alcohol spectrum disorder and the plan to recognise it as a disability. — Sorca Clarke. [74593/25]

*2201. To ask the Minister for Health the funding her Department has provided for an organisation (details supplied) in relation to their work with those with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder in 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Sorca Clarke. [74595/25]

*2202. To ask the Minister for Health given the level of unmet need with those living with foetal alcohol spectrum disorder and their parents/guardians if she will review the level of funding for an organisation (details supplied) for 2026 given the current level will not allow for the expansion of services despite scaling up in 2025 and also that the service is four times oversubscribed. — Sorca Clarke. [74598/25]

*2203. To ask the Minister for Health when she will bring a memo to cabinet to outline the implementation plan and period for option C of the review of an organisation (details supplied) into emergency care capacity at UHL; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [74604/25]

*2204. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant community health posts in UHL hospital group CHO by discipline, by grade and whole time equivalent, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [74605/25]

*2205. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that adults have access through the health service to burosumab for treatment for hypophosphataemia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [74617/25]

*2206. To ask the Minister for Health the payroll cost of her Department and of each organisation or agency under its remit individually, in 2015 to 2025, by year, in tabular form. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [74629/25]

*2207. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the work undertaken by the HSE to recruit a full-time psychologist for the community adult mental health team in Balbriggan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74650/25]

*2208. To ask the Minister for Health the plans the HSE has in place to address the backlog of patients waiting to be seen by the community adult mental health team; the measures being implemented to reduce waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74651/25]

*2209. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently on the waiting list for psychological services within the community adult mental health team; the average waiting time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74652/25]

*2210. To ask the Minister for Health if supports will be granted to keep a charity (details supplied) operating beyond the date funding for its operations is expected to cease; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [74666/25]

*2211. To ask the Minister for Health if confirmation will be given for funding for 2026 to unlock essential bank support for a charity (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [74674/25]

*2212. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to address the absence of effective crisis intervention pathways for adults experiencing severe mental illness who lack insight into their condition and are therefore deemed capable of refusing care, despite being acutely unwell; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [74713/25]

*2213. To ask the Minister for Health the reason An Garda Síochána continues to be the default point of contact for families experiencing mental health crises involving vulnerable adults; what engagement has taken place between her Department, the HSE and the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, to develop health-led alternatives; and when families can expect access to dedicated mental health crisis response teams nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [74714/25]

*2214. To ask the Minister for Health if she is satisfied that current mental health legislation adequately protects vulnerable adults who refuse care due to impaired insight arising from mental illness; if legislative gaps have been identified by the Department or the Mental Health Commission; if amendments are being actively considered to better protect patients and families in such circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [74715/25]

- *2215. To ask the Minister for Health the immediate reforms planned to prevent irreversible harm to individuals experiencing acute mental health crises where early intervention is not currently available; and if consideration is being given to expanding crisis admission criteria, mobile crisis teams, or family-initiated assessments outside Garda involvement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [74716/25]
- *2216. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cases in the past five years have involved families seeking urgent intervention for a mentally unwell adult who was deemed capable of refusing care; and if the Department has assessed the outcomes for those individuals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [74717/25]
- *2217. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to disregarding carer's allowance, either in full or in part, for the purposes of secondary benefit assessments such as medical cards; if not, the reasons for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [74720/25]
- *2218. To ask the Minister for Health the number of discretionary medical cards awarded in the past three years to applicants whose income exceeded the threshold due to receipt of carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [74721/25]
- *2219. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the current medical card income thresholds for those over 70 years of age, particularly in circumstances where household income includes carer's allowance and where there are high, recurring medical expenses; and the proposals to amend the existing assessment criteria. — Albert Dolan. [74722/25]
- *2220. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to an equivalent hormone replacement therapy scheme in another jurisdiction (details supplied); if she will conduct an equality impact assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [74723/25]
- *2221. To ask the Minister for Health if there are sufficient GP services serving the Thurles area; the number of GP vacancies currently in existence in Thurles and surrounding hinterland; the measures being taken to recruit and retain GPs locally; and if she will improve access to primary care for patients in the Thurles area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [74730/25]
- *2222. To ask the Minister for Health the mental health supports available locally to residents of Thurles, including community counselling and specialist services; waiting times for access; if plans are in place to expand mental health resources in the Thurles area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [74731/25]
- *2223. To ask the Minister for Health the recruitment and retention initiatives in place for health professionals serving the Thurles area; the number of vacancies which currently exist across all health services in Thurles; her views on workforce planning to ensure stable services locally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [74732/25]
- *2224. To ask the Minister for Health the progress on securing a new site for the replacement of a facility (details supplied); if the Health Service Executive has identified suitable greenfield land or received expressions of interest for such a site; the current status is of the site identification process; the timeline for site acquisition, planning and construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [74737/25]

*2225. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 572 of 27 November 2025, the timeline for the development by her Department, of a framework to guide policy on the regulation of health and social care professionals into the future; the organisations with whom it is intended to consult with in drawing up this framework; the timeline for these consultations; whether she expects a revised policy to emerge as a consequence of any new framework; the date by which she expects any new regulatory framework or policy to be in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74738/25]

*2226. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 572 of 27 November 2025, the precise process her Department has in place for considering whether a profession should be regulated by CORU; to provide a list of professions that have sought to be regulated since the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 (as amended) was enacted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74739/25]

*2227. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 572 of 27 November 2025, where a medical profession has sought to be regulated by CORU under the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 (as amended), where a decision not to regulate such a profession at this juncture has been made, the process by which her Department has arrived at such a decision and rationale for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74740/25]

*2228. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 572 of 27 November 2025, if she is aware of an organisation (details supplied), representing a healthcare profession that has been seeking to be regulated for over 15 years; whether it is proposed to regulate this profession as requested; the specific reasons why no progress has been made on this request; her views that non-regulation of this profession to date poses a risk to patient safety, or puts this profession at a disadvantage over similar professions which are regulated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74741/25]

*2229. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of athletic therapy as a profession; the qualifications required to become a certified athletic therapist; the medical conditions which such therapists are qualified to manage and the difference between athletic therapy and physiotherapy; the potential for both professions to be employed by the health care sector to help reduce waiting lists for a range of musculoskeletal treatments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74742/25]

*2230. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a domestic/gender based violence team operating at a hospital (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [74750/25]

*2231. To ask the Minister for Health if she will engage with a service (details supplied) in relation to its 2025 funding allocation; if she will intervene to address the funding gap; if she will provide a multiannual funding plan to cover the real cost of delivering its vital services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [74752/25]

*2232. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade employed in general medicine at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and the number of staff vacancies currently within the department. — Joanna Byrne. [74753/25]

*2233. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in emergency medicine at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Joanna Byrne. [74754/25]

- *2234. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade employed in cardiology at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; if there is a waiting list for this unit; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Joanna Byrne. [74755/25]
- *2235. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade employed in endocrinology at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Joanna Byrne. [74756/25]
- *2236. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade employed in the early pregnancy unit at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Joanna Byrne. [74757/25]
- *2237. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in oncology at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Joanna Byrne. [74758/25]
- *2238. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in dermatology at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Joanna Byrne. [74759/25]
- *2239. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in geriatric medicine at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Joanna Byrne. [74760/25]
- *2240. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in gastroenterology at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and the number of staff vacancies within the department.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [74761/25]
- *2241. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in respiratory medicine at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Joanna Byrne. [74762/25]
- *2242. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in physical medicine at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Joanna Byrne. [74763/25]
- *2243. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade at which they are employed in pathology services at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Joanna Byrne. [74764/25]
- *2244. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in palliative care at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Joanna Byrne. [74765/25]
- *2245. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in general surgery at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Joanna Byrne. [74766/25]
- *2246. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in paediatric services at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Joanna Byrne. [74767/25]

*2247. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in gynaecology services at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Joanna Byrne. [74768/25]

*2248. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in urology services at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Joanna Byrne. [74769/25]

*2249. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in radiology services at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Joanna Byrne. [74770/25]

*2250. To ask the Minister for Health the number of step-down beds available in County Louth in the years 2020 to 2025, by year, in tabular form; and the location of same. — Joanna Byrne. [74790/25]

*2251. To ask the Minister for Health the number of long stay beds available in County Louth in the years 2020 to 2025, by year, in tabular form; and the location of same. — Joanna Byrne. [74791/25]

*2252. To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite beds available in County Louth in the years 2020 to 2025, by year, in tabular form; and the location of same. — Joanna Byrne. [74792/25]

*2253. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be made for a person (details supplied). — Tony McCormack. [74793/25]

*2254. To ask the Minister for Health the details of every residential care home provider in counties Sligo and Leitrim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [74794/25]

*2255. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to a case (details supplied); if she will instruct her Department to conduct a public inquiry into psychiatric institutions; to provide redress for the families affected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [74795/25]

*2256. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the development of the post natal hub at Our lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda; when this hub will be operational and accessible to patients; and when free pelvic floor physical therapy sessions for women after childbirth will be provided at this hub. — Joanna Byrne. [74797/25]

*2257. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); if an appointment will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [74823/25]

*2258. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 315 of 10 December 2025, if she will provide details on the membership of the committee (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [74826/25]

- *2259. To ask the Minister for Health the actions she and her Department are taking to address the 18 month waiting times for children who require dental treatment under general anaesthetic. — Sorca Clarke. [74831/25]
- *2260. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which a GP can proceed to be considered to lease space for their practice to allow them to increase capacity for new patients (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [74832/25]
- *2261. To ask the Minister for Health if the €5 million budget for the rare disease strategy has been carried over into 2026 and added to the €8 million allocated for 2026; if not, the reasons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [74833/25]
- *2262. To ask the Minister for Health to ensure that an organisation (details supplied) is allocated the funding they require to expand its essential services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [74856/25]
- *2263. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 378 of 16 October 2025, if the HSE Service Improvement Programme's review of the existing provision of limb prosthetic services has been completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [74858/25]
- *2264. To ask the Minister for Health if a decision not to reimburse a treatment will be reviewed (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [74859/25]
- *2265. To ask the Minister for Health her views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if she has been made aware of the concerns raised with the service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [74860/25]
- *2266. To ask the Minister for Health when a new consultant will be appointed for the pain clinic in the Mater Hospital. — Mary Lou McDonald. [74865/25]
- *2267. To ask the Minister for Health the current wait time for a person to receive an appointment for the pain clinic in the Mater Hospital. — Mary Lou McDonald. [74866/25]
- *2268. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (detailed supplied) will receive an appointment to attend the pain clinic in the Mater Hospital. — Mary Lou McDonald. [74867/25]
- *2269. To ask the Minister for Health the current cost of the seasonal influenza vaccine for students who do not qualify under the HSE free scheme; and if she will consider measures to reduce or subsidise this cost to encourage uptake among the student population. — John Lahart. [74875/25]
- *2270. To ask the Minister for Health the minimum qualifications required for individuals providing crisis counselling through a platform (details supplied); the proportion of staff or volunteers who hold accredited mental health or counselling qualifications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [74877/25]
- *2271. To ask the Minister for Health the escalation protocols used by a service (details supplied) when a texter presents with imminent risk of suicide or self harm; and the number of such escalations recorded annually. — Brian Stanley. [74878/25]

