



# DÁIL ÉIREANN

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH**  
**QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to quantify the material impact of the withdrawal of energy credits and the decrease in the real value of the fuel allowance has had on the at risk of poverty after housing costs rate and on the material deprivation rate, specifically in households at highest risk of poverty; if he has given consideration to a cost of living package targeting energy poverty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2822/26]

2. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to introduce, as promised, a weekly cost of disability payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [3197/26]

3. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the rollout of auto-enrolment; specifically for an update on his engagement with other Departments as regards the rollout of auto-enrolment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2823/26]

4. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on meetings between his Department and disabled persons' organisations regarding the proposed cost-of-disability payment; to provide a timeline for its introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [3294/26]

5. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his Department's initiatives to assist persons with disabilities in accessing and sustaining employment, including any specific supports or schemes currently in place, plans for future measures to promote workforce participation, and the timeframe for implementation of these initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [2946/26]

**CEISTEANNA EILE**  
**OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

6. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to explore the possibility of reducing the minimum hours of the wage subsidy scheme from 15 hours to 10 hours (details supplied). — Michael Murphy. [1439/26]

7. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps being taken to ensure that parents who are aged 66 years and above and caring for children with lifelong disabilities retain the rate

at which they are paid their carer's allowance and concurrently receive the State pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [2827/26]

8. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he has given consideration to additional cost of living measures given the increased rates of poverty after housing costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2838/26]

9. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of employees in County Cork registered with My Future Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [2683/26]

10. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of the maximum rent supplement payment; and whether he will review these maximum limits. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2903/26]

11. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when he will introduce a permanent cost of disability payment as promised in the Programme for Government. — Paul Murphy. [2794/26]

12. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures being taken in his Department in 2026 to support people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [2886/26]

13. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will introduce an emergency winter payment for disabled people to compensate them for the cuts imposed on them in the Budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [2795/26]

14. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review and change the current penal and outdated means test calculation on land or savings on, for example, the old age pension (non-contributory); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [2894/26]

15. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures he is taking to address the growing gap between social welfare payment rates and the actual cost-of-living, particularly in relation to food, energy, housing, childcare and transport; if he accepts that once-off lump sum payments have failed to provide ongoing protection for low-income households; the plans to introduce permanent increases linked to real cost-of-living data rather than annual budget cycles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [2341/26]

16. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will examine the current situation where self-employed workers have no access to sick pay, illness benefit, leaving them in a vulnerable position despite paying PRSI; if he will extend this support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [2688/26]

17. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an overview of measures being taken in his Department in 2026 to support people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [2685/26]

18. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will amend the current weekly means limit for the increase for qualified adult allowance for recipients of the State pension and to increase 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. [1244/26]

19. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the actions being taken to increase the low labour participation rate of 32% for persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [2895/26]

20. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of new applicants aged 66 years and over who have been approved for the fuel allowance under the revised means thresholds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2789/26]

21. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he has given consideration to a cost of disability payment given the increasing vulnerability of households with one or more disabled members to poverty; his plans to ameliorate this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2837/26]

22. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for the data his Department holds relating to any youth unemployment increases in certain sectors due to the rollout of AI; the sectors that have been identified as high risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [2889/26]

23. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the percentage of primary schools in the Dún Laoghaire constituency that are currently participating in the hot school meals programme or have started the process of providing this service in the school; the actions being taken to further expand this to all remaining primary schools in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1403/26]

24. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rules and regulations governing the approval of rent supplement payments; and his plans to increase the payment. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2902/26]

25. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of individuals in Cork per Intreo area currently in receipt of jobseeker's allowance and jobseeker's benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [1241/26]

26. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the plans in place in his Department to change the public services card provision, given data protection concerns of various stakeholders. — Eoin Hayes. [2753/26]

27. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of carers he expects to benefit from the means test changes announced in Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [2589/26]

28. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to introduce a cost of disability payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [2520/26]

29. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the progress being made in reviewing means testing across the social welfare system as outlined in the Programme for Government. — Tom Brabazon. [2882/26]

30. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the future plans he has for the rural social scheme and the Tús programme; and whether he will ensure these schemes remain adequately funded and accessible in County Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [2860/26]

31. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to introduce a permanent annual cost of disability support payment; the potential cost to the Exchequer of such a payment; if there is a timeline for the introduction of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [69982/25]

32. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the timeframe for abolishing the means test for carer's allowance applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [2519/26]

33. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the proposed annual cost of disability support payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [2597/26]

34. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide any analysis on the inflation of costs associated with energy, housing, and groceries for people dependent on social protection supports for the majority of their income; and the way in which that compares with increases in social protection payments over the past five years. — Eoin Hayes. [2755/26]

35. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to confirm the social protection payment increases that came into effect from 1 January 2026; the level of increased spending overall; the amount of people to benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2712/26]

36. 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. [1858/26]

37. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide analysis carried out by his Department on the net financial effect on individuals and families when a disabled person turns 16 years of age, given that disabilities payments commence but the domiciliary care allowance ends. — Eoin Hayes. [2754/26]

38. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for the fuel allowance, per month, for the past three years, specifying which of these applicants are also in receipt of the working family payment or another automatically qualifying social welfare payment, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2836/26]

39. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps being taken to address delays and barriers experienced by applicants for social protection and disability-related payments in Dublin Bay North, including waiting times for decisions and appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [2678/26]

40. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding safeguards that have been put in place to protect employees from unsavoury practices that would require them to join less favourable pension schemes in place of being registered under the My Future Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1404/26]

41. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people that received the newborn baby grant in County Cork in 2025, and so far in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [2684/26]

42. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current average processing times for disability related payments for applicants in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [1242/26]

43. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of newborn baby grants made to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [2592/26]

44. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes he plans to make to the means assessment carried out by his Department in order to remove anomalies in relation to the disability allowance identified in the Programme for Government; if he will provide details of the anomalies currently being observed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [2744/26]

45. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the future plans he and his Department have for persons living with a disability following the outcome of Budget 2026, where there is now evidence that persons with a disability are facing a cost of living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [2595/26]

46. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he has plans or intends to establish a social welfare office in Athenry, County Galway, in light of the town's rapidly growing population and projected future development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [1784/26]

47. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people in County Carlow and in County Kilkenny that received the newborn baby grant in 2025, and so far in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [2682/26]

48. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is aware that customers on pre-pay energy arrangements are finding their energy cut-off abruptly for days at a time while applying to the community welfare officer for emergency supplementary payments; if he is aware of the material deprivation these customers are being subjected to; if he has any plans to implement a system that will provide more timely help; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2839/26]

49. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people his Department predicts will be signed onto the auto-enrolment pension scheme by the end of 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [2881/26]

50. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of workers estimated to be due refunds as a result of the late introduction of regulations associated with auto-enrolment introduced in late December 2025 and which changed how employers calculated reductions in take-home pay. — Eoin Hayes. [2751/26]

51. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the projected Exchequer cost of State contribution matching under auto-enrolment for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2790/26]

52. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for the supplementary welfare allowance per month, for the past three years, specifying the original qualifying welfare payment and the reasons for each application by percentage, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2840/26]

53. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his targets regarding the eradication of child poverty; his efforts to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [2893/26]

54. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the key measures to be taken to tackle poverty in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [2888/26]

55. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which eligibility for occupational injuries recognition and related supports for healthcare workers with long Covid differs from eligibility for healthcare workers who have sustained other occupational injuries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [2582/26]

56. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his efforts to include all employers in the auto-enrolment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1779/26]

57. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current average processing times for disability allowance and invalidity pension applications and appeals; the number of applicants currently waiting longer than six months for an initial decision; whether he accepts that prolonged delays are pushing people with disabilities into poverty and dependency on family members; if he will review the existing means testing rules, including the treatment of a spouse or partner's income; and the steps which are being taken to ensure timely access to income supports for people with disabilities. — Paul Lawless. [2342/26]

58. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is a stipulation within the hot school meals programme requiring that only Irish-produced meat, poultry and dairy products be used in the provision of hot meals in Irish schools; if not, whether he will consider introducing such a requirement in order to support Irish farmers, ensure high food standards and promote sustainability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [2674/26]

59. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of employees in Cavan and Monaghan which have been auto enrolled for My Future Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [2824/26]

60. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps being taken to ensure that disability supports and payments adequately meet the needs of people with disabilities, income adequacy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [2677/26]

61. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress being made in reaching our 2030 goals in tackling child poverty. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [2628/26]

62. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he has any plans to review the one-payment per household rule for fuel allowance, whereby children on low incomes are forced to live at home due to the housing crisis and are refused support based on parental incomes, despite qualifying for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2680/26]

63. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the possible payment schemes available to older children or young adults that will enable them to stay in full time secondary education, who were never in care, but due to deaths or other circumstances do not have the financial support of parents, wider family or others; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [2858/26]

64. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the expanded services that will be provided by the An Post Network on behalf of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [2791/26]

65. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of newborn baby grants which have been paid in Cavan and Monaghan in the first year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [2825/26]

66. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reasons for not introducing an emergency winter payment for disabled people of €400, as sought by the Disability Federation of Ireland, the Irish Wheelchair Association and Access for All. — Liam Quaide. [2581/26]

67. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to increase disability supports (details supplied). — Conor D. McGuinness. [2884/26]

68. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to remove the means test for carer's allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1778/26]

69. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the means test for the carer's allowance will be abolished; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [2322/26]

70. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people that were signed onto the auto-enrolment pension scheme as of 5 January 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [2880/26]

71. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the plans to increase the qualifying income limits and funding amounts for the humanitarian assistance scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [2826/26]

72. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the review of means testing for qualifying allowances in the social protection system will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1243/26]

73. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average time for a section 318 review to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Natasha Newsome Drennan. [1781/26]

74. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people in Mayo currently engaged with Intreo employment services; the steps his Department is taking to introduce new initiatives to support jobseekers in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [2675/26]

75. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is aware that the funding allocation to family carers and young carers has not increased in the 2026 Dormant Accounts Fund Action Plan compared to the previous year; if he will provide additional funding to return the family carer measure to €2.5 million as in the 2024 Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [68383/25]

76. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will report on the rollout of auto-enrolment pension scheme. — Cathy Bennett. [2892/26]

77. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he has concerns about the quality of meals being provided under the hot school meals scheme; if he has concerns about the amount of food provided under the scheme being binned; if he has engaged with meal providers regarding this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [2323/26]

78. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to increase the living alone allowance. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2901/26]

79. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the auto-enrolment pension scheme and the issues that have arisen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [2859/26]

80. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider expanding the domiciliary care allowance criteria to better support families caring for children with complex needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [2676/26]

81. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his main priorities for his Department for the remainder of the year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [2861/26]

82. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to increase supports for fishermen and women and the fishing industry after the disastrous quota negotiations recently (details supplied). — Conor D. McGuinness. [2885/26]

83. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures he is taking to address energy poverty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2679/26]

84. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to confirm whether he engages with the Minister for Health when increases to social protection payments are occurring, particularly with regard to medical card thresholds and payments to older people in order that welcome increases in social protection payments would not have the unintended consequence of disqualifying a person for a medical card as a result of increased means; whether he has done so in light of recent increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2713/26]

85. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will re-examine the report by the Child Maintenance Review Group, and the failure to find consensus on the establishment of a statutory child maintenance service; if he will examine this matter more broadly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [2687/26]

86. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the last date he met the ESRI and the agenda of the meeting. — Thomas Gould. [2793/26]

87. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress being made on introducing a new working age payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2593/26]

88. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the timeline for the introduction of the permanent annual cost of disability support payment, as committed to in the programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [2831/26]

89. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps his Department is taking to ensure that recipients of disability allowance who take up part-time employment within the permitted income and hours thresholds are supported rather than penalised during the transition to work; if he is aware of cases where disability allowance has been disallowed despite timely and complete disclosure of earnings, resulting in prolonged loss of income and hardship; the safeguards which exist to prevent such delays, particularly where claimants have ongoing medical and travel costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [2737/26]

90. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether he will streamline approval of exceptional needs payments for core household goods, such as flooring and basic furniture, in order to ensure that tenants are not paying two rents simultaneously while awaiting floors or other basic furniture in a new tenancy. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2891/26]

91. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people that are in receipt of the kinship caring payment across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [2887/26]

92. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the timeline for the abolition of the means test for carers. — Thomas Gould. [2792/26]

93. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of employees in County Carlow and in County Kilkenny that have been registered under My Future Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [2681/26]

94. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether he will streamline approval of exceptional needs payments for core household goods, such as flooring and basic furniture, in order to ensure that social housing allocations are not delayed by lack of floors or other basic furniture in the allocated unit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2890/26]

### **CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

#### **Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.**

95. To ask the Minister for Transport the reasons for the delay to certain critical public transport infrastructure projects, despite having all the necessary planning permissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2819/26]

96. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of a survey commissioned by the RAC in the UK into the safety of LED headlights in modern vehicles, which found that four in five drivers were concerned about dazzling headlights; if he, his Department or the Road Safety Authority has considered the independent research study published by TRL in October 2025 titled ‘Glare from road vehicle lighting on UK roads’ that was commissioned by the UK government; if he or the RSA will now commission a similar study in Ireland to review the safety of LED headlights in modern vehicles and present the findings to the European Commission and the UNECE Working Party on Lighting and Light-Signalling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [3293/26]

97. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to reduce road deaths and improve road safety on Irish roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2818/26]

98. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the start date of the Glendalough-Bray Local Link; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1710/26]

99. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the commencement date for the roll out of the N8 orbital bus route linking Blanchardstown with Dublin Airport has been delayed further to 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [3199/26]

100. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the health research report of April 2025, ‘Health Costs Report on Aircraft Noise from Dublin Airport’, compiled by a person (details supplied), submitted by Fingal and Meath residents, is being ignored and corrective action avoided, in view of the recent report by the European Environment Agency of 9 January 2026, in the European Heart Journal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gillian Toole. [3290/26]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

#### **Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.**

101. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding allocated for local road restoration to Cavan and Monaghan County Councils in 2025; and the funding allocation to both councils in 2026. — Matt Carthy. [1246/26]

102. To ask the Minister for Transport the new bus routes that will be provided under his Departments 2026 current expenditure allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [2584/26]

103. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will consider introducing additional Local Link routes and frequencies to better connect rural communities in Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [2666/26]

104. To ask the Minister for Transport if plans are in place to progress the double tracking of the rail line between Athenry and Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [1763/26]

105. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will resolve the issues concerning bus drivers aged over seventy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [2626/26]

106. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on 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 this will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [2585/26]

107. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding allocation in 2026 for the N2 Ardee to Castleblayney Road and Clontibret to the Border road schemes; the estimated date for completion of each scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1245/26]

108. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding the need for toll charges on the M3 to be reduced (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [2846/26]

109. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will travel to Donegal and meet with locally elected councillors to learn at firsthand about the serious traffic management crisis in Letterkenny impacting the people of and visitors to Donegal, and the proposed local roads infrastructure projects that can address this crisis. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [1398/26]

110. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of concerns regarding the increasing unreliability of the TFI Live RealTime app; if he has engaged with TFI on this issue; the nature of those engagements; if he will ensure that TFI rectifies the current reliability issues with the app; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [2897/26]

111. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the engagement his Department has had with the National Transport Authority and public transport providers in relation to the reliability and frequency of public transport. — Tom Brabazon. [2865/26]

112. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the future of the 425A bus service following the recent National Transport Authority public consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [1764/26]

113. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the expansion of the extraordinarily skeleton train service and limited carriage numbers on the Rosslare to Dublin service which covers Wicklow town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [2797/26]

114. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of community involvement scheme applications on hand per local authority; the amount of time the applications are on hand; if he intends to increase funding for the scheme given the volume of applications in the pipeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [1248/26]

115. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding that has been allocated for national and regional roads in Cork for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [1247/26]

116. To ask the Minister for Transport the rationale for the current pricing structure for public electric vehicle (EV) charging, including the reason ESB public chargers are charging approximately €0.66 per kWh, which is almost double the cost of peak-rate home electricity and more than triple the off-peak rate available to smart-metre customer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [72812/25]

117. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding for Local Link will be increased in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [2673/26]

118. To ask the Minister for Transport when the 2026 grant allocations to local authorities for roads will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [2670/26]

119. To ask the Minister for Transport if clarification been provided 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. [2586/26]

120. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will list the top ten highest penalties ever levelled against a commuter for failure to pay a motorway toll charge in this State over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [1416/26]

121. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an updated timeline of construction for the Luas Finglas extension project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [2876/26]

122. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to reduce road deaths in Cork; the measures he is taking to reduce the number of road deaths nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [2159/26]

123. To ask the Minister for Transport the scope that is available to expand rural bus services across Carlow, in particular to service Tullow, Ardattin and Clonegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [2665/26]

124. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for completion of the new train stations at Blackpool/Kilbarry and Tivoli; if the NTA has given approval for these new stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [2605/26]

125. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he will take to address the problems with bus services in Dublin south-west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [2783/26]

126. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the drafting of the National Vehicle Driver File Bill 2025; to provide a timeline for when local authorities will have access to relevant data on road traffic collisions to inform road improvements and to expand real time data access for An Garda Síochána to driver and vehicle information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2786/26]

127. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on meetings he has held with Bus Éireann and the NTA on the ongoing bus crisis in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [2787/26]

128. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has plans for an additional train station in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [2873/26]

129. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has had any direct contact with the NTA or Iarnród Éireann following reports of overcrowding on the Gorey-Dublin commuter train; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1762/26]

130. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the ring road in Kilkenny. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [2671/26]

131. To ask the Minister for Transport the additional measures he is considering to further reduce driving test waiting times towards the ten week target, including any operational or administrative changes within the Road Safety Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [2668/26]

132. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on efforts to secure increased mutual recognition of driving licences. — Cathy Bennett. [2875/26]

133. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress that has been made in developing Foynes Port as a centre for the delivery of offshore wind energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [73135/25]

134. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the remaining sections of the Athenry relief road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [2320/26]

135. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will approve an urgent increase in funding for the community involvement scheme for Leitrim County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [1457/26]

136. To ask the Minister for Transport the solution in place to combat the amount of cancellations of public buses in Dublin mid-west, including the reported 1,200 cancellations of the number 13 bus in just two months, causing significant disruption for residents who rely on the service for work, school, and college. — Mark Ward. [2368/26]

137. To ask the Minister for Transport the total amount taken in in toll charges by the Government on the M50 since the date the Government purchased the toll bridges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [1415/26]

138. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will allocate additional capital and supplementary current funding for investment in public transport infrastructure and for new services this year in view of worsening traffic congestion and delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [2784/26]

139. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he will review bus routes in Dún Laoghaire in view of delays, ghost buses, diversions, and buses that must skip parts of their route to remain on-schedule (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2870/26]

140. To ask the Minister for Transport if any upgrade of the Lakeview Roundabout, Midleton, is included in the proposed N25 Midleton to Youghal (Castlemartyr and Killeagh Bypasses) project outlined in the recent National Development Plan Review 2025 Sectoral Investment Plan for Transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [2798/26]

141. To ask the Minister for Transport the anticipated impact on aviation-related carbon emissions of his decision to remove the passenger cap at Dublin Airport; whether his Department carried out an environmental impact assessment in advance of this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [2900/26]

142. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which he plans to lower the backlog of diving test waiting times in Waterford given the fact that Waterford has one of the highest, if not the highest, backlogs for those waiting for tests, per-capita, in the country. — Conor D. McGuinness. [2867/26]

143. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans in place to alleviate gridlock in rural towns, such as Arklow and Gorey, taking into account both local and national road networks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [2850/26]

144. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to alleviate traffic congestion across Dublin city and county; if he agrees that investment in public transport must take precedence over investment in new road infrastructure as a solution to increased traffic; if he will bring

forward the construction commencement date of vital public transport projects which have received planning permission, such as DART+ South-West, the Finglas LUAS extension and the MetroLink; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [2896/26]

145. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding can be provided to bring the N86 Tralee-Camp-Dingle road up to a safe and acceptable standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [2854/26]

146. To ask the Minister for Transport the status and projected timelines for national and regional road projects in County Mayo that have experienced delays; whether he accepts that continued delays are adversely affecting road safety and economic development in the county; the reasons for these delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [2353/26]

147. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress that has been made to date to secure a new premises for Courtown Coastguard, since the announcement of a preferred site being identified made in April 2025; if funding has been secured for this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [68398/25]

148. 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. [2009/26]

149. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to review the regulations for e-scooter use in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2734/26]

150. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps his Department is taking to ensure that the funding given to public transport is used to deliver on-time, reliable services for its customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [2863/26]

151. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any review being carried out into the merits of increasing the grant payment available to support the purchase of battery-powered electric vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1402/26]

152. To ask the Minister for Transport the direct oversight and cost-control measures his Department is exercising over the MetroLink project during the pre-procurement phase (details supplied); the way in which he will ensure that projected costs remain proportionate and justifiable where no final capital envelope has yet been published; the specific cost-efficiency disciplines are being imposed on Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the National Transport Authority ahead of Approval Gate 2; if the Government will be asked to approve a maximum cost ceiling before tenders are received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [1452/26]

153. To ask the Minister for Transport the implementation of the recommendations of the strategic rail review, specifically the reinstatement of the western rail corridor, if there are plans to introduce another freight hub in Castlebar, County Mayo such as the one in Ballina, County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [2667/26]

154. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to reduce costs for motorists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2732/26]

155. To ask the Minister for Transport the works that are being undertaken to facilitate the reopening of the full length of the platform at Kilkenny's MacDonagh Station, in order to increase the number of seats available on the Waterford-Dublin line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [2664/26]

156. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that it has been reported that Galway is among the most congested cities globally and in Europe, with road users losing an average of approximately 67 hours annually due to traffic delays; the assessment his Department has made of the impact of this level of congestion on commuters travelling from Galway east into the city for work, education, and healthcare; the specific measures which are planned to address congestion in Galway, including improvements to public transport capacity, park-and-ride facilities, and east-west connectivity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [2746/26]

157. To ask the Minister for Transport the rationale of his Department and the National Transport Authority to not progress the introduction of a dedicated east-west bus service in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [1758/26]

158. To ask the Minister for Transport further to publication of the report 'Recording of Penalty Points and Disqualifications on Driver Records', the way in which his Department concluded 19% of court-imposed penalty points have been fully recorded; the way in which disqualified drivers were deemed as not having a valid licence; his plans to address these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [2852/26]

159. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the opening of a new driving test centre in Drogheda. — Paula Butterly. [2235/26]

160. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding that has been provided for new public transport services in County Meath for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1405/26]

161. To ask the Minister for Transport whether there are plans in place to introduce registration, insurance and other regulatory requirements for the use of e-scooters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [2725/26]

162. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine options, including the potential expansion of Local Link and/or Dublin Bus services, to improve connectivity between Kilcock and the wider Kildare commuter network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2779/26]

163. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the delivery date for Dart+ SouthWest can be brought forward, given its role as crucial infrastructure to unlock housing supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [2726/26]

164. To ask the Minister for Transport the new public transport services which were provided for as part of Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2733/26]

165. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can urgently commit funding for improvement and safety works to be carried out on the N22, east of Macroom to Ballincollig, given the high

number of road incidents on this stretch of road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [2869/26]

166. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for increasing capacity on the Midleton-Cork rail line; for an update on the transfer of carriages from Dublin to Cork to facilitate the same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [2604/26]

167. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the inclusion within the NTA Capital Plan of the Galway Bus Connects project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [2878/26]

168. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount raised via road tolls in the years 2015 to date; where such income was allocated to, and for what purpose, by year and by road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [2874/26]

169. To ask the Minister for Transport the anticipated cost to TII of purchasing ten homes in a location (details supplied) in order to enable the construction of the Metrolink to proceed without objection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [2899/26]

170. To ask the Minister for Transport the work which is being done to improve the reliability of DART services for commuters; the targets currently set; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [2782/26]

171. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will increase funding to Local Link to allow existing routes to be expanded and additional services added in County Roscommon and County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [2672/26]

172. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an updated timeline of construction for the MetroLink project following the judicial review and subsequent mediation between parties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [2877/26]

173. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department provides support for the private coach sector to make their fleet more accessible for passengers with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [2872/26]

174. To ask the Minister for Transport the new measures he intends to implement to prevent road deaths, given the number of fatalities on Irish roads in 2025 was the highest since 2014, and follows a trend of year-on-year increases since 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [2898/26]

175. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to address the persistent lack of reliable public transport services in County Mayo; whether he accepts that existing Local Link and regional bus services do not meet the needs of workers, students, older persons and people with disabilities; the funding allocated specifically to public transport services in County Mayo in 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [2354/26]

176. To ask the Minister for Transport when the increase in the 132 Bus Éireann Regional/Commuter Service, which was scheduled for April 2025, will happen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [2796/26]

177. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of increasing instances of SPSV drivers refusing to take customers on short journeys; the way in which his Department, in line with the NTA, can curb this trend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [2227/26]

178. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to bring forward legislative changes to the remit of the Road Safety Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [2587/26]

179. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that will be taken to improve the passenger rail service in the south-east following the publication of the rail project prioritisation strategy which outlines no significant improvements to the Rosslare to Dublin rail line and excludes the Wexford to Waterford Rail project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [2778/26]

180. To ask the Minister for Transport the action his Department will take to progress the Mallow Relief Road, the status of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [2158/26]

181. To ask the Minister for Transport his Department’s efforts to ensure regional balance in capital expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [2321/26]

182. To ask the Minister for Transport whether consideration is being given to a dedicated or additional funding stream to address the unique challenges associated with peat-based roads in counties such as Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [2848/26]

183. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made to date on each section of the West Clare Railway Greenway; the next steps to be taken for sections one and two; the plans for investment in sections three and four in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [1450/26]

184. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the reinstatement of the Derry to Dublin airlink, with clear timeframes. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [1397/26]

185. To ask the Minister for Transport when the overdue funding will be released to bring the main N70 road in Cahersiveen town, and the footpaths, up to a safe and acceptable standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [2853/26]

186. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether the toll on the M50 is fit for purpose; if he has considered reversing the recent toll hike; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2735/26]

187. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures in place to ensure clear and timely communication to passengers across all public transport providers during service disruptions and severe weather events given recent reports by commuters of communication issues (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [2010/26]

188. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on his request to the NTA to examine the fixed pricing model of a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [2228/26]

189. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the rationale for increasing the tolls for cars on the M3 motorway on 1 January 2026, when tolls on other toll roads were not increased for cars; his views on whether this is unfair on M3 road users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1406/26]

190. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the N53 project in County Louth and the possible interim plans to address safety at the Crossmaglen turnoff on the road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [2855/26]

191. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps being taken to improve capacity, frequency and reliability on the Dublin–Galway rail line serving the three stations in County Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [2849/26]

192. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will extend the fare reduction scheme for children under nine years-of-age to include commercial bus operators, given that the scheme currently applies only to public service operators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1759/26]

193. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details of the electrified buses in operation by Dublin Bus; if he is satisfied that these are being used efficiently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2731/26]

194. To ask the Minister for Transport when funding will be announced for the N11/M11 Junction 4 to Junction 14 improvement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [68400/25]

195. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will ensure that the Dart + South West project, which was recently pushed back until 2030, will be reinstated with its original starting timeline as it is a desperately needed piece of infrastructure for Kildare north; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [2862/26]

196. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to ensure sufficient funding will be made available in 2026 for the provision of new bus services, to address performance and capacity issues on existing services, and to support the enhancement of existing bus services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [2851/26]

197. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update in relation to the Programme for Government commitment to reducing road deaths and creating safer roads for everyone, in view of the fact that in 2025, there was an 8% increase in road deaths compared to 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2785/26]

198. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the rail prioritisation strategy; the impact of not proceeding with the proposed new line between Clongriffin and Drogheda, which would have facilitated express services to Drogheda, Dundalk, Newry and Belfast; the plans to deal with the lack of car parking at rail stations on these routes, particularly with the loss of parking spaces at Clarke Station in Dundalk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [2856/26]

199. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on implementation of enhanced bus services for routes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [2868/26]

200. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the implementation of the new Galway Bus Network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [2879/26]

201. To ask the Minister for Transport when work will commence on a successor to the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan; and when the new plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [2583/26]

202. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the proposed extension of the DART to Lucan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2367/26]

203. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of carriages allocated to the Gorey-Dublin commuter train, on a service-by-service basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1761/26]

204. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any actions he is taking to further expand the availability of EV charging points; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [1401/26]

205. To ask the Minister for Transport whether Irish Rail will introduce additional peak-time services for Kildare commuters, given that timetable changes in 2024 and 2025 did not result in any new services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2780/26]

206. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures being taken to ensure that public transport services and infrastructure are fully accessible for people with disabilities, including the availability of assistance, step-free access and accessible vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [2669/26]

207. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that the cost of the Tivoli depot in Cork has now doubled due to delays. — Thomas Gould. [2788/26]

208. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the purchase of new DART carriages; the benefits they will provide passengers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [2781/26]

209. To ask the Minister for Transport given the increase in road deaths in Ireland in 2025, which included a 40% increase of road deaths in Waterford in comparison to 2024, what he attributes this rise to; and his plans to reverse this worrying trend. — Conor D. McGuinness. [2866/26]

210. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the planned Coastguard station for Courtown Harbour. — Malcolm Byrne. [70590/25]

211. To ask the Minister for Transport if a comparative cost analysis with major European metro systems, including projects such as Madrid Metro expansions, has been completed by or on behalf of National Transport Authority in relation to the MetroLink project; when this benchmarking will be published and made available to the Houses of the Oireachtas (details supplied); the way in which value for money is being assessed at this stage of the project, prior to Approval Gate 2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [1451/26]

212. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to improve the reliability of bus routes in Dún Laoghaire in order to ensure that residents without car transport can attend work or other engagements consistently and on time (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2871/26]

213. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the progress of the Great Island connectivity scheme R624 Cobh Road in east Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [2847/26]

214. To ask the Minister for Transport to intervene and engage with the RSA and HSE to resolve the outstanding issues that are delaying the opening of Drogheda driving test centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [1250/26]

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### CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

\*215. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount her Department, or agencies under its remit, spent on advertising on a social media platform (details supplied) in each of the years 2024 and 2025 respectively; to outline any expenditure on verification or premium accounts on the platform in those years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3103/26]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason officials in her Department have ordered the removal of a document from the National Archives (details supplied); if she will provide the details of the process used to arrive at this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [3198/26]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade regarding the decision by the Israeli Government to restrict the ability of 37 international humanitarian aid organisations, including respected organisations (details supplied), from operating in the occupied Palestinian territory her views that if Israel is allowed to prevent these organisations from operating, it will have dire consequences for Palestinians as well as establishing an incredibly dangerous precedent for the free flowing of aid in humanitarian crises, a framework already so damaged over the past two years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [3200/26]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she is concerned by the reported harassment of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [3232/26]

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

\*219. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures his Department is taking to prevent food wastage by supermarkets, in view of the fact that this wastage could be repurposed and donated to those in need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [2942/26]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the work that has taken place towards national strategy on resource security; and the actions that can be taken by communities to create, manage and sustain resource resilience. — Peadar Tóibín. [2970/26]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current number of existing data centres; the applications currently in the process for new centres; location of each; and where available, the power usage for each. — Peadar Tóibín. [2971/26]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the climate adaptation funding allocated to each local authority in each year 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3027/26]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current status of Ireland's Social Climate Plan; the stage of development it has reached; when the Plan is expected to be published; when the proposed engagement event with the European Commission on the Social Climate Plan is expected to take place. — Roderic O'Gorman. [3053/26]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the way in which the stakeholder and civil society input from the public consultation process is being reflected in the final Social Climate Plan. — Roderic O'Gorman. [3054/26]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether any delay in the finalisation of Ireland's Social Climate Plan will impact the timing of access to funding under the EU Social Climate Fund. — Roderic O'Gorman. [3055/26]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the funding schemes administered by his Department which a club (details supplied) could apply to for support for the redevelopment of a clubhouse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [3082/26]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the amount his Department, or agencies under its remit, spent on advertising on a social media platform (details supplied) in each of the years 2024 and 2025 respectively; to outline any expenditure on verification or premium accounts on the platform in those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3097/26]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will address the concerns relating to the energy and water demand arising from the development of a new data centre raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [3250/26]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the Heat (Network and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024 will include provisions to enable the CRU to operate economic and customer protection functions for the district heating sector; which body currently operates such functions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [3307/26]

*Chun Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.*

\*230. To ask the Minister for Defence if she can ensure all outstanding allowances are paid and certs of competencies are issued to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [3092/26]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount her Department, or agencies under its remit, spent on advertising on a social media platform (details supplied) in each of the years 2024 and 2025 respectively; to outline any expenditure on verification or premium accounts on the platform in those years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3099/26]

*Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.*

\*232. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is satisfied that existing legislation is sufficient in dealing with the misuse of scrambler bikes and e-scooters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [3119/26]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a person (details supplied) is expected to pay for an EV charger; and to update the relevant policy to ensure this is not a recurring problem for other homeowners. — Ann Graves. [3214/26]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the widespread use of e-scooters by people under the age of 16 years; his plans to address this growing issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3312/26]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason opportunities to expand the Dublin Airport passenger cap, as presented by the North Runway Technical Group June 2025, are being ignored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gillian Toole. [3291/26]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Transport the public-transport (bus, rail, park & ride facilities) forward planning is being worked on by his Department, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, National Transport Authority, Bus Éireann, Irish Rail for Meath-East, to ensure the delivery of an efficient & affordable public transport system in advance of revised planning/ house-building targets. — Gillian Toole. [3292/26]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider providing additional funding to expand Local Link bus services in the Galway east area, particularly in towns and villages without regular public transport; the current status of route development plans for 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [68443/25]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which his Department's Value for Money and Public Spending Code units have reviewed the projected cost per kilometre of the MetroLink project; if international comparators including the inflation-adjusted cost of the Madrid Metro network expansion have been assessed; if he will publish the outcome of this benchmarking; the measures in place to ensure cost discipline in large-scale transport projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [66276/25]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the regulation and oversight of public EV charging providers, in light of concerns that current tariffs bring EV running costs close to those of petrol vehicles and risk undermining EV adoption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [72813/25]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Transport in line with the objectives of "Our Rural Future", the specific, measurable interventions his Department will implement in County Mayo over the next 12-months to support funding local transport solutions that connect outlying villages and townlands to essential public services. — Paul Lawless. [68411/25]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of the 19% unmatched penalty points on the NVDF that were to drivers that should have been disqualified. — Emer Currie. [2906/26]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Transport following the recent publication of the Accelerating Infrastructure - Report and Action Plan, if additional resources will be allocated to ensure the timely delivery of large scale transport infrastructure projects; the impact this plan will have with enabling the acceleration of delivery of such projects; if he expects such projects to be delivered ahead of current expected timeframes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [70787/25]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on his engagements with his Cabinet colleagues regarding the inclusion of a bypass for Monaghan town in the National Development Plan; the steps that Monaghan County Council must take to secure its inclusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [65816/25]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will introduce a measure or credit to offset the cost to motorists in rural parts of the State that are dependent on private cars due to the lack of alternative transport options; and if his Department has carried out analysis on the additional transport costs faced by those living in rural parts of the State. — Conor D. McGuinness. [57718/25]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether Dublin needs a Government led anti-congestion plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [2226/26]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the installation of traffic cameras at junctions in Dublin city to catch motorists who break red lights has been shelved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [2224/26]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Transport the total investment in bus services planned for 2026; to clarify how much of this investment is to be utilised for additional bus services; to provide a breakdown of where these new services will be; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [2225/26]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Transport the information he has regarding the 18% of disqualified drivers not matched on the national vehicle and driver file who he has stated do not hold a valid drivers licence; and whether he is engaging with the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration and the Courts Service as to the circumstances by which they were on the road but did not hold a valid drivers licence. — Emer Currie. [2919/26]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he intends to go further back in his analysis of the recording and penalty points on the national vehicle and driver file to see the number of drivers who were not matched in recent years. — Emer Currie. [2920/26]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Transport to give favourable consideration to reopening the Rosslare to Waterford railway line, which is important to developing tourism in the south-west region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [2950/26]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Transport to request the National Transport Authority to provide additional funding to Kerry Local Link to provide for a Bus Service from the Gap of Dunloe, Kate Kearney's Cottage to Beaufort village and onto Killarney (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [2951/26]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of the 18% unmatched penalty points on the NVDF that were to drivers holding a licence falling under Group 1 licence categories; the number holding a licence falling under Group 2 licence categories, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [2954/26]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of the 18% unmatched penalty points on the NVDF that were to drivers holding a valid Irish drivers licence; the number of drivers holding an invalid/expired Irish drivers licence, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [2955/26]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of the 113 unmatched penalty points on the NVDF to foreign motorists held a valid drivers licence from an EU member state, the number holding an invalid/expired licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [2956/26]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of the 113 unmatched penalty points on the NVDF to foreign motorists that held a valid drivers licence from a non-EU member state; the number holding an invalid/expired licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [2957/26]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of the 113 unmatched penalty points on the NVDF to foreign motorists that held a valid drivers licence from the United Kingdom; the number holding an invalid/expired licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [2958/26]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Transport when his Department intends to approve the Strategic Assessment Report for the Cork southern distributor link multi-modal route. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [2966/26]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for congestion charge legislation given that Dublin City Council has now rejected their use in the capital. — Peadar Tóibín. [2973/26]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Transport the total funding currently allocated to TII for national roads, broken down by county. — Peadar Tóibín. [2974/26]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the Galway-Athlone greenway project; the amount that has been spent on the project to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [2977/26]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a full breakdown of the projected overall cost including the projected carbon cost of the Galway-Athlone greenway project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [2978/26]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Transport if representatives of affected landowners in County Galway can be included as stakeholders in the review of the code of best practice for national and regional greenways; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [2979/26]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the Dublin Port 3FM infrastructure expansion project; and if he will confirm the level of engagement Dublin Port has had with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), Dublin City Council (DCC), the Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA) and the National Transport Authority (NTA) with regards to the 3FM project. — Cian O’Callaghan. [3034/26]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the work his Department is doing to ensure that the agreed pension increases for Córas Iompair Éireann (CIÉ) pensioners will go ahead as planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [3035/26]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Transport the data available regarding the 18% unmatched penalty points on the NVDF (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [3037/26]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Transport if a level crossing will be provided at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [3060/26]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount his Department, or agencies under its remit, spent on advertising on a social media platform (details supplied) in each of the years 2024 and 2025 respectively; to outline any expenditure on verification or premium accounts on the platform in those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3112/26]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of penalty point conviction notifications received from courts in 2024 by county; the number received without a driver number attached; the number unmatched to a driver record; and the number whereby a Shell record was created. — Emer Currie. [3122/26]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of learner driver penalty point conviction notifications received from the courts in 2024 by county; the number received without a learner permit driver number attached; the number unmatched to a driver record; the number whereby a Shell record was created. — Emer Currie. [3123/26]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of court disqualifications received in 2024, by county; the number without a driver number attached; the number unmatched to a driver record; the number whereby a Shell report was created; the number that surrendered their licence to the RSA. — Emer Currie. [3124/26]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of learner driver disqualification orders received in 2024, by county; the number without a learner permit driver number attached; the number unmatched to a driver record; the number whereby a shell record was created; the number of learners that surrendered their permit to the RSA. — Emer Currie. [3125/26]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Transport following his report on 10 December 2025 on ‘Recording of Penalty Points and Disqualification on Driver Records’, to confirm the number of penalty point offences issued by the Courts in 2024 that represents the 19% that were not matched to a driver record even though ‘there is evidence a match may have been possible’; if his Department have since matched the 19% to driver records; if these penalty points offences issued by the Courts remain assigned instead to a ‘shell’ record; the reason responsible for the automated matching system’s failure in its attempt to match 19%; and if this issue has been resolved to ensure it does not occur again. — Emer Currie. [3126/26]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of unmatched disqualifications issued by the courts in 2024 to driver records that were made up of Irish driving licence holders. — Emer Currie. [3127/26]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department have started work to examine ways to improve the automated matching process of court penalty point convictions to driver records; the proposed date when he plans to publish 2025 data on the recording of penalty points and disqualifications on driver records for 2025. — Emer Currie. [3128/26]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Transport to report on the mismatches made by the Road Safety Authority (RSA) to driving records of motorists who were not disqualified; the consequences of an incorrect match for the individuals affected; the consequences when this incorrect data is made available to AGS members at the roadside to assist in confirming the status of a driver's licence or permit; the consequences when this incorrect data is provided to motor insurers who use the data to verify the status of a licence or permit when renewing motor insurance cover. — Emer Currie. [3129/26]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of disqualification orders received from the courts service of drivers convicted of dangerous driving or drink/drug driving offences in 2024; the number that included a driver number in the order; the number matched to the driver record; and the number whereby a shell record was created to record. — Emer Currie. [3130/26]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline and budgetary measures being taken to improve the frequency, reliability and capacity of public bus services serving towns and villages in County Laois, in light of continued population growth and demand for sustainable transport options; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [3143/26]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans, timeline and budgetary measures for upgrading Portlaoise Train Station and associated facilities (including accessibility, parking, and passenger amenities) to support increased rail usage and regional connectivity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [3144/26]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Transport the latest safety statistics for the M7 and M8 corridors passing through County Laois; the targeted safety improvements planned; when these will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [3145/26]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of planned upgrades and resurfacing works on the N80 and N77 regional roads in County Laois; the expected timeframe and budgetary measures for commencement and completion of these works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [3146/26]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to expand publicly accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure in County Laois, along key commuter routes and in towns such as Portlaoise, Mountmellick and Abbeyleix; his plans to support the transition to low-emission transport in County Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [3147/26]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Transport the specific supports planned to strengthen rural transport services (including Local Link) in the Laois region; how funding allocations for 2026 compare to 2025; the position regarding enhancing rural mobility for older and economically