*2272. To ask the Minister for Health whether artificial intelligence or automated decision support tools are used in any part of a service (details supplied), including message triage, risk assessment, suggested responses, or supervision of counsellors; if so, the specific functions performed by AI; the safeguards in place to prevent inappropriate or unsafe use; and whether any independent clinical or ethical review has been conducted on the deployment of such technologies. — Brian Stanley. [74879/25]

*2273. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of simultaneous conversations each counsellor is expected or permitted to manage at any one time at a service (details supplied); the maximum number allowed; and the evidence base used to determine these thresholds. — Brian Stanley. [74880/25]

*2274. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will be referred to another hospital under the NTPF by Galway University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [74883/25]

*2275. To ask the Minister for Health the number of data breaches recorded by her Department in 2025; and the number that were reported to the Data Protection Commissioner. — Cathal Crowe. [74898/25]

*2276. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on the waiting list for partial knee replacement surgery at Letterkenny University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [74908/25]

*2277. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of children who received developmental checks carried out within 72 hours, at three months old, at six months old, at one year old, at two years old and at four years old, in Donegal in the years of 2022 to 2025 inclusive, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [74918/25]

*2278. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant anaesthesiologists posts that were filled at Letterkenny University Hospital in the years of 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [74919/25]

*2279. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists which are providing care to medical card patients under the dental treatment service scheme, by county, in tabular form; the number of referrals for each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [74924/25]

*2280. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people which are detained in the Central Mental Hospital, other than under the Criminal Law (Insanity) Act 2006, as amended by the Criminal Law (Insanity) Act 2010, and the route(s) by which each of those people have been detained. — Ciarán Ahern. [74925/25]

*2281. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults whose mental health treatment abroad was arranged by the State in the past 36 months, the settings and countries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [74934/25]

*2282. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults whose disability-related care abroad was arranged by the State in the past 36 months, the settings and countries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [74935/25]

*2283. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children whose mental health treatment abroad was arranged by the State in the past 36 months, the settings and countries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [74936/25]

*2284. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children whose disability-related care abroad was arranged by the State in the past 36 months, the settings and countries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [74937/25]

*2285. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the State regulates and monitors the use of practices (details supplied) in relation to people other than in ‘approved centres’ under the Mental Health Act 2001; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [74938/25]

*2286. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the State regulates and monitors the use of restrictive practices (details supplied) in residential settings other than ‘approved centres’ under the Mental Health Act 2001; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [74939/25]

*2287. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the State regulates and monitors the use of restrictive practices (details supplied) in community mental health services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [74940/25]

*2288. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the State regulates and monitors the use of restrictive practices (details supplied) in older people’s non-residential care settings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [74942/25]

*2289. To ask the Minister for Health for a comprehensive list or categorisation of residential care services that are known or believed to be operating without the necessary registration as a ‘designated centre’ under the Health Act 2007; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [74943/25]

*2290. To ask the Minister for Health the mental health care services, older people’s care services, disability services, respite services, end-of-life services, and addiction treatment services that operate in the State, other than ‘approved centres’ under the Mental Health Act 2001 and ‘designated centres’ under the Health Act 2007; the mechanisms by which they are regulated, inspected and otherwise monitored, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [74944/25]

*2291. To ask the Minister for Health the home care and home support services and service providers that are intended to be regulated under forthcoming legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [74945/25]

*2292. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which alleged restrictive practices (details supplied) have arisen in complaints to the HSE’s adult Safeguarding and Protection teams, in the past 36 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [74946/25]

*2293. To ask the Minister for Health if she or the CEO of the HSE will meet with a person (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [74952/25]

*2294. To ask the Minister for Health the steps taken to hire a new consultant for the pain clinic in the Mater Hospital; the expected start date for the new consultant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [74953/25]

*2295. To ask the Minister for Health the current wait time for a person to receive an appointment for the pain clinic in the Mater Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [74954/25]

*2296. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for an appointment for the pain clinic in the Mater Hospital, by month, for 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [74955/25]

*2297. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will consider the purchase of a closed school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [74962/25]

*2298. To ask the Minister for Health if an organisation (details supplied) is advising pharmacists participating in the free HRT scheme to investigate if their patients are transgender where they suspect the gender marker on their medical records differs from their sex assigned at birth; if so, by what means pharmacists are being advised to identify such cases and obtain this information; the legal basis for this requirement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [74966/25]

*2299. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently address a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74980/25]

*2300. To ask the Minister for Health her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74986/25]

*2301. To ask the Minister for Health her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74987/25]

*2302. To ask the Minister for Health to consider aiding in the medical evacuation of a person from Gaza (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [75015/25]

*2303. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of supply of estradot (estradiol transdermal) patches in the State; the duration and cause of any supply disruptions affecting this product in 2024 and 2025; the steps taken by her Department and the HSE to mitigate these shortages; and whether she will provide a timeline for full restoration of supply; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [75026/25]

*2304. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the current dispensing arrangements under the free HRT scheme which limit hormone replacement therapy to one month's supply at a time; the rationale for this restriction; the impact it has had on continuity of care during ongoing supply disruptions, including for estradot patches; if consideration has been given to allowing multi-month dispensing where clinically appropriate and where supply permits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [75027/25]

*2305. To ask the Minister for Health if she will examine the issues outlined in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [75034/25]

*2306. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the development of a business case for the purchase of the software required for scoliosis surgery at the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (details supplied); if she will confirm that the HSE does not currently hold the equipment required; and if she will acknowledge that the absence of this software is resulting in the cancellation and postponement of children's surgery dates. — Erin McGreehan. [75038/25]

*2307. To ask the Minister for Health if she will address the lack of recognition of foetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) as a disability within the HSE, which is resulting in a person (details supplied) being denied access to disability services; the reason HSE disability services in some areas such as Waterford, provide supports for individuals with FASD while others do not; and the steps which will be taken to ensure consistency and access to appropriate services for individuals with FASD nationwide. — Shane Moynihan. [75045/25]

*2308. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the Programme for Government commitment to advancing the full implementation of the recommendations of the HSE/Dublin City Council Joint Ambulance Service Delivery, Task and Finish Group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [75048/25]

*2309. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to date regarding the 15 central recommendations made in a report (details supplied), in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [75051/25]

*2310. To ask the Minister for Health to consider the Labour Court recommendation to extend special leave with pay to workers with long-Covid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [75062/25]

*2311. To ask the Minister for Health the reason routine school dental check-ups have not taken place in a primary school in County Kilkenny (details supplied), resulting in a child aged ten years not having received any school dental examination to date; the length of time children in this age cohort are currently waiting for a check-up in the area; the measures being taken to address delays in the school dental service in Kilkenny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [75072/25]

*2312. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department considered the procurement of an enhanced influenza vaccine for the 2025–2026 flu season; the advice received from the HSE and the National Immunisation Advisory Committee in this regard; the evidence base relied upon in deciding not to procure such a vaccine; and if she will publish the clinical, cost-effectiveness, and policy assessments underpinning that decision. — Ken O'Flynn. [75075/25]

*2313. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated additional cost, in absolute and per-patient terms, of procuring an enhanced influenza vaccine for persons aged 65 years and over for the 2025–2026 flu season; how this cost was weighed against projected hospital admissions, bed-day usage, and emergency department demand associated with influenza; and whether a formal cost-benefit or health-impact assessment was carried out. — Ken O'Flynn. [75076/25]

*2314. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department assessed the potential impact of not procuring an enhanced influenza vaccine on winter infection rates, hospital overcrowding, and emergency department capacity during the 2025 Christmas period; and if so, to outline the findings of that assessment and the mitigation measures put in place. — Ken O'Flynn. [75077/25]

*2315. To ask the Minister for Health the influenza vaccination uptake rates to date for the 2025–2026 season, broken down by age cohort and risk group; how these figures compare with the same period in each of the previous three years; and what policy measures her Department has taken to address any identified decline in uptake. — Ken O’Flynn. [75078/25]

*2316. To ask the Minister for Health whether budgetary constraints influenced the decision not to procure an enhanced influenza vaccine for the current season; whether a specific budget line was sought or refused for that purpose; and how influenza vaccination policy is prioritised within overall winter-planning and hospital-capacity frameworks. — Ken O’Flynn. [75079/25]

*2317. To ask the Minister for Health the measures currently in place for those seeking delayed reconstruction surgery in a timely manner after a mastectomy (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [75087/25]

*2318. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a designated pathway in place to access delayed breast reconstruction surgery after a mastectomy in a timely manner within the public system (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [75088/25]

*2319. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a new unit (details supplied) in Cork City; the timeline for hand over of this unit; if an application to register the service has been submitted to HIQA; the expected move in date for residents; if information will be issued to families and advocates with respect to the move in date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [75089/25]

*2320. To ask the Minister for Health whether she has examined the potential for perceived or actual conflicts of interest in cases where a person who has exhausted a hospital’s internal complaints process is directed to the Ombudsman, and may subsequently require an FOI appeal to the Information Commissioner relating to the same matter, given that both decisions are made by the same office holder; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [75099/25]

*2321. To ask the Minister for Health the number of projects in her Department that were delayed in 2023 and 2024 due to the change of document from the Public Spending Code to the Infrastructure Guidelines, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [75112/25]

*2322. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to streamline the procedure for the drugs payment scheme, to digitalise it, or to make less cumbersome for those using it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [75120/25]

*2323. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently review the position in respect of staff in the health services that are unable to attend for work on account of having long-Covid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [75136/25]

*2324. To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency calls classified as purple and red in each of the past 12 months where the National Ambulance Service response time exceeded 60 minutes, broken down by month and by community healthcare organisation area. — Ken O’Flynn. [75137/25]

- *2325. To ask the Minister for Health the average and median response times for purple and red emergency calls in each of the past 12 months; and the percentage of such calls meeting the national response time targets set by the Health Service Executive. — Ken O’Flynn. [75138/25]
- *2326. To ask the Minister for Health the primary factors identified by her Department and the Health Service Executive as contributing to emergency ambulance response times exceeding 60 minutes, including staffing levels, vehicle availability, hospital handover delays, and rostering constraints. — Ken O’Flynn. [75139/25]
- *2327. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hours ambulances were unavailable for emergency, in each of the past 12 months due to hospital handover delays; and the measures in place to reduce ambulance turnaround times at emergency departments. — Ken O’Flynn. [75140/25]
- *2328. To ask the Minister for Health the additional staffing, vehicles, and funding allocated to the National Ambulance Service in 2024 and 2025 to address prolonged emergency response times; and the impact of these measures on response performance to date. — Ken O’Flynn. [75141/25]
- *2329. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has conducted or commissioned any risk assessment on patient harm associated with emergency ambulance response times exceeding 60 minutes; and if so, to provide the findings. — Ken O’Flynn. [75142/25]
- *2330. To ask the Minister for Health to consider implementing a reimbursement program for patients who have been forced to undertake private healthcare for endometriosis due to a lack of public options; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [75167/25]
- *2331. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the immediate supports and timeline for implementation of the new Endometriosis Framework; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [75168/25]
- *2332. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to develop a primary care centre in Midleton, County Cork. — Liam Quaide. [75181/25]
- *2333. To ask the Minister for Health to assist in making all hospitals in Ireland autism friendly (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [75187/25]
- *2334. To ask the Minister for Health the salary scale that applies to the Secretary General in her Department and to the head of each agency for which they are responsible; whether this scale has changed in the past two years or whether there are proposals to change this scale in the coming period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75198/25]
- *2335. To ask the Minister for Health the amount expended on advertising and promotion in her Department, and within each agency for which she is responsible, for 2022 to 2024, by year and budgeted for 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75216/25]
- *2336. To ask the Minister for Health the number of press, media or communications staff currently employed in her Department and within each agency for which she is responsible; the cost of these staff for 2025 and the expected cost for 2026; whether there are proposals to increase the number of such staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75234/25]

*2337. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to her Department and to each agency for which they are responsible arising from Ireland's presidency of the European Council; the line items or events for which a cost is expected to arise and the estimated cost for each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75252/25]

*2338. To ask the Minister for Health the priorities of her Department and each agency for which they are responsible for, in respect of Ireland's presidency of the European Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75270/25]

*2339. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff currently employed, by grade (assistant, staff grade, senior grade, principal grade) per head of population in each health region for the disciplines of physiotherapy, occupational therapy, audiology, ophthalmology, psychology, dietetics, speech and language therapy across primary care child and adolescent and adult services, in tabular form. — Liam Quaide. [75283/25]

*2340. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved posts, by grade (assistant, staff grade, senior grade, principal grade) and per head of population in each health region for the disciplines of physiotherapy, occupational therapy, audiology, ophthalmology, psychology, dietetics, speech and language therapy across primary care child and adolescent and adult services, in tabular form. — Liam Quaide. [75284/25]

*2341. To ask the Minister for Health the number of 0-18-year-olds waiting in excess of one, two, three, four, five, six years and so on, for an initial assessment appointment with primary care services for physiotherapy, occupational therapy, audiology, ophthalmology, psychology, dietetics, speech and language therapy; and for the same figures, where applicable, for 0-18s awaiting treatment with those primary care disciplines following an initial assessment, in each health region, in tabular form. — Liam Quaide. [75285/25]

*2342. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults waiting in excess of one, two, three, four, five, six years and so on for an initial assessment appointment with primary care services for physiotherapy, occupational therapy, audiology, ophthalmology, psychology, dietetics, speech and language therapy; and for the same figures, where applicable, for adults awaiting treatment with those primary care disciplines following an initial assessment, in each health region, in tabular form. — Liam Quaide. [75286/25]

*2343. To ask the Minister for Health whether the statutory power to prosecute under section 80 of the Health Act 2007 has been formally and lawfully delegated to the Designated Chief Inspector of Social Services during the Chief Inspector's absence from duties; and if so, to provide the date and form of that delegation. — Liam Quaide. [75287/25]

*2344. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is satisfied that HIQA and the Office of the Chief Inspector of Social Services have applied regulatory enforcement powers consistently and proportionately across the nursing home sector, particularly in light of the apparent absence of prosecutions or registration cancellations involving large corporate providers. — Liam Quaide. [75288/25]

*2345. To ask the Minister for Health the total expenditure by HIQA and the Office of the Chief Inspector of Social Services on legal services since 2020; the name of the legal firms retained; and whether the Office of the Chief State Solicitor was considered or used in those cases. — Liam Quaide. [75289/25]

- *2346. To ask the Minister for Health whether she or her Department were aware that a former member of the HIQA board (details supplied) left that board in July 2020 and subsequently took up a role with an organisation which later received ICT service contracts from HIQA in 2021; and if she will request a review of this matter by the Comptroller and Auditor General. — Liam Quaide. [75290/25]
- *2347. To ask the Minister for Health whether she has sought or received legal advice regarding the validity of inspections, enforcement actions or prosecutions undertaken by HIQA during the chief inspector's absence; and if so, if she will make this advice publicly available. — Liam Quaide. [75291/25]
- *2348. To ask the Minister for Health the number of prosecutions under section 80 of the Health Act 2007 that have been initiated against nursing homes since 2021; and the number that relate to nursing homes operated by a company (details supplied). — Liam Quaide. [75292/25]
- *2349. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will request HIQA to return before the Oireachtas Public Accounts Committee to further examine procurement, enforcement and governance matters following its appearance on 17 July 2025. — Liam Quaide. [75293/25]
- *2350. To ask the Minister for Health if information will be provided in relation to a series of matters raised in an email of 20 October 2025 from the office of the Minister of State for Older Persons to an organisation (details supplied) referring to a review by HIQA on the effectiveness of the Chief Inspector's inspection and monitoring processes. — Liam Quaide. [75294/25]
- *2351. To ask the Minister for Health the number of private health insurance policyholders due to renew their policies between December 2025 and February 2026; the number and proportion of those policies subject to a premium increase at renewal; and the average and median level of increase applied, based on data available to her Department and the Health Insurance Authority. — Ken O'Flynn. [75295/25]
- *2352. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or the Health Insurance Authority has carried out any assessment of the consumer impact of private health insurance premium increases being implemented during peak annual renewal periods; and if so, the findings of that assessment. — Ken O'Flynn. [75296/25]
- *2353. To ask the Minister for Health the current market share of each registered private health insurer; whether the Health Insurance Authority has advised her Department of any concerns regarding market concentration or reduced competition; and the steps taken or planned to protect consumers in a highly concentrated health insurance market. — Ken O'Flynn. [75297/25]
- *2354. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which changes in risk equalisation credits, stamp duty, or other statutory charges over the past three years have contributed to increases in private health insurance premiums; and whether any analysis has been conducted on the cumulative impact of these measures on affordability for policyholders. — Ken O'Flynn. [75298/25]
- *2355. To ask the Minister for Health to list all primary schools and secondary schools who offered the opportunity for take up of the flu vaccine in school in each of the years, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Marie Sherlock. [1011/26]

*2356. To ask the Minister for Health to list the community health networks that coordinate the offering of the flu vaccine through the primary and secondary school system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [1012/26]

*2357. To ask the Minister for Health the communication she has had with an organisation (details supplied) on the distribution of the flu vaccine by community pharmacists through the primary and secondary school system. — Marie Sherlock. [1013/26]

*2358. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the companies involved in HSE overseas nurse recruitment; the amount spent for recruitment per employee and the amount paid to such recruitment companies over the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [1014/26]

*2359. To ask the Minister for Health when the new Killarney Community Hospital building will be handed over to the HSE (details supplied); if an application to register the new community hospital been submitted to HIQA; when residents will be able to move into their new home; when they, their families and/or advocates will be informed of this date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1034/26]

*2360. To ask the Minister for Health the number of older people awaiting a home help package in Kerry, by area and by length of time, in each quarter in each of the years 2020 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1040/26]

*2361. To ask the Minister for Health to immediately publish the North Kerry and South Kerry CAMHS Lookback reviews, respectively; if agreement has been reached with all north and south Kerry victims respectively, in regard to compensation, counselling, and all other entitlements; the number of cases that have been settled in north and south Kerry, respectively; the number who have received their payments; the number of outstanding claims; the length of time victims will have to wait before they receive their entitlements; if she will request the Taoiseach to give a public apology for the manner in which the professionals and the system let down children and destroyed their lives and the lives of their families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1101/26]

*2362. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently address the needs of a person (details supplied) and their family; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1102/26]

*2363. To ask the Minister for Health the number of properties involved in the fair deal scheme that are currently rented out in the private rental market. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1103/26]

*2364. To ask the Minister for Health if she plans to put a system in place, whereby any incremental rise in the old age pension, is matched by a similar rise in the qualifying income criteria for the medical card to ensure no recipient is disadvantaged by the rise; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1107/26]

*2365. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider measures to address the additional cost people using incontinence products face due to increased waste disposal costs, beyond the existing entitlement to free incontinence pads; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [1115/26]

- *2366. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which the National Children's Hospital is scheduled for completion; the expected opening date, given that the HSE National Service Plan 2026 outlined completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [1146/26]
- *2367. To ask the Minister for Health the expected timeframe for the delivery of 428 community beds and 177 acute beds as referenced in the HSE National Service Plan 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [1147/26]
- *2368. To ask the Minister for Health when the five new surgical hubs are expected to open; the locations of these hubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [1148/26]
- *2369. To ask the Minister for Health the number of speech and language therapist posts, by grade that were filled at Tramore Primary Care Centre in 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [1155/26]
- *2370. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that attended each outpatient clinic at University Hospital, Waterford, in 2025; the frequency in which each clinic is held; and if the clinics are consultant or nurse led, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [1156/26]
- *2371. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dietitians posts filled at Ferrybank Primary Care Centre, Waterford, in 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [1157/26]
- *2372. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm that the Health Service Executive remains fully committed to engagement with the established working group comprising the HSE, and organisations in relation to the provision of three level 2 palliative care beds at (details supplied); and if she will outline the proposed schedule and format for ongoing engagement with these groups. — Michael Murphy. [1185/26]
- *2373. To ask the Minister for Health if she will request the HSE to provide the most up-to-date room fit-out designs, architectural plans and technical specifications for the three level 2 palliative care rooms at a hospital (detail supplied); and if she will confirm whether these designs fully meet national standards for level 2 palliative care provision. — Michael Murphy. [1186/26]
- *2374. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the governance model for the three dedicated level 2 palliative care suites at a hospital (details supplied); and if she will outline how clinical governance, operational oversight and integration with specialist hospital-based palliative care services will be structured. — Michael Murphy. [1187/26]
- *2375. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm that the three dedicated level 2 palliative care rooms at a hospital (details supplied) will be co-located within the same area of the building; and if not, to outline the rationale for any alternative configuration. — Michael Murphy. [1188/26]
- *2376. To ask the Minister for Health to specify where within a hospital (details supplied) the three level 2 palliative care rooms will be located; and if she will confirm whether their location has been agreed with relevant clinical stakeholders, including specialist palliative care providers. — Michael Murphy. [1189/26]