disadvantaged residents in County Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [3148/26]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to develop an integrated transport hub in Portlaoise that links rail, bus and active travel facilities; the engagement that has taken place with Laois County Council and local stakeholders; the expected benefits for sustainable regional transport in County Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [3149/26]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding planned active travel (cycling and walking infrastructure) improvements in towns and villages in County Laois; the timeline and budgetary measures allocated for these works in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [3150/26]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has quantified the potential reduction in daily commuter traffic to Dublin that would result from stronger remote working rights; the associated benefits for road safety, congestion, and emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [3151/26]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will carry out an urgent review of the Greenway Code of Practice involving all stakeholders, in light of concerns about consultation, compensation, and compulsory purchase orders; if he will ensure that future Greenway development protects property rights, rural livelihoods, and community wellbeing; the measures to improve transparency, engagement, and public confidence in these projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [3152/26]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Transport the total funding allocated to national, regional and local roads in County Waterford; and the amount drawn down each year, by project in each year from 2020 to 2025 in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3164/26]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Transport the total funding allocated to national, regional and local roads for each local authority in each of the years 2020 to 2025; and the amount drawn down each year, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3165/26]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of scheduled bus services, cancellations and reliability rates affecting Waterford city and county PSO routes in 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3166/26]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the Atherry relief road project; if the eastern section will progress in conjunction with the western rail corridor project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [3183/26]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Transport the additional services on the Maynooth line, per year, from 2016 to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [3184/26]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Transport the additional services on the commuter train lines serving Dublin, per year, from 2016 to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [3185/26]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on his Department's work with the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to increase the maximum prison sentence for dangerous driving causing death from 10 to 14 years following a meeting with Minister of State at the Department of Transport (details supplied); and if he has now examined the practice in Northern Ireland whereby the maximum sentencing is 14 years. — Michael Murphy. [3211/26]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 310 of 16 December 2025, if he will review further correspondence relating to an NCT matter and if he will make a statement to clarify the issue (details supplied). — Seán Ó Feargháil. [3213/26]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Transport to ensure that Iarnód Éireann communicates live updates via their website rather than via a social media account (details supplied). — Ann Graves. [3216/26]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Transport to ensure that the NTA delivers the proposed additional 33D bus service for Donabate; if he will confirm that the active travel and road projects for Donabate can be delivered before 2027; and if the DART+ Coastal North include an upgrade and electrification for Donabate. — Ann Graves. [3229/26]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding Dart southwest in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [3248/26]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional external lighting at Athy train station County Kildare to include a pedestrian crossing from the station will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [3249/26]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Transport the IT systems that will need to be changed to introduce the new provisions to restrict the use of multiple learner permits from 1 November 2026, as reported by the RSA to the Oireachtas Committee on Transport on 8 October 2025; and the proposed date for each of the 11 necessary changes to IT systems to be completed before the new system goes live on 1 November 2026. — Michael Murphy. [3255/26]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Transport the current number of second permit holders; if the Road Safety Authority (RSA) has written out to all second learner permit holders to inform them of the new rules (S.I. No. 527/2025) that will apply to them from 1 November 2026; if the RSA has informed them that application for a third learner permit will require them to have undertaken a driving test in the previous two years. — Michael Murphy. [3256/26]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Transport the current number of learner permit holders on their third or subsequent learner permit; if the RSA has written to these permit holders to inform them of the new rules (S.I. No. 527/2025) coming into effect on 1 November 2026; and if so, the details of what the RSA has communicated in these letters. — Michael Murphy. [3257/26]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress to date in advancing a proposal to introduce a subsidised hackney service for remote rural areas, taking into account the specific needs of older persons who do not have their own transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [3264/26]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of a PSV licence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3268/26]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Transport to urgently address the case of a person (details supplied); if the family will be reimbursed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3270/26]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the changes to a service under BusConnects (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [3272/26]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Transport when a promised meeting regarding an important issue (details supplied) will take place; if it will be prioritised in Q1 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3273/26]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of no shows for scheduled driving test appointments in 2025, per month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [3298/26]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of no shows for scheduled driving tests in December 2025, per test centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [3300/26]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has formal announcements to make regarding the promised meeting with small public service vehicle (SPSV) drivers to review the Taxi Regulation Act 2013 to address issues; if he has detailed plans to continue to support the SPSV sector by pressing for a comprehensive review of dispatch-operator licensing; if he will advocate for clear regulations or amendments that address fixed fares, algorithmic pricing practices, priority fees and technology charges, ensure fare transparency and parity, and protect driver incomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [3303/26]

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

\*310. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason people with disabilities or their carers have their property tax deferred and have a 4% added interest cost added annually; and the way this will be addressed. — Peadar Tóibín. [2998/26]

\*311. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider extending the €14,000 tax-free rental income relief to include rental arrangements involving family members, in recognition of current housing pressures and the need to support intergenerational living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [3134/26]

\*312. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the significant increases currently taken place in motor insurance premia; if he has statistics as to the scale of these increase; if he has addressed this with the insurance industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [2933/26]

\*313. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated scale and value of the illicit roll-your-own tobacco market in Ireland; the most recent figures available on seizures, Revenue assessments; the estimated loss to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [2976/26]

\*314. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the mechanisms in place or are being considered to ensure that any mortgage agreement between a customer and a financial institution cannot be sold on without all parties' consent. — Peadar Tóibín. [2990/26]

\*315. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the amount his Department, or agencies under its remit, spent on advertising on a social media platform (details supplied) in each of the years 2024 and 2025 respectively; to outline any expenditure on verification or premium accounts on the platform in those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3102/26]

\*316. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of help-to-buy claims approved since July 2020, by county; the number of applicants associated with these claims; and the number of claims by homebuyers excluding self-builds, by county, which is the number that relate to purchases. — Cathal Crowe. [3262/26]

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

\*317. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the funding allocated, spent and outstanding for flood relief and coastal protection projects in County Waterford in each year 2020 to 2025; and the status of each project, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3018/26]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the funding allocated, spent and outstanding for flood relief and coastal protection projects in each county in each year 2020 to 2025; and the status of each project, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3019/26]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his position on whether public bodies should facilitate remote interviews for candidates based abroad who are seeking to return to Ireland to take up employment in public bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [3025/26]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if the Office of Public Works can provide an update on the location of the new proposed Garda Station for Northern Cross; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [3026/26]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the amount his Department, or agencies under its remit, spent on advertising on a social media platform (details supplied) in each of the years 2024 and 2025 respectively; to outline any expenditure on verification or premium accounts on the platform in those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3108/26]