*2377. To ask the Minister for Health if a 24 hour rapid response vehicle will be introduced at Tuam ambulance base; if there is provision for such a service in the 2026 HSE National Service Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [1197/26]

*2378. To ask the Minister for Health the options available for a person (details supplied) who needs to avail of homeless services but has complicating factors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [1199/26]

*2379. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is only one oxygen supplier under the DPS scheme; if she is considering approving more suppliers to improve competition and access to the service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1216/26]

*2380. To ask the Minister for Health when the electronic reimbursement system for oxygen will be introduced; the reason oxygen reimbursement is still lagging other medical services under the DPS; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1217/26]

*2381. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who are currently unable to get reimbursement for oxygen due to the fact that payments can only be made by cheque; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1218/26]

*2382. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has statistics on the number of patients who need oxygen but who do not hold a medical card; the number of patients who apply each year for reimbursement of oxygen costs through the DPS scheme without a medical card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [1219/26]

*2383. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant community ophthalmologists for east County Galway that have been filled in 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Louis O’Hara. [1261/26]

*2384. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a detailed breakdown of dental treatments provided through PRSI and the medical card. — Louis O’Hara. [1262/26]

*2385. To ask the Minister for Health for a detailed report on the timetable for radiation oncology equipment replacement and expansion, by machine type per hospital. — Louis O’Hara. [1263/26]

*2386. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant in infectious disease posts filled at Galway University Hospital as of 5 January 2026, in tabular form. — Louis O’Hara. [1264/26]

*2387. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the number of patients presenting to Sligo University Hospital accident and emergency department with mental health issues and how many of those were admitted to mental health unit, by month for 2025. — Martin Kenny. [1267/26]

*2388. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the number of mental health service users in Sligo, Leitrim and the number of repeat visits to Sligo University Hospital accident and emergency department; the number of times they were admitted to the mental health unit; and the number of times they were sent home, by month for 2025. — Martin Kenny. [1268/26]

- *2389. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown, by month for 2025 of the number of vacant beds there were in the Sligo University Hospital's mental health unit. — Martin Kenny. [1269/26]
- *2390. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department or any agency under the aegis of her Department has provided funding to a charity (details supplied); if so, the total annual amount to date since funding began; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1312/26]
- *2391. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Questions No. 346 and 348 of 19 November 2025, if the assessment of the physician associate role, commissioned by the HSE has been completed; when the recommendations will be reviewed and available to the public; the assurances provided to students who undertook this course, that their degree, will be recognised and they can achieve employment within the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1328/26]
- *2392. To ask the Minister for Health the reason adults' resident in County Carlow are ineligible to access ADHD services located in neighbouring counties; if she will review this policy with a view to ensuring equitable access to ADHD services across county boundaries within CHO5; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [1344/26]
- *2393. To ask the Minister for Health the supports currently available to adults in County Carlow who have received a private ADHD diagnosis, in circumstances where no public services are available to provide medication titration or follow-up care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [1345/26]
- *2394. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the case of persons (details supplied); the reason the family is advised that certain care hours are being provided when carers are not attending on those days, including where care is stated to cover both parents but does not do so; the reason for the absence of weekend home support cover; the status of the promised respite placement; if formal written confirmation has issued to the family; who is recorded as the primary contact and decision-maker for this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [1346/26]
- *2395. To ask the Minister for Health the supports available to a person (details supplied) to assist with medical bills; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1358/26]
- *2396. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [1360/26]
- *2397. To ask the Minister for Health the amount that has been spent by the HSE on the treatment of eating disorders in the United Kingdom in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [1361/26]
- *2398. To ask the Minister for Health the amount has been spent by the HSE on the treatment of eating disorders outside of Ireland excluding the United Kingdom in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [1362/26]

*2399. To ask the Minister for Health when the national hearing care plan will be published; if the working group has considered bone-anchored hearing aid services in its considerations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [1366/26]

*2400. To ask the Minister for Health if funding from the National Treatment Purchase Fund has been restored to a hospital (details supplied); if the audit report on the hospital's rheumatology billing will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1372/26]

*2401. To ask the Minister for Health the consideration that will be given to the provision of counselling and psychotherapy services by an association (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1375/26]

*2402. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which her Department first became aware of concerns relating to governance, oversight or patient safety in paediatric orthopaedic services at Children's Health Ireland, and the source of that awareness. — Peadar Tóibín. [1389/26]

*2403. To ask the Minister for Health the statutory, contractual or administrative powers that were available to her Department or to the HSE to intervene once such concerns had been identified. — Peadar Tóibín. [1390/26]

*2404. To ask the Minister for Health whether any interim patient-safety measures were introduced once concerns were identified; and if not, the reason such measures were not implemented. — Peadar Tóibín. [1391/26]

*2405. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Ireland has one of the highest ratios of dentists per capita in Europe; the measures in place to address the shortage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [1392/26]

*2406. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the planned ambulance base for Gorey, County Wexford. — Malcolm Byrne. [1393/26]

*2407. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount and percentage of the overall Department budget spent on positive health promotion by her Department in each of the years 2016 to 2025 inclusive, and the planned budget for 2026. — Malcolm Byrne. [1394/26]

*2408. To ask the Minister for Health if she will raise with the Children's Health Ireland the fact that they have not been responding to freedom of information requests, or acknowledging FOIs received for the past four months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [1395/26]

*2409. To ask the Minister for Health the date she is working towards, to introduce legislation concerning safeguard proposals relating to deprivation of liberty; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1422/26]

*2410. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2579 of 8 September 2025, the position regarding the Programme for Government commitment to review the drugs reimbursement process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1423/26]

- *2411. To ask the Minister for Health for a start date for works on the upgrade for a health centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [1425/26]
- *2412. To ask the Minister for Health for a start date for works on the upgrade for a health centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [1426/26]
- *2413. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); if she will address the questions raised in correspondence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [1435/26]
- *2414. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to modify the eligibility criteria to allow single women access IVF treatment via the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [1467/26]
- *2415. To ask the Minister for Health if she will recognise road-traffic collision and fatality data as public-health data, given that such data relates to preventable deaths and injuries that cluster at identifiable locations; and if she will support the routine sharing and publication of anonymised, collision location data for prevention and research purposes, in line with the April 2024 guidance of the Data Protection Commissioner. — Sorca Clarke. [1468/26]
- *2416. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE and her Department first become aware of the V10 national incident report form in relation to the murder of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [1473/26]
- *2417. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the existence of the V10 national incident report form in relation to the murder of a person (details supplied) was denied; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [1474/26]
- *2418. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a reply to a letter dated the 11 August 2025 from the family of a person (details supplied) was not responded to; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [1475/26]
- *2419. To ask the Minister for Health if “open disclosure” was ticked on the V10 national incident report form in relation to the murder of a person (details supplied) the reason serious incident review or file review has never been issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [1476/26]
- *2420. To ask the Minister for Health the reason section M (quality and patient safety) on the V10 national incident report form in relation to the murder of a person (details supplied), was left blank on a category 1 fatality, therefore bypassing mandatory reporting to HIQA and the Mental Health Commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [1487/26]
- *2421. To ask the Minister for Health if the Government will issue a public apology in Dáil Éireann to the family of a person (details supplied) for the failures of the HSE in preventing the death of their family member and commit to a full public enquiry into the matter. — Martin Kenny. [1488/26]
- *2422. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on CAMHS assessment for child (details supplied); if the HSE will assess the real urgency to progress this particular case as there has been miscommunication with the family in relation to submission of paperwork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [1482/26]

*2423. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 169 of 20 November 2025, to provide further details with respect to the small number of proposed amendments to the Dentists Act 1985 (details supplied); the timeline she is working towards in introducing the Bill to provide for continuing professional development for dentists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1496/26]

*2424. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 353 of 10 December 2025, to provide a timeline for handover of each of the seven community nursing units (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1497/26]

*2425. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 340 of 10 December 2025, the reason the majority of regional sustainability and energy officers are not on permanent contracts (details supplied); to outline the rationale for this over-reliance on contract workers; if these workers will be offered permanent contracts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1498/26]

*2426. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm that a new practice is in place in public hospitals with respect to admissions (details supplied); if a memo or directive has been issued to public hospitals instructing them to begin admitting patients in this manner; if so, the date at which this was issued; to provide a copy of said memo or directive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1499/26]

*2427. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 970 of 9 December 2025, if a matter (details supplied) was brought to the attention of her predecessor or officials in her Department when appointing a Chair; the reasons they deemed this matter not to impact the Chair's independence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1500/26]

*2428. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify if there are plans to reopen a centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1503/26]

*2429. To ask the Minister for Health if it has been brought to her attention that there is a gap in the recruitment for Irish Medical Internship Training Programme for Irish citizens who were educated abroad, despite being fully competent in English and trained in comparable medical education systems, but who did not sit the leaving certificate or A levels; if her Department will close this gap; if she will comment on the case of an individual in this gap (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1505/26]

*2430. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1506/26]

*2431. To ask the Minister for Health the number of mental-health crisis presentations to emergency departments in each of the years, 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Sorca Clarke. [1507/26]

*2432. To ask the Minister for Health if recent offers have been brought to her attention, reportedly made by or on behalf of the HSE to claimants affected by the May 2021 cyber-attack in the region of €750 in damages plus €650 towards legal costs per claimant; if these figures reflect the HSE's general approach to settlement in these cases; and the estimated total cost to the taxpayer if offers at this level were extended to all similarly affected individuals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1508/26]

- *2433. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated total current and projected cost to the taxpayer of defending and settling claims arising from the May 2021 cyber-attack and data breach affecting HSE IT systems, including damages, legal costs and any expert or administrative costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1509/26]
- *2434. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE and/or the State Claims Agency has produced low, central and high estimates of the potential total liability to the State from claims arising from the May 2021 cyber-attack; if she will publish those estimates and the assumptions on which they are based; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1510/26]
- *2435. To ask the Minister for Health the number of claims and legal proceedings currently notified or issued against the HSE in respect of the May 2021 cyber-attack and data breach; the number settled to date; the total sums paid in (i) damages and (ii) legal costs to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1511/26]
- *2436. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE held any cyber insurance or other relevant insurance cover at the time of the May 2021 cyber-attack; if so, the extent to which such policies are expected to offset compensation or legal costs; if not, why such cover was not in place and what the consequent additional cost to the taxpayer is likely to be; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1512/26]
- *2437. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently waiting for primary care psychology, by CHO, at the end of November and December 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [1520/26]
- *2438. To ask the Minister for Health for a detailed update as of January 2026 on CAMHS assessment for child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [1531/26]
- *2439. To ask the Minister for Health the amount being paid to a nursing home (details supplied) weekly, for the provision of a bed through the fair deal scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [1558/26]
- *2440. To ask the Minister for Health the amount being paid to a nursing home (details supplied) weekly, for the provision of a bed through the fair deal scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [1559/26]
- *2441. To ask the Minister for Health the amount being paid to a nursing home (details supplied) weekly, for the provision of a bed through the fair deal scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [1560/26]
- *2442. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a surgery date for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [1562/26]
- *2443. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the complaint to the Medical Council in relation to a surgeon (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [1575/26]
- *2444. To ask the Minister for Health if CervicalCheck informs a patient which HPV type or how many HPV types were found in a patient that tests positive for HPV viruses; and if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [1576/26]

*2445. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to expand CervicalCheck screening to include genotyping to identify the specific strains of HPV; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [1577/26]

*2446. To ask the Minister for Health if she has confidence that CervicalCheck screening covers all high-risk HPV types; how often an evidence review takes place into testing and risk in order to inform screening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [1578/26]

*2447. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to expand the haemoglobin genotype testing more widely accessible and affordable; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [1583/26]

*2448. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in County Donegal waiting for home support in December from 2020 to 2025; and the number of people receiving less than their allocated hours, in tabular form. — Paul Murphy. [1610/26]

*2449. To ask the Minister for Health the actions her Department has undertaken to meet the Programme for Government objective to ensure that the administration of dermal fillers is only undertaken by trained healthcare professionals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [1623/26]

*2450. To ask the Minister for Health if regulatory inspections take place of facilities, practitioners, and/or businesses that are providing dermal fillers or botox to ensure that those who are administering such treatments are qualified and permitted to administer those treatment and to ensure that the products they are administered are licensed products with approval from the HPRA; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [1624/26]

*2451. To ask the Minister for Health if funding for the lymphoedema and lipoedema model was provided for in Budget 2026; if not, whether consideration would be given to providing funding for same, considering that international studies show that the cost to treat patients could be reduced by 87%, if comprehensive lymphedema services were introduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1652/26]

*2452. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who have availed of supports from the international recruitment and relocation package since 2023 and who have taken up employment within CAMHS; the grades and disciplines involved; the countries from which these staff were recruited; the total costs of these supports to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [1668/26]

*2453. To ask the Minister for Health to engage with a hospital (details supplied) in relation to patient and the lack of treatment for their illness. — Eoghan Kenny. [1669/26]

*2454. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the long-term illness scheme; if she will examine the case for including hypothyroidism as a qualifying condition, given its lifelong nature, the ongoing medical monitoring required and significant cumulative healthcare costs involved; and if she will outline any plans her Department has to modernise the scheme. — Shay Brennan. [1690/26]

*2455. To ask the Minister for Health if it is the case that a service is no longer operational in Cork University Hospital (details supplied); if so, the reason; if there are plans to reinstate the

service; the timeline for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1692/26]

*2456. To ask the Minister for Health if it is the case that a service is no longer provided in Cork University Hospital (details supplied); if so, the reason; if there are plans to reinstate this clinic; the timeline for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1693/26]

*2457. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to introduce an abdominal aortic aneurysm screening programme for men; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1697/26]

*2458. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the audit into governance and equity in patient access and waiting list management at Children's Health Ireland (CHI), which she previously told the Oireachtas Committee on Health that she expected audit be published in December 2025; the reason for the delay; the revised timeline for publication; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1698/26]

*2459. To ask the Minister for Health the reason no hospital patient safety indicators reports for the South/South West Hospital Group have been published since June 2025; the timeline for publication of the remaining monthly reports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1699/26]

*2460. To ask the Minister for Health her views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if she is considering progressing the two specific actions outlined in correspondence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [1700/26]

*2461. To ask the Minister for Health the reason more than 70,000 HPV vaccines were left to expire in 2024 instead of being diverted to a catch-up programme for people up to age 25 or to women with CIN1 or CIN2+ lesions as recommended by NIAC; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [1767/26]

*2462. To ask the Minister for Health the price paid per HPV vaccine vial in each of the years 2015-2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [1768/26]

*2463. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which a supplementary estimate or supplementary estimates was sought in respect of her Department's Vote for each of the past ten years, and to the date in 2026; the gross and net amount involved in each case; and the Vote subheads to which each supplementary estimate related. — Albert Dolan. [1797/26]

*2464. To ask the Minister for Health the value of expenditure originally allocated in the Estimates to specific programmes or staffing measures that could not be spent as planned within the year for each of the past five years; and whether such underspends were surrendered, carried forward, or reallocated to other areas within the Vote. — Albert Dolan. [1818/26]

*2465. To ask the Minister for Health when the proposal to provide a new healthcare facility will progress to the next stage (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [1880/26]

*2466. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in developing a service in Cavan/Monaghan similar to such provision in the North West (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [1881/26]

*2467. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of new critical care beds delivered in 2025; the number of replacement critical care beds delivered in 2025; the total current number of operational critical care beds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [1892/26]

*2468. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the inclusion of SMA in the national newborn screening programme and to implement the heelprick test; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [1914/26]

*2469. To ask the Minister for Health if a more urgent hospital appointment will be offered to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [1926/26]

*2470. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 2533 and 2534 of 8 September 2025 and No. 3368 of 29 July 2025, the total number of children diagnosed with DMG and DIPG over the past ten years; and the total number of children diagnosed with DMG and DIPG who have undergone biopsies over the past ten years. — Paul Murphy. [1927/26]

*2471. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 2533 and 2534 of 8 September 2025 and No. 3368 of 29 July 2025, the percentage of children diagnosed with DMG and DIPG who have undergone biopsies over the past ten years. — Paul Murphy. [1928/26]

*2472. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review correspondence (details supplied) regarding a request for nursing home care in a facility which operates under the fair deal scheme; if clarification can be provided as to whether a person may be accommodated in such a facility on a private, self-funded basis outside of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [1972/26]

*2473. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any product or service purchased from Israel or the Occupied Territories by her Department in 2025, broken down by description and amount paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1983/26]

*2474. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department, or any body under its aegis, has funded, or is funding, other than where legal costs were awarded against the employer by a court or tribunal, the legal costs of any current or concluded litigation taken by an employee or former employee against that Department or body, in each of the past five years; if so, to provide details of the number of such cases, the bodies involved, and the total costs incurred in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2023/26]

*2475. To ask the Minister for Health the basis on which her Department, or a body under its aegis, may fund the legal costs of an employee or former employee in litigation where that employee is in dispute with, or taking proceedings against, the same body; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2041/26]

*2476. To ask the Minister for Health whether the funding of employee legal costs in disputes against her Department, or a body under its aegis, is standard practice; if not, the circumstances in which such funding may be permitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2059/26]

- *2477. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the guidance, codes, circulars or directions that govern the payment of legal costs by her Department, and bodies under its aegis, in employment-related disputes, including any requirements under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies or Departmental sanction arrangements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2077/26]
- *2478. To ask the Minister for Health whether the funding of employee legal costs in litigation against the employing body could give rise to governance, accountability, or value for money concerns; whether her Department has issued any guidance in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2095/26]
- *2479. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has reviewed, or intends to review, the practice of Departments, and bodies under their aegis, funding legal costs in employment disputes involving those same bodies; and if so, the outcome or timeline for such a review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2113/26]
- *2480. To ask the Minister for Health whether arrangements to fund legal costs in employment disputes involving her Department, or bodies under its aegis, require the prior approval of her Department or the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2131/26]
- *2481. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of new acute hospital beds that are to be delivered through the National Development Plan 2026-2030; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [2139/26]
- *2482. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount that is to be spent from the NDP sectoral plan for 2026-2030 funding of €9.25 billion on new acute hospital bed capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [2140/26]
- *2483. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the current pause in recruitment of physician associates within the HSE; when the review of the profession will be concluded; and when recruitment is expected to resume. — Erin McGreehan. [2142/26]
- *2484. To ask the Minister for Health the number of physician associate graduates affected by the current recruitment pause; whether the HSE intends to honour its undertaking to employ graduates whose training was fully funded by the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [2143/26]
- *2485. To ask the Minister for Health the role of physician associates fits within current and future healthcare workforce planning, particularly in acute hospitals experiencing staff shortages and long waiting lists. — Erin McGreehan. [2144/26]
- *2486. To ask the Minister for Health when she expects the target of 446 beds, as committed to in the strategic multi-year plan to expand adult critical care capacity published in 2020, will be reached; the timeframe to reach that target of 446 critical care beds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [2156/26]
- *2487. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of acute inpatient hospital beds across all voluntary and public hospitals as of 31 December 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [2196/26]

*2488. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals to CAMHS in 2025; the number of children waiting longer than recommended timeframes for assessment and treatments; the average waiting time by CHO, the number of posts vacant at year-end. — Sorca Clarke. [2201/26]

*2489. To ask the Minister for Health if she has engaged with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding the potential impact of proposed tenancy reforms (particularly the six-year tenancy requirement) on families participating in the fair deal nursing home loan scheme; if she accepts that the proposed legislation may create unintended financial hardship for such families; the steps being taken to ensure alignment between health and housing policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2206/26]

*2490. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to roll out the RSV vaccine to people over 70 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [2229/26]

*2491. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to make the shingles vaccine free for over 70 year-olds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [2230/26]

*2492. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to expand BreastCheck to those over 70 year-olds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [2231/26]

*2493. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to expand CervicalCheck to over 70 year-olds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [2232/26]