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

\*322. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to legislate against AI's use in the creation of objectionable material, given issues that have arisen in certain

applications (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [3131/26]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of redundancy notifications received from employers in County Waterford in each year 2020 to 2025; and the number of workers affected, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3010/26]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the amount his Department, or agencies under its remit, spent on advertising on a social media platform (details supplied) in each of the years 2024 and 2025 respectively; to outline any expenditure on verification or premium accounts on the platform in those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3101/26]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the available grants and supports to a business (limited company) who has bought a derelict premises to assist in renovation/set up of business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3180/26]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if there is a shop front improvement grant; if so, who is eligible and the criteria for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3182/26]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of Enterprise Ireland supported jobs in each county at the end of 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [3260/26]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of Local Enterprise Office supported jobs in each county at the end of 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [3261/26]

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

\*329. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if school policies allowing students to bring home free school books, keeping parents engaged in their child's education, are adopted nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [2996/26]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has considered a target for primary schools to become Gaelscoileanna using the Content and Language Integrated Learning method. — Peadar Tóibín. [2997/26]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth 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 schools yet to be contacted with specific regard to additional supports for existing classes, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3017/26]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the tender submission process for the new school building project for a school (details supplied) will open in January as previously advised; the length of time this process will be open for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [3046/26]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide the numbers of SNA increases that were recommended by special educational needs organisers (SENO) for Kildare, Wicklow and Meath, in tabular form; and the numbers of increases that were actually made for same, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [3051/26]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [3057/26]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth an bhfuil sí ar an eolas faoin méid seo a leanas a tuairiscíodh i dTuarascáil na Cigireachta (2024) agus Athbhreithniú Téamach, a foilsíodh i mí Dheireadh Fómhair 2025, gur “mórábhar inní é an éagsúlacht atá ann maidir leis an inniúlacht atá ag múinteoirí sa Ghaeilge”, gur tugadh le fios “nach bhfuil caighdeán foriomlán líofachta Gaeilge múinteoirí i scoileanna Béarla ard go leor chun tacú le cur chun feidhme rathúil Curaclam Teanga na Bunscoile” agus go ndúradh go raibh “tionchar suntasach aige seo ar fhoghlaim teanga na leanaí” (An Roinn Oideachais agus Óige, 2025: 51); i bhfianaise na tuarascála sin, an gcuirfidh sí in iúl cén plean atá aici le dul i ngleic leis an éagsúlacht atá ann maidir leis an inniúlacht atá ag múinteoirí sa Ghaeilge agus le dul i ngleic leis an tuairisc nach bhfuil caighdeán foriomlán líofachta Gaeilge múinteoirí i scoileanna Béarla ard go leor chun tacú le cur chun feidhme rathúil Curaclam Teanga na Bunscoile. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [3084/26]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth an bhfuil sí ar an eolas go bhfuil 65% i scrúdú cainte TEG B1 (is é sin, caighdeán B1.2 nó B1+ ar an bhFráma Tagartha Comónta Eorpach (FTCE)) luaite mar riachtanas iontrála ar an Máistir Gairmiúil san Oideachas sna hinstitiúidí ar fad atá maoinithe ag an Stát chomh maith le H4 i scrúdú Gaeilge na hArdeistiméireachta (nó cáilíocht aitheanta eile amhail Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge); an gcuirfidh sí in iúl cén riachtanas iontrála ó thaobh na Gaeilge de atá i bhfeidhm ag an gcoláiste príobháideach (Hibernia College), anuas ar an H4 san Ardeistiméireacht; an ndearbhóidh sí gurb ionann an caighdeán iontrála atá á éileamh ag an gcoláiste sin (i dtéarmaí an FTCE, mar shampla) agus an caighdeán comónta iontrála atá i bhfeidhm sna hinstitiúidí eile. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [3085/26]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth an bhfuil sí ar an eolas go luaitear sa cháipéis Céim: Caighdeán d'Oideachas Tosaigh Múinteoirí (An Chomhairle Mhúinteoireachta, Deireadh Fómhair 2020, lch 14) an méid seo a leanas maidir leis an gcaighdeán atá le baint amach ag múinteoirí bunscoile faoi oiliúint: Gaeilge - Ní mór muinín agus inniúlacht an mhúinteora faoi oiliúint sa Ghaeilge, lena n-áirítear, Gaeilge labhartha, a fhorbairt go leibhéal leordhóthanach chun cur ar a gcumas curaclam na bunscoile sa Ghaeilge a theagasc. Áirítear anseo, ach níl sé teoranta d'fhoghlaim teanga mar chuid den Tréimhse Foghlama sa Ghaeltacht; an dtabharfaidh sí soiléiriú maidir leis an gcaighdeán Gaeilge, de réir leibhéil an FTCE, atá i gceist leis an inniúlacht sin atá ag teastáil chun curaclam na bunscoile sa Ghaeilge a theagasc. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [3086/26]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige an dtabharfaidh sí sonraí maidir le líon na n-uaireanta teagaisc sa Ghaeilge a chuirtear ar fáil i ngach institiúid mar chuid de chúrsaí oideachais tosaigh do mhúinteoirí bunscoile (B.Oid agus MGO) le tacú leo chun an caighdeán cuí Gaeilge a bhaint amach faoi dheireadh na gcúrsaí; an dtabharfaidh sí briseadh síos ar na huaireanta teagaisc sin ó thaobh na gcatagóirí seo a leanas (agus tabhair faoi deara gur líon na n-uaireanta teagaisc seachas an fhoghlaim neamhspleách atá á lorg): (i) uaireanta teagaisc a bhaineann leis an nGaeilge féin; (ii) modúil a bhaineann le múineadh na Gaeilge; (iii) modúil eile a mhúintear trí mheán na Gaeilge (cur chuige FCÁT/CLIL). — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [3087/26]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the efforts being made to increase the number of autism classes in the Clontarf area of Dublin, where there is significant demand; if she is aware that there is a particular lack of such places for female students in the locality; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [3090/26]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the amount her Department, or agencies under its remit, spent on advertising on a social media platform (details supplied) in each of the years 2024 and 2025 respectively; to outline any expenditure on verification or premium accounts on the platform in those years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3100/26]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department is aware that a school (details supplied) applied for an emergency works grant in November 2025; the reason there has been a delay in approval of that grant; whether her Department has reviewed the school's application re same; when the school can expect to receive the grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [3117/26]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average class size in primary and post-primary schools in County Waterford at the end of each of the years 2020 to 2025; and the way this compares to the national average, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3167/26]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average class size in primary and post-primary schools at the end of each year 2020 to 2025; and the numbers for each county, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3168/26]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of unfilled teaching posts and the number of days schools in County Waterford were unable to secure a substitute teacher in each of the years 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3169/26]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of unfilled teaching posts and the number of days schools were unable to secure a substitute teacher for each county in each year 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3170/26]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children eligible for junior infant places residing within the Castleknock, Dublin 15, school planning area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [3171/26]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children eligible for junior infant places residing within the Carpenterstown, Dublin 15, school planning area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [3172/26]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the pilot school bus scheme, including outlining any additional services that were provided for the 2025-2026 school year; the additional services planned for the 2026/27 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [3189/26]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the options available for a child (details supplied) to access an appropriate secondary school place; to ensure immediate engagement with her Department, NCSE, and relevant authorities, clear signposting regarding escalation routes, emergency measures, or interim supports available; the way her Department plans to meet its statutory obligations for this child. — Ann Graves. [3212/26]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her special education section has reviewed the evaluation of the WALK PEER Programme that was completed by persons (details supplied); her plans to provide feedback on the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [3219/26]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the plans for new primary schools for Donabate tied to ADAPT 4 (Phase 2) with delivery projected between 2026-2030; if not, the reason; whether secondary schools are planned for Donabate; and if her Department plans to deliver a permanent building for the Gaelscoil in Donabate. — Ann Graves. [3228/26]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide further funding for a school (details supplied) to provide resources for an additional class in the coming school year of 2026/2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [3244/26]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if additional works can be considered for a school in County Kildare (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [3246/26]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding emergency works for a school in County Kildare (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [3247/26]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of early intervention classes for each county, between the years 2020 to 2025; the number of new openings in each county in each of those years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [3265/26]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a schedule of the number of applications made to the emergency works grant scheme in 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number that were approved, rejected and granted on appeal; and if she will provide a schedule of the amounts granted, by county for each year. — Aidan Farrelly. [3269/26]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the case of a person (details supplied) in relation to the recognition of teaching service abroad for incremental credit following a career break; the status of this application; the expected timeframe for a decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [3271/26]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools currently in a backlog to have their emergency works grant scheme assessed and or approved. — Aidan Farrelly. [3274/26]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools that reported closures, outside of planned closures such as end of term, bank holidays and so on, in each of the years 2024 and 2025; and the number of school days lost in each of those years as a result. — Aidan Farrelly. [3275/26]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason it will cost up to €317 for students to sit the Junior Certificate exams (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3278/26]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there are plans to include modules in relation to toxic relationships in coercive control within the Junior Cycle SPHE curriculum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3296/26]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to give an update on the rolling out of DEIS+ as of January 2026 considering the funding announcement in Budget 2026; the way in which schools will be chosen for the rolling out of DEIS+; what will it include; the benefits students, parents, teachers and school leaders will see from its implementation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3299/26]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when additional schools will be included in the DEIS Programme at primary and secondary level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [3302/26]