*2494. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to reduce the age for cervical check below 25 years-of-age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [2233/26]

*2495. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to reduce the age of BreastCheck; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [2236/26]

*2496. To ask the Minister for Health if a more urgent appointment can be offered to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [2237/26]

*2497. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department is using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the Department are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2249/26]

*2498. To ask the Minister for Health whether any agencies or other bodies under her remit are using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the organisation are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2267/26]

*2499. To ask the Minister for Health her views on giving special status to the Castletownbere ambulance due to its geographical location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [2281/26]

*2500. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the introduction of spinal muscular atrophy screening to the national newborn heel-prick programme, further to its approval for inclusion; the expected timeline for rollout; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2282/26]

- *2501. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting and the length of time currently waiting for home help care, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [2288/26]
- *2502. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is aware of the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2296/26]
- *2503. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for audiology assessment and hearing aid fitting in County Kerry; the average and longest waiting times; how these compare with national figures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2297/26]
- *2504. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people currently waiting for hearing aid fitting in County Kerry; the number aged 65 years and over; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2298/26]
- *2505. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant audiologist posts within HSE South West, including County Kerry; the length of time these posts have been vacant; the impact this has had on service delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2299/26]
- *2506. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to recruit audiology staff in HSE South West; the timeframe for filling vacant posts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2300/26]
- *2507. To ask the Minister for Health the measures, including temporary or outsourced capacity, being considered to address audiology backlogs in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2301/26]
- *2508. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for ophthalmology appointments and procedures, by county, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [2302/26]
- *2509. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 448 of 13 November 2025, the status of the implementation plan for the 2019 national oral health policy, Smile agus Sláinte; if the HSE senior leadership team has completed its review; if it has been sent to her for consideration; if so, the date on which she received it; the timeline for publication; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [2307/26]
- *2510. To ask the Minister for Health the location of each of the 177 acute beds to be delivered under the 2026 HSE National Service Plan, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [2308/26]
- *2511. To ask the Minister for Health the location of each of the 428 community beds to be delivered under the 2026 HSE National Service Plan, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [2309/26]
- *2512. To ask the Minister for Health the expected timeline for delivery of each of the surgical hubs in Dublin north, Galway, Cork, Limerick and Waterford, which, according to the HSE National Service Plan 2026, are to be delivered in 2026; the current status of each hub; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [2310/26]
- *2513. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the gap between expected activity and projected outturn in respect of GP trainees, outlined in the HSE National Service Plan 2026 (details supplied); the steps she is taking to ensure that the 2026 aim for expected activity is reached; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [2311/26]

*2514. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the National Office for Trauma Services' review of the Helicopter Emergency Medical Service; if a final draft was issued to the HSE's chief clinical officer and national director for services and schemes by the end of October 2025, as had previously been indicated; to provide a timeline for publication; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [2312/26]

*2515. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Office for Trauma Services' review of Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) examined a proposal to change the HEMS crewing model to a physician inclusive service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [2313/26]

*2516. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to establishing an expert panel on the Helicopter Emergency Medical Service model (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [2314/26]

*2517. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of consultant contracts in Children Health Ireland, by type, principal site and speciality, in tabular form (details supplied). — Pádraig Rice. [2315/26]

*2518. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1104 of 18 November 2025, if a similar "snapshot" can be provided for all patients included in the external expert review established following the independent audit of hip surgeries at CHI and Cappagh Orthopaedic Hospital (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [2316/26]

*2519. To ask the Minister for Health if she will commence section 232 of the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Act 2024 in January 2026; if not, the expected timeline for commencement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [2317/26]

*2520. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown, by health region, of current eating disorder service provision, including WTE staffing by discipline and team type; and to set out the corresponding staffing levels recommended by the HSE National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders for each area. — Liam Quaide. [2324/26]

*2521. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the measures being taken in 2026 to close the gap between current eating disorder service provision and recommended provision set out in the HSE National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders. — Liam Quaide. [2325/26]

*2522. To ask the Minister for Health the number of specialist eating disorder teams currently in place for children and adolescents, and adults, by location; and to provide the staffing levels of each and catchment population for each team. — Liam Quaide. [2326/26]

*2523. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently on waiting lists for eating disorder assessment and treatment for CAMHS eating disorder pathways, adult specialist eating disorder services, and inpatient eating disorder treatment; and the median and longest waiting times in each category, by health region. — Liam Quaide. [2327/26]

*2524. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals received by public eating disorder services in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025; and the number accepted for treatment, by health region. — Liam Quaide. [2328/26]

- *2525. To ask the Minister for Health the number of eating disorder inpatient beds available in the public system; the locations of same; average occupancy rates; and the number of patients treated as inpatients in 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Liam Quaide. [2329/26]
- *2526. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the current availability of day-patient and intensive outpatient eating disorder programmes, including locations, capacity, referral criteria and average waiting times; and the additional capacity planned for 2026. — Liam Quaide. [2330/26]
- *2527. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of eating disorder patients who are treated outside their health region, including the reasons for out-of-area treatment; and the steps being taken to ensure equitable access to specialist services in all regions. — Liam Quaide. [2331/26]
- *2528. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE posts approved, recruited and vacant within eating disorder services, by discipline and health region; and the length of time posts have remained unfilled. — Liam Quaide. [2332/26]
- *2529. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost, and the proposed multi-annual timeline, to implement, in full, the staffing and service configuration recommended by the HSE National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders; and whether a published implementation plan will be provided. — Liam Quaide. [2333/26]
- *2530. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the transition arrangements for patients moving from CAMHS eating disorder pathways to adult eating disorder services, including the number of patients who experienced a related break in care in 2023, 2024 and 2025; and the measures being taken to address this. — Liam Quaide. [2334/26]
- *2531. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which patients are being referred to private care due to delays in public eating disorder services; and whether any funding or reimbursement supports are in place for patients and families in such circumstances. — Liam Quaide. [2335/26]
- *2532. To ask the Minister for Health the total revenue generated from parking charges at public hospitals in each of the past five years; for the breakdown, per hospital; the way in which this revenue is allocated; and whether any portion is ring-fenced for patient services or accessibility improvements, in tabular form. — Liam Quaide. [2336/26]
- *2533. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has assessed the financial impact of hospital parking charges on patients undergoing long-term or frequent treatment, including cancer patients and parents of children with chronic illnesses. — Liam Quaide. [2337/26]
- *2534. To ask the Minister for Health whether hospital parking costs have been identified as a barrier to appointment attendance; if any data exists on missed or delayed appointments linked to parking affordability; and if she will outline any measures planned to address this issue. — Liam Quaide. [2338/26]
- *2535. To ask the Minister for Health whether patients with disabilities, carers, and parents of children with additional needs are entitled to parking exemptions or supports at public hospitals; and if there is a consistent national policy in this regard. — Liam Quaide. [2339/26]
- *2536. To ask the Minister for Health whether she accepts that hospital parking charges can place an additional financial burden on families at times of acute stress or illness; and if she will

consider alternatives such as capped daily rates or free parking for long-term patients. — Liam Quaide. [2340/26]

*2537. To ask the Minister for Health the measurable improvements that have been made in national pandemic preparedness since 2023, including in stock levels of PPE, testing capacity, and speed of response; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [2343/26]

*2538. To ask the Minister for Health the increase there has been in the number of community-based healthcare facilities and the services they provide over the period of her Department's strategy statement 2023 to 2025, based on the commitments contained in that statement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [2344/26]

*2539. To ask the Minister for Health based on her Department's strategy statement 2023 to 2025, the number of patients that were treated in community settings in 2025 compared to 2022; the impact this has had on hospital admissions and waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [2345/26]

*2540. To ask the Minister for Health based on her Department's strategy statement 2023 to 2025, to outline progress, including clear data, as to improvements to equitable access to healthcare services across regions and socioeconomic groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [2346/26]

*2541. To ask the Minister for Health the key performance indicators or performance metrics in place where partnership frameworks are established involving her Department, the HSE, other departments or agencies and public, private and charitable service providers; what formal evaluation measures of those KPIs or metrics occur; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [2347/26]

*2542. To ask the Minister for Health the developments that are occurring within her Department and the HSE on the use of e-health and telemedicine. — Malcolm Byrne. [2348/26]

*2543. To ask the Minister for Health based on her Department's strategy statement 2023-2025, the internal process improvements and cost-efficiency measures have been rolled out since 2023; the savings or performance enhancements that have been realised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [2349/26]

*2544. To ask the Minister for Health if an independent evaluation of the implementation of goals and commitments set out in her Department's strategy statement 2023 to 2025 has been carried out; if this has been or will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [2350/26]

*2545. To ask the Minister for Health the programmes in place in her Department or in the HSE to encourage greater uptake of physical exercise, gym membership, resistance training, running, walking or other such activities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [2351/26]

*2546. To ask the Minister for Health the total costs to date of addressing the cyberattack on the HSE in May 2021; the measures that have been put in place to update ICT systems; her views on the extent of resilience now against potential future attacks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [2352/26]

- *2547. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for a dental appointment for medical card holders, broken down by RHA; the number of medical card holders currently awaiting dental treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [2361/26]
- *2548. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for dental treatment for medical card holders compared with private patients. — Sorca Clarke. [2362/26]
- *2549. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of new acute inpatient beds delivered in 2025; the number of replacement acute inpatient beds delivered in 2025; the total current number of operational acute inpatient beds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [2369/26]
- *2550. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of new community long stay beds delivered in 2025; the number of new community short stay beds delivered in 2025; the number of replacement short and long stay community nursing home beds; and the total current number of operational community short and long stay beds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [2370/26]
- *2551. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of new psychiatric beds delivered in 2025; the number of replacement psychiatric beds; the total current number of operational beds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [2371/26]
- *2552. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of new CAMHS beds delivered in 2025; the number of replacement CAMHS beds delivered in 2025; the total number of operational CAMHS beds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [2372/26]
- *2553. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made on the National Stroke Strategy 2022-2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2400/26]
- *2554. To ask the Minister for Health whether early supported discharge from the Midlands Regional Hospital Mullingar is available for stroke patients with a home address in County Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2401/26]
- *2555. To ask the Minister for Health the number of community pharmacies registered in each county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2402/26]
- *2556. To ask the Minister for Health the number of community pharmacies that had signed up to provide the common conditions service by 1 December 2025, as required, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2403/26]
- *2557. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the establishment of the Strategic Collaboration Group as outlined in the Community Pharmacy Agreement 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2404/26]
- *2558. To ask the Minister for Health whether a transfer policy for clinical staff, such as physiotherapists, is currently operational for those employed by the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2405/26]