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

\*364. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if data is available on the number of postal items delivered over the Christmas period by An Post; to provide said data; and if data is kept regarding the number of postal items that were delivered late over the same period, and to provide said data. — Maeve O'Connell. [2501/26]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his position on the continued participation of Israel in FIBA given issues that have been raised (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [2947/26]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will support the Ireland senior women's basketball team play against Israel in a EuroBasket qualifier match given issues that have been raised (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [2948/26]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on work his Department is doing to ensure that the agreed pension increases for An Post pensioners will go ahead as planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [3045/26]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to the recommendation included in the European Commission's 2025 Rule of law report for Ireland (details supplied), the steps he has taken to address this recommendation; the expected timeline for the completion of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [3052/26]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the funding schemes administered by his Department which a club (details supplied) could apply to for support for the redevelopment of a clubhouse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [3079/26]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the amount his Department, or agencies under its remit, spent on advertising on a social media platform (details supplied) in each of the years 2024 and 2025 respectively; to outline any expenditure on verification or

premium accounts on the platform in those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3098/26]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department provides funding supports for independent artists who are invited to present their work at international conferences (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [3115/26]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when a campus will reintroduce cash payments (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [3133/26]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the in-depth analysis of swimming pool provision in Ireland being carried out under the National Swimming Strategy due to be published this year; if he will respond to matters raised in correspondence in relation to the strategy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [3191/26]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 260 of 17 December 2025, if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); the reason minimum high-speed broadband levels are not being delivered at this premises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [3297/26]

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

\*375. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the priority being given to native Irish speakers in application for planning permission and the purchase of houses in Gaeltacht areas. — Peadar Tóibín. [2980/26]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details on the new over the shop grant; who is eligible and the criteria for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3181/26]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether an extension has been granted to the replacement of boilers under the housing aid for older people grant in exceptional circumstances. — Thomas Gould. [2917/26]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports available to a person who requires an urgent boiler replacement, who would previously have received this under the housing aid for older people grant and is not a suitable candidate for retrofitting given the urgency of the project. — Thomas Gould. [2918/26]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if in the instance of a social housing assistance income assessment being undertaken and that the decision is disputed by applicant after appeal with the local authority, the applicant has any recourse by way of appeal to his Department or other sources. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [2936/26]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the barriers that inhibit the use of compulsory purchase orders; whether legislative reform is planned during this

Dáil term in relation to these orders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [2952/26]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the suite of options for the control of cherry laurel that he has proposed to the National Parks and Wildlife Service for consideration; for an update on the work being undertaken by the NPWS in considering those options; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [2968/26]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the mechanisms in place or are being considered to restrict the purchase of residential property by foreign corporations/companies and non-EU nationals. — Peadar Tóibín. [2985/26]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the Apartments and Duplex Defects Remediation Bill 2024; if the general scheme has been published for pre legislative scrutiny as indicated for the Dáil autumn term; the current stage of that process; the indicative timeline for publication and passage of the Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [2986/26]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the preparatory or administrative work being undertaken in parallel with the legislative process to enable the statutory apartments and duplex defects remediation scheme to open for applications as soon as practicable following enactment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [2987/26]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the operation of the interim remediation scheme for fire safety defects in apartments and duplexes; if applications continue to be accepted pending enactment of the statutory scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [2988/26]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current status of the retrospective costs pathfinder project; the stage it has reached; when its findings are expected to inform decisions on retrospective payments under the statutory apartments and duplex defects remediation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [2989/26]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the legal challenge to the 2025 Section 28 guidelines on apartment design standards including an assessment of the impact of the referral of the matter to the European Court of Justice on the use of the NEE standards; and an update on when the National Planning Policy Statement on apartment design standards will be published. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3001/26]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is tracking the number of planning applications submitted using the 2025 Section 28 design standards for apartments; if so, to confirm the number of such planning applications lodged to date; and the total number of units involved in these applications, separating out new applications from applications to change existing grants of permission. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3002/26]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost of social homes delivered in 2025 broken down by delivery stream including SHIP Construction, SHIP Turnkey, CALF Construction, CALF Turnkey, CAS Construction, CAS Turnkey, and social housing acquisitions. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3003/26]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost of affordable homes delivered in 2025 broken down by delivery stream including cost rental equity loan, affordable purchase scheme and LDA cost rental. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3004/26]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of cost-rental and affordable purchase homes delivered in County Waterford in each year 2020 to 2025, and the pipeline for 2026, in tabular form, by funding stream/acquisition type. — David Cullinane. [3007/26]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new social housing homes delivered in County Waterford in each year 2020 to 2025, and the pipeline for 2026, in tabular form, by funding stream/acquisition type. — David Cullinane. [3008/26]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of tenant-in-situ purchase applications received, completed, and refused in County Waterford in each year 2020 to 2025; and the number of instances for each refusal reason type. — David Cullinane. [3009/26]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the review of the grant support arrangements for septic tanks, especially for those currently not eligible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [3056/26]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress of the Exempted Development Regulations; when the details of what is included in the new regulations will be provided for modular garden units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [3059/26]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount his Department, or agencies under its remit, spent on advertising on a social media platform (details supplied) in each of the years 2024 and 2025 respectively; to outline any expenditure on verification or premium accounts on the platform in those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3106/26]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of preschool providers who are operating under the ECCE, and not previously paying rates, now being contacted by Tailte Éireann informing them that their buildings will be measured and assessed for the purpose of rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3116/26]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No 216 of 21 November 2025, the way he can equate that response with the reply from his Department to Kildare County Council (details supplied) which states, that KCC does not have authorisation to make exceptions; his views that his reply to this Deputy is at odds with his officials reply to Kildare County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [3121/26]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can provide details of the options open to a person or family in need of housing who earn over the income limit to qualify for social housing, who are paying rent and not able to save for a deposit, and who are under the income threshold for housing deemed to be affordable by the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [3132/26]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider increasing the current income threshold for studio apartments under the cost rental scheme, given issues regarding the current threshold (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [3187/26]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider matters raised in correspondence relating to archaeological costs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [3201/26]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the exempted development regulations given the public consultation closed in August 2025. — Ann Graves. [3220/26]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in view of the rapid population growth in the Donabate and Portrane area and the strain this will put on existing services, if he will establish a cross-departmental review to ensure that essential services are properly aligned with population growth in Donabate/Portrane. — Ann Graves. [3231/26]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in light of his Department's policy requiring local authorities to review or vary their development plans to provide additional land zoned for residential development, the reason some local authorities have advised their members that the variation process cannot facilitate zoning of lands within LAP's, therefore significant numbers of submission's are not relevant or actionable through the process; if he agrees that this approach undermines his Department's policy; if he accepts that the only initiatives possible within LAP areas is the upgrading of phased development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [3245/26]

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

\*405. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider increasing the capital means threshold for women over 70 years entitled to a non-contributory pension who had previously been entitled to full pension as part of the deserted wives payment. — Peadar Tóibín. [2991/26]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider the case of a student requiring access to the back to education allowance (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [3243/26]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will report on his attendance European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions-the Foundation Forum 2025. — Albert Dolan. [66789/25]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to report on his recent meeting with the European Parliament's Employment and Social Affairs Committee. — Sean Fleming. [68343/25]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is considering any additional legislative measures to end enforced deprivation and poverty of disabled people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [72864/25]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is considering any emergency measures to help people with disabilities and their families to deal with increasing cost of living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [72863/25]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he has plans to expand funding to the CE, RSS and Tús schemes given the rising rates of youth unemployment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [68469/25]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to address the cost of disability as it affects people with disabilities living in rural communities. — Louise O'Reilly. [68470/25]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he plans to shift provision of the hot school meals scheme to non-profits (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [68468/25]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans for a cost of disability package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [73016/25]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he intends to increase and benchmark the fuel allowance to restore purchasing power at 2020 levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [73017/25]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures being taken to reduce waiting times for appeals within the social welfare appeals office; his plans to improve communication with appellants during the appeals process, including the provision of timely updates on the status of their appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [1782/26]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for proposing restrictions on investment options for self-directed PRSAs and the objectives these changes are intended to achieve. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2921/26]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the proposed changes to PRSA investment options are linked to compliance with EU directives or domestic policy priorities; and to outline the relevant requirements. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2922/26]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the evidence or analysis that has informed the decision to review or restrict investment options for self-directed PRSAs. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2923/26]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the assessment that has been carried out on the potential impact of the proposed changes on the pension market, including saver choice and competition among providers. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2924/26]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an analysis has been conducted on the potential effect of the proposed restrictions on investment options for self-directed PRSAs on housing supply, particularly in relation to residential property investment by pension schemes. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2925/26]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if modelling or forecasting has been undertaken to estimate the number of rental units that could be lost annually as a result of the proposed restrictions on investment options for self-directed PRSAs, and to provide details of that analysis. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2926/26]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has considered the potential impact of the proposed restrictions on investment options for self-directed PRSAs on small

business owners and self-employed individuals who rely on self-directed pensions for flexibility and control. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2927/26]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the engagement that has taken place with representative bodies for pensions in Ireland regarding the proposed changes to PRSA investment options. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2928/26]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a public consultation process will be undertaken before any legislative changes are introduced for restrictions on investment options for self-directed PRSAs; and the timeline and process for that consultation. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2929/26]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has engaged with stakeholders in the housing sector to assess the potential implications of the proposed restrictions on investment options for self-directed PRSAs changes for housing supply and affordability. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [2930/26]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will seek a review of the means-testing arrangements affecting farm families where one parent is a full-time unpaid carer and the sole farm income marginally exceeds thresholds, despite high costs associated with third-level education and caring responsibilities; and if measures will be considered to alleviate this hardship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [66666/25]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current means-testing system for farm households to ensure that depreciation of machinery and equipment is properly accounted for when assessing farm income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [66665/25]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made to date on the introduction of a permanent annual cost of disability support payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [2938/26]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will introduce any immediate financial measures to address the increased cost of living faced by people in receipt of disability allowance; the step he intends to take to reduce the gap between current disability allowance income supports and the at-risk-of-poverty threshold; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [2939/26]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has completed any updated analysis on the additional, recurring costs faced by people with disabilities; if he will publish the evidence base informing future disability-related income supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [2940/26]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to review the core rate of disability allowance in light of inflation, increased living costs, and the findings of the Cost of Disability Report; the timeline for any such review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [2941/26]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount his Department, or agencies under its remit, spent on advertising on a social media platform (details supplied) in each of the years 2024 and 2025 respectively; to outline any expenditure on verification or premium accounts on