*2559. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 414 of 17 December 2025, the status of a funding application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [2414/26]

*2560. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has examined the cost of expanding IVF eligibility to those in same-sex relationships, and single parents in certain circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [2415/26]

*2561. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of the top ten capital or programme projects delivered by her Department or its agencies over the past three years which were completed on time and within the originally approved budget; the project name, location, delivery timeframe, original approved budget, final outturn cost, and delivery body, for each project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2431/26]

*2562. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the annual spend on external consultants by her Department and its agencies in each of the past three years; the number of consultancy contracts, the largest individual consultancy engagements by value, and whether internal capacity-building or cost-benefit assessments were undertaken prior to engaging external consultants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2449/26]

*2563. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list, for each of the past three years of the top ten projects per annum delivered by her Department or its agencies which were completed late and over the originally approved budget; the project name, location, original approved completion date, actual completion date, original approved budget, final outturn cost, cost overrun expressed in euro and percentage terms, and the delivery body for each project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2467/26]

*2564. To ask the Minister for Health the current average waiting time for access to home help supports in County Leitrim; the number of people presently on the waiting list; the factors contributing to these delays; the specific measures being taken to reduce waiting times, including efforts to increase staffing levels, fill vacant posts arising from retirements or departures, improve recruitment and retention, and ensure adequate resourcing of home support services in the region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [2497/26]

*2565. To ask the Minister for Health as per the HSE national service plan for 2026, if the national service plan will ensure the opening of all 20 inpatient CAMHS beds in the national children's hospital; and if not, which beds will open in NCHI; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [2518/26]

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

*2566. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which the €35 million ringfenced skills package announced in Budget 2026 will be allocated to meet the most acute needs of employers in the midlands; if governance reforms to the National Training Fund will be introduced to give employers a stronger role in directing expenditure towards industry's evolving skills challenges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [1874/26]

*2567. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when his predecessor became aware of the exam papers for sale allegations; the actions he took

when he became aware; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [73901/25]

*2568. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when he became aware of the exam papers for sale allegations; the actions taken by the Department when it became aware; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [73902/25]

*2569. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will intervene in the case of QQI level 5 courses in healthcare/nursing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [73975/25]

*2570. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether his Department has sought the exclusion of Israel from EU-related funding opportunities related to defence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [74009/25]

*2571. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures his Department has taken in order to ensure that EU research funding is not allocated for defence purposes in order to ensure Ireland's neutrality is not compromised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [74010/25]

*2572. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in relation to the deferral of the proposed review of personal assistant services funded from the Fund for Students with Disabilities until the Demonstration Project has concluded, whether it is the Department's view that the deferral will delay the WRC conciliation process currently underway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74046/25]

*2573. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans for examinations for craft apprentices, including electricians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74047/25]

*2574. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which the recent funding issues between SOLAS and the ETBs have been resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [74048/25]

*2575. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a list of AI pilot projects which have taken place in his Department within the past 12 months; the expenditure associated with those projects; and whether they are still ongoing, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [74135/25]

*2576. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of any proposals to progress student accommodation for the Institute of Art, Design and Technology (IADT), Dún Laoghaire; the details of any on-campus or IADT-linked accommodation projects under consideration; the current stage of development of any such proposals; the engagements with IADT, the Higher Education Authority, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, or private delivery partners; the estimated bedspace capacity and indicative timeline for delivery where available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [74209/25]

*2577. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of purpose-built student accommodation bedspaces in Dublin currently available

to students; the number delivered in each year from 2020 to date; the number of additional bedspaces in the pipeline in Dublin, including those at planning, permitted, under construction, and due for completion; the breakdown, by higher education institution and by privately delivered schemes where available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [74211/25]

*2578. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his current targets for new student accommodation provision in Dublin over the next five years; the policies and measures in place to achieve these targets; the role of the Higher Education Authority and engagements with relevant Departments and local authorities; whether updated demand and supply projections for Dublin are being prepared or have been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [74212/25]

*2579. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports and funding streams available to progress the delivery of student accommodation in Dublin; the capital funding, loan, or partnership models open to higher education institutions; the affordability requirements or conditions attached to State-supported delivery; the rent setting, nomination agreements or student allocation criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [74213/25]

*2580. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports available to students in Dublin who face acute accommodation difficulty; the role of the Student Assistance Fund and any emergency or hardship measures operated through higher education institutions; the funding allocated for these supports in each year from 2020 to date; the number of students assisted in Dublin in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [74214/25]

*2581. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the new student housing strategy will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [74235/25]

*2582. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagement he has had with the Minister for Health on workforce planning for speech and language therapy, psychology, oncology, and occupational therapy; the current shortfall of qualified workers in each of those sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [74237/25]

*2583. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of graduates there were in speech and language therapy, psychology, oncology professions and occupational therapy in 2025 and the previous 3 years with a breakdown by institution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [74238/25]

*2584. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the numbers starting apprenticeship courses and qualifying as apprentices by county and course for 2025 and previous three years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [74239/25]

*2585. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether standards or service-level targets exist for his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department, in responding to correspondence from members of local authorities; if compliance with such standards is monitored; the reasons for delays or failures to respond to

correspondence from elected members; and the measures being taken to ensure more consistent and timely communication going forward. — Sorca Clarke. [74259/25]

*2586. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the successful applications under the European Social Fund Plus for the years 2023 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [74290/25]

*2587. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a community-based, survivor-led not-for-profit organisation established to provide free, confidential, trauma-informed support to survivors of sexual violence, rape, and gender-based violence, can access ESF+ allocations to support their work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [74291/25]

*2588. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the office rental costs per annum for staff in his Department and for each agency or organisation under his remit, in each of the years between 2015 and 2025 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74450/25]

*2589. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students applying to the CAO using the Baccalaureate. — Jen Cummins. [74522/25]

*2590. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the payroll cost of his Department and of each organisation or agency under its remit individually, in 2015 to 2025, by year, in tabular form. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [74628/25]

*2591. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of data breaches recorded by his Department in 2025; and the number that were reported to the Data Protection Commissioner. — Cathal Crowe. [74897/25]

*2592. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the funding arrangements for courses (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [74969/25]

*2593. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a breakdown of funding allocated to ETB soccer courses over the past five years; and the future plans for sports-related education and training programmes. — Shane Moynihan. [74970/25]

*2594. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of projects in his Department that were delayed in 2023 and 2024 due to the change of document from the Public Spending Code to the Infrastructure Guidelines, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [75111/25]

*2595. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the salary scale that applies to the Secretary General in his Department and to the head of each agency for which they are responsible; whether this scale has changed in the past two years or whether there are proposals to change this scale in the coming period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75197/25]

*2596. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount expended on advertising and promotion in his Department, and within each agency for which he is responsible, for 2022 to 2024, by year and budgeted for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75215/25]

*2597. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of press, media or communications staff currently employed in his Department and within each agency for which he is responsible; the cost of these staff for 2025 and the expected cost for 2026; whether there are proposals to increase the number of such staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75233/25]

*2598. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost to his Department and to each agency for which they are responsible arising from Ireland's presidency of the European Council; the line items or events for which a cost is expected to arise and the estimated cost for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75251/25]

*2599. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the priorities of his Department and each agency for which they are responsible for, in respect of Ireland's presidency of the European Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75269/25]

*2600. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason, based on the new rules which mandate that adult educators can only work 20 hours teaching time and 15 hours non-teaching per week, only 20 hours are pensionable rather than 35 hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [1009/26]

*2601. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the details of the number of foreign students in Ireland for each of the past ten years, by sector, including English language colleges; the details of the State's target number up to 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [1015/26]

*2602. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the details on the number of English language schools operating in the State, per annum over the past ten years; the number enrolled per annum; the number of schools found to be not operating legitimately or fully compliant in terms of provision of English language education; the actions taken against those schools found not to be compliant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [1016/26]

*2603. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the position regarding access to SUSI grant support for students enrolled on part-time higher education programmes which carry a full academic workload of 60 ECTS credits per academic year; whether consideration has been given to amending eligibility criteria to take account of the actual academic intensity of such programmes rather than their part-time designation alone; whether exceptional or discretionary arrangements are available for a student who is experiencing financial hardship in these circumstances (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [1164/26]

*2604. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number and location of the student residential accommodation places that will be provided by the National Student Accommodation Strategy; and the Short-Term Activation Programme; and to provide a timeline for the same. — Erin McGreehan. [1195/26]

- *2605. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if consideration will be given to providing pay for occupational therapy students currently providing services in placement programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [1365/26]
- *2606. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the quantity of third level purpose built student accommodation in each year from 2018 to date; by location; by higher education institution and private organisation properties, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [1501/26]
- *2607. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number and percentage of third level students in purpose built student accommodation in each year from 2018 to date; by location; by higher education institution and private organisation properties, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [1502/26]
- *2608. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of purpose built student accommodation bed spaces available for students with disabilities, the number of students that requested such spaces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [1522/26]
- *2609. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprenticeship registrations in the construction sector, by type in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [1632/26]
- *2610. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students in receipt of grant support under the SUSI scheme for each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, broken down by level of education under the National Framework of Qualifications and level of grant funding provided, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1688/26]
- *2611. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students currently enrolled in PLCs in receipt of grant support under the SUSI scheme for each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, broken down by level of education under the National Framework of Qualifications and level of grant funding provided, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1689/26]
- *2612. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the date on which a supplementary estimate or supplementary estimates was sought in respect of his Department’s Vote for each of the past ten years, and to the date in 2026; the gross and net amount involved in each case; and the Vote subheads to which each supplementary estimate related. — Albert Dolan. [1796/26]
- *2613. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the value of expenditure originally allocated in the Estimates to specific programmes or staffing measures that could not be spent as planned within the year for each of the past five years; and whether such underspends were surrendered, carried forward, or reallocated to other areas within the Vote. — Albert Dolan. [1817/26]

*2614. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department can address the serious issue of long-term (CID) contract holders at FET institutes (details supplied) who are not getting the requested additional hours they are entitled to, before new appointments are advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [1866/26]

*2615. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the position regarding any product or service purchased from Israel or the Occupied Territories by his Department in 2025, broken down by description and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1982/26]

*2616. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether his Department, or any body under its aegis, has funded, or is funding, other than where legal costs were awarded against the employer by a court or tribunal, the legal costs of any current or concluded litigation taken by an employee or former employee against that Department or body, in each of the past five years; if so, to provide details of the number of such cases, the bodies involved, and the total costs incurred in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2022/26]

*2617. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the basis on which his Department, or a body under its aegis, may fund the legal costs of an employee or former employee in litigation where that employee is in dispute with, or taking proceedings against, the same body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2040/26]

*2618. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether the funding of employee legal costs in disputes against his Department, or a body under its aegis, is standard practice; if not, the circumstances in which such funding may be permitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2058/26]

*2619. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the guidance, codes, circulars or directions that govern the payment of legal costs by his Department, and bodies under its aegis, in employment-related disputes, including any requirements under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies or Departmental sanction arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2076/26]

*2620. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether the funding of employee legal costs in litigation against the employing body could give rise to governance, accountability, or value for money concerns; whether his Department has issued any guidance in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2094/26]

*2621. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether his Department has reviewed, or intends to review, the practice of Departments, and bodies under their aegis, funding legal costs in employment disputes involving those same bodies; and if so, the outcome or timeline for such a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2112/26]

*2622. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether arrangements to fund legal costs in employment disputes involving his Department, or bodies under its aegis, require the prior approval of his Department or the Department of Public

Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2130/26]

*2623. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the QQI Trust Ed Accreditation process; the number of applications that were received, and the number that have been awarded accreditation to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [2155/26]

*2624. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department is using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the Department are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2248/26]

*2625. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether any agencies or other bodies under his remit are using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the organisation are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2266/26]

*2626. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a list of the top ten capital or programme projects delivered by his Department or its agencies over the past three years which were completed on time and within the originally approved budget; the project name, location, delivery timeframe, original approved budget, final outturn cost, and delivery body, for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2430/26]

*2627. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to detail the annual spend on external consultants by his Department and its agencies in each of the past three years; the number of consultancy contracts, the largest individual consultancy engagements by value, and whether internal capacity-building or cost-benefit assessments were undertaken prior to engaging external consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2448/26]

*2628. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a list, for each of the past three years of the top ten projects per annum delivered by his Department or its agencies which were completed late and over the originally approved budget; the project name, location, original approved completion date, actual completion date, original approved budget, final outturn cost, cost overrun expressed in euro and percentage terms, and the delivery body for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2466/26]

*2629. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a one day a week class training model is being considered for craft apprentices to reduce the impact on employers as a result of the six week block class model and encourage apprenticeships. — Maeve O'Connell. [2505/26]

*2630. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of academic and teaching staff which currently work in the TU sector; and the number of academic and teaching staff which currently work in traditional universities. — Maeve O'Connell. [2506/26]

*2631. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department is considering amending the teaching requirements for academic staff in Technological Universities in order to bring them in line with their counterparts in traditional universities. — Maeve O’Connell. [2507/26]

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*2632. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the plans to reopen the local improvement scheme for non-public roads in the near future; the discussions held with the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht regarding future funding or timelines for reopening the scheme, particularly in light of ongoing issues being experienced by persons (details supplied) who rely on non-public roads for access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1679/26]

*2633. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his plans to expand or enhance remote working hubs in County Laois; the way in which these initiatives are contributing to balanced regional development and reducing commuting pressures on workers in the midlands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [1869/26]

*2634. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether he is aware of agencies under his remit using artificial intelligence tools in place of artists and graphic designers (details supplied); and whether he will intervene to prevent this in future. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2238/26]

*2635. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to significantly increase the local improvement scheme (LIS) grant to Kerry County Council so as to clear the existing priority list (approximately 600 schemes) and allow for the LIS Scheme to reopen to new applications for the hundreds of roads that are in an extremely poor condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [74015/25]

*2636. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide a list of AI pilot projects which have taken place in his Department within the past 12 months; the expenditure associated with those projects; and whether they are still ongoing, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [74140/25]

*2637. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether standards or service-level targets exist for his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department, in responding to correspondence from members of local authorities; if compliance with such standards is monitored; the reasons for delays or failures to respond to correspondence from elected members; and the measures being taken to ensure more consistent and timely communication going forward. — Sorca Clarke. [74270/25]

*2638. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he is aware of an organisation (details supplied) who is on the brink of closure; if he will seek emergency funding within his Department to keep the organisation open given the supports it provides in the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [74362/25]

*2639. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the office rental costs per annum for staff in his Department and for each agency or organisation under his

remit, in each of the years between 2015 and 2025 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [74455/25]

*2640. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the payroll cost of his Department and of each organisation or agency under its remit individually, in 2015 to 2025, by year, in tabular form. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [74633/25]

*2641. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if, following the publication of the feasibility study on a hotel (details supplied) the Government plans to proceed with the purchase of the property; if so, the proposed timeline for acquisition; the proposals under consideration for its future use, including whether it will be developed as a community hotel or otherwise to support tourism and local economic activity in Roscrea; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [74736/25]

*2642. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta an bhfáiltíonn sé roimh an litir atá faighte ag a Roinn ó Iontaobhas na Gaelscolaíochta (litir i gceangal leis seo), agus an féidir le hionadaithe óna Roinn bualadh le InaG a luaithe is féidir, chun oibriú ar an deis iontach atá ann anois gaelscoileanna nua a fhorbairt sna sé chontae i dTuaisceart na hÉireann. — Conor D. McGuinness. [74834/25]

*2643. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of data breaches recorded by his Department in 2025; and the number that were reported to the Data Protection Commissioner. — Cathal Crowe. [74902/25]

*2644. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the amount of capital spent from the islands allocation of his Department and predecessor Departments, by areas (details supplied) in each of the years 2023 to 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [75059/25]

*2645. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of projects in his Department that were delayed in 2023 and 2024 due to the change of document from the Public Spending Code to the Infrastructure Guidelines, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [75115/25]

*2646. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the salary scale that applies to the Secretary General in his Department and to the head of each agency for which they are responsible; whether this scale has changed in the past two years or whether there are proposals to change this scale in the coming period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75202/25]

*2647. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the amount expended on advertising and promotion in his Department, and within each agency for which he is responsible, for 2022 to 2024, by year and budgeted for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75220/25]

*2648. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of press, media or communications staff currently employed in his Department and within each agency for which he is responsible; the cost of these staff for 2025 and the expected cost for 2026; whether there are proposals to increase the number of such staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75238/25]

*2649. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the estimated cost to his Department and to each agency for which they are responsible arising from Ireland's presidency of the European Council; the line items or events for which a cost is expected to arise and the estimated cost for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75256/25]

*2650. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the priorities of his Department and each agency for which they are responsible for, in respect of Ireland's presidency of the European Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [75274/25]

*2651. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the projects that were funded under the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme in Waterford, in 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [1161/26]

*2652. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of social enterprises/community organisations currently involved in the community services programme; if he will provide the list of all organisations, per county; if he can briefly outline the work involved with each organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [1424/26]

*2653. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the date on which a supplementary estimate or supplementary estimates was sought in respect of his Department's Vote for each of the past ten years, and to the date in 2026; the gross and net amount involved in each case; and the Vote subheads to which each supplementary estimate related. — Albert Dolan. [1801/26]

*2654. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the value of expenditure originally allocated in the Estimates to specific programmes or staffing measures that could not be spent as planned within the year for each of the past five years; and whether such underspends were surrendered, carried forward, or reallocated to other areas within the Vote. — Albert Dolan. [1824/26]

*2655. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the position regarding any product or service purchased from Israel or the Occupied Territories by his Department in 2025, broken down by description and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1987/26]

*2656. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether his Department, or any body under its aegis, has funded, or is funding, other than where legal costs were awarded against the employer by a court or tribunal, the legal costs of any current or concluded litigation taken by an employee or former employee against that Department or body, in each of the past five years; if so, to provide details of the number of such cases, the bodies involved, and the total costs incurred in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2027/26]

*2657. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the basis on which his Department, or a body under its aegis, may fund the legal costs of an employee or former employee in litigation where that employee is in dispute with, or taking proceedings against, the same body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2045/26]

*2658. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether the funding of employee legal costs in disputes against his Department, or a body under its aegis, is standard practice; if not, the circumstances in which such funding may be permitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2063/26]

*2659. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to outline the guidance, codes, circulars or directions that govern the payment of legal costs by his Department, and bodies under its aegis, in employment-related disputes, including any requirements under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies or Departmental sanction arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2081/26]

*2660. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether the funding of employee legal costs in litigation against the employing body could give rise to governance, accountability, or value for money concerns; whether his Department has issued any guidance in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2099/26]

*2661. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether his Department has reviewed, or intends to review, the practice of Departments, and bodies under their aegis, funding legal costs in employment disputes involving those same bodies; and if so, the outcome or timeline for such a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2117/26]

*2662. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether arrangements to fund legal costs in employment disputes involving his Department, or bodies under its aegis, require the prior approval of his Department or the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2135/26]

*2663. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if his Department is using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the Department are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2253/26]

*2664. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether any agencies or other bodies under his remit are using artificial intelligence tools for any graphic design or similar work in place of artists, designers or videographers; and if so, to outline which projects or units of the organisation are affected. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2271/26]

*2665. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to investigate and give a full explanation as to the reason the Charity Regulator has not produced the documentation (details supplied) within the legal timeframe of ten months of the organisations financial year end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [2283/26]

*2666. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if any public monies and or land is being given to a charity (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [2284/26]

*2667. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if the charitable objectives and or purpose of a charity (details supplied) changed in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [2285/26]

*2668. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the person or body in charge of the day-to-day running of a charity (details supplied); the number of employees working in the charity; the number of people on the board of the charity; who appointed them; when were they appointed; the rationale for their appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [2286/26]

*2669. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when the last audit/review into the running of a charity (details supplied) was completed; what the review highlighted; if there are plans to conduct a follow up review to ensure protocols are followed through on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [2287/26]

*2670. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide a list of the top ten capital or programme projects delivered by his Department or its agencies over the past three years which were completed on time and within the originally approved budget; the project name, location, delivery timeframe, original approved budget, final outturn cost, and delivery body, for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2435/26]

*2671. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to detail the annual spend on external consultants by his Department and its agencies in each of the past three years; the number of consultancy contracts, the largest individual consultancy engagements by value, and whether internal capacity-building or cost-benefit assessments were undertaken prior to engaging external consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2453/26]

*2672. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide a list, for each of the past three years of the top ten projects per annum delivered by his Department or its agencies which were completed late and over the originally approved budget; the project name, location, original approved completion date, actual completion date, original approved budget, final outturn cost, cost overrun expressed in euro and percentage terms, and the delivery body for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [2471/26]