the platform in those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3110/26]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the current treatment of part-time school bus drivers under the social welfare system; the reason drivers who are in continuous employment during the school term do not receive equivalent supports, such as the two-week break payment and the Christmas bonus; the measures being considered to ensure fair recognition of part-time school bus drivers, who provide essential services across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [3135/26]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will examine the feasibility of establishing a non-means-tested audiology support pathway for people born deaf, in recognition of the substantial recurring cost of hearing aids which is not met by the current treatment benefit scheme approximately €5,800 per person every five to seven years; if his Department will consider expanding supports to prevent families from incurring lifetime costs to access sound exceeding €100,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [3136/26]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will introduce an emergency winter payment for people with disabilities in 2026, in light of the withdrawal of once-off supports such as the €400 disability support grant and energy credits in Budget 2026; if he has assessed the impact of these withdrawn supports on people with disabilities who may now be up to €1,400 worse off; and if he will reinstate targeted energy credits for those at heightened risk of energy poverty, pending the introduction of a permanent Cost of Disability payment in 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [3137/26]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to amend the fuel allowance eligibility criteria for recipients over 66 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [3138/26]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to enhance and expand social welfare and Intreo services in County Laois to ensure timely access for claimants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [3139/26]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the uptake of back to work enterprise allowance, community employment, and other activation programmes in County Laois; and the steps being taken to increase participation among long-term unemployed individuals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [3140/26]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current processing times for disability allowance, carer's allowance and domiciliary care allowance applications in County Laois; and the actions being taken to reduce delays for applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [3141/26]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the initiatives underway to assist older people in County Laois in accessing pension entitlements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [3142/26]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to examine a submission from a person (details supplied) to implement an emergency winter payment to offset the cost of disability in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3194/26]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the case of a person (details supplied) in relation to a decision on jobseeker's allowance claim; the current status of this review; the expected timeframe for a decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [3277/26]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of extending the domiciliary care allowance from 16 to 18 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [3288/26]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider the case of a student requiring access to the back to education allowance (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [3313/26]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of all analysis his Department has carried out on the introduction of a permanent cost of disability support payment; and to provide an update on the progress his Department has made on introduction of such a payment. — Eoin Hayes. [3314/26]

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

\*447. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason an application was rejected (details supplied) given that all documentation was lodged for the application and no communication was received by the applicant from his Department advising that there was outstanding documentation required which in turn lead to the application being refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2915/26]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of an application (details supplied) given that it is 23 months since the application was submitted which is beyond the standard processing timeframe for such application types; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2916/26]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the timeframe for deciding upon visa applications and appeals in cases where an Irish citizen born in this State is the named party providing assurances of financial support for the applicant or appellant. — Peadar Tóibín. [2993/26]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when crime statistics will be made available by the nationality of the offender and migration status. — Peadar Tóibín. [2994/26]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on new prison scoping and the way in which his Department is addressing prison overcrowding. — Peadar Tóibín. [2995/26]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the funding allocated to domestic, sexual and gender-based violence services in County Waterford in each year 2020 to 2025; and the number of refuge spaces available, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3014/26]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of people committed to prison from Waterford courts in each year 2020 to 2025, broken down by offence type, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3015/26]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of people released from prison to rehabilitative services in Waterford in each year 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3016/26]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures taken by IPAS to ensure the suitability of accommodation for people with serious medical conditions when planning transfers of people with status; the opportunities people with status have to raise their medical needs with IPAS when given a transfer notice; the number of transfers that have been stopped, delayed or reversed due to the presence of a serious medical condition, in 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [3038/26]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will outline the laws and regulations currently covering the area of covert human intelligence sources (CHIS); his views on whether an independent oversight role should be formalised in law; and to detail his plans for introducing legislation governing this area. — Cian O'Callaghan. [3039/26]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when he will present the Criminal Law and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2025 to the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [3040/26]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans for a local international protection centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [3091/26]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount his Department, or agencies under its remit, spent on advertising on a social media platform (details supplied) in each of the years 2024 and 2025 respectively; to outline any expenditure on verification or premium accounts on the platform in those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3107/26]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way in which Garda resourcing levels are impacting crime detection and prevention; the resourcing improvements expected in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [3118/26]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps being taken to address the ongoing delays in the processing of visas, including family re-unification visas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [3120/26]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of former Gardaí that applied to rejoin An Garda Síochána in each year 2020-2025 inclusive; the number who successfully rejoined, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [3188/26]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of offences recorded by An Garda Síochána under sections (details supplied); the number of prosecutions brought in each case; the number of convictions in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [3192/26]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of GoSafe speed camera vans in operation in 2025; if that number has been increased now to cater for the 390 additional GoSafe speed camera zones operational since 1 January 2026; and the number of monitoring hours per month across the national network of GoSafe camera zones in 2025. — Michael Murphy. [3202/26]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardai working in roads policing units on 31 December 2025, by Garda division; the total number that were assigned to roads policing units each month in 2025; the number of transfers, resignations and retirements from roads policing units in 2025; the current number of Gardai in each Roads Policing Unit to date in 2026; if that number includes officers not on active duty; and the number of members who are not currently in active duty in road policing, by roads policing unit. — Michael Murphy. [3203/26]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí who graduated and were sworn in as full members of An Garda Síochána from the Garda college in 2025. — Michael Murphy. [3205/26]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current number of roads policing vehicles, by Garda division. — Michael Murphy. [3206/26]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of fixed charge penalty point notices (FCPNs) issued by Gardaí on interception of speeding drivers, by Garda division, in 2025; the number of drivers who failed to pay the FCPN; the number summoned to court; the number that were convicted; and the number who had their driver number captured by the court. — Michael Murphy. [3207/26]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of fixed charge penalty point notices issued by An Garda Síochána to the registered owner of a vehicle following a speeding offence detected by a speed camera in 2025; the number of owners who failed to pay the fine; the number summoned to court; the number convicted; and the number of driver numbers recorded by the court on conviction. — Michael Murphy. [3208/26]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of registered owners of vehicles detected speeding in 2025 who nominated another person as the driver at the time of the offence; the number of nominated drivers who were issued with a fixed charge notice (FCN); the number who failed to pay the FCN; the number summonsed to court; the number convicted; and the number who had their driver number recorded in court. — Michael Murphy. [3209/26]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of drivers intercepted by Gardaí in 2025 who were arrested and charged with drink driving on the day of the offence; the number prosecuted; the number disqualified in court; and the number who had their driver number captured in court on conviction. — Michael Murphy. [3210/26]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [3223/26]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if Donabate is included in the Garda Capital Investment Programme 2023–2030; and if not, the reason. — Ann Graves. [3227/26]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the initiatives planned to address juvenile crime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3263/26]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of people who have come to Ireland in each of the past ten years under the family reunification rules. — Peadar Tóibín. [3301/26]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of offences aggravated under section 8 of the Criminal Justice (Hate Offences) Act 2024 have been recorded in proceedings as per section 8(4) of the Act, to outline which protected characteristic or characteristics were recorded in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [3311/26]

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

\*477. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers in County Waterford awaiting income support and other scheme payments at year-end 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3028/26]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers in each county awaiting income support and other scheme payments at year-end 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3029/26]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farm inspections carried out in County Waterford in each year 2020 to 2025; and the number resulting in penalties, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3030/26]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farm inspections carried out in each county for each year 2020 to 2025; and the number resulting in penalties, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3031/26]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of forestry licence applications submitted, approved and pending in each county for each year 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3032/26]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the level of capital funding allocated to and drawn down by harbours and piers in each county for each year 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3033/26]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount his Department, or agencies under its remit, spent on advertising on a social media platform (details supplied) in each of the years 2024 and 2025 respectively; to outline any expenditure on verification or premium accounts on the platform in those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3095/26]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of greyhounds injured in racing, trials and sales events in 2025 and to-date in 2026, by type of injury; the date and location where they occurred; the number killed outright or euthanised by track vets; the number and causes of additional racing fatalities; and the results of any related post-mortems. — Paul Murphy. [3173/26]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of horses from the horse racing industry sent to slaughter in 2025 in Ireland and abroad; and the locations of the slaughterhouses. — Paul Murphy. [3174/26]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of injured horses killed at Irish racecourses or later killed elsewhere in 2025, with a breakdown of type of injury and location; and if, given the ongoing suffering and death at races, he will defund horse racing. — Paul Murphy. [3175/26]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of horses killed at race events (details supplied) or later killed elsewhere as a result of injuries sustained at these festivals; and if, given the high number of fatalities, he will launch investigations. — Paul Murphy. [3176/26]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when surgical artificial insemination of canines, including greyhounds, will be banned in Ireland, given the results of his Department's public consultation which found that 99% of those who responded want the grotesque procedure outlawed (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [3177/26]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will demand confirmation from the European Commission that no imports can be allowed into the EU of any Mercosur district produced goods that do not comply with recognised EU standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3193/26]

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

\*490. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider matters raised in correspondence (details supplied), relating to a family with two sons in need of ongoing supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [3215/26]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review correspondence in relation to a family where two sons have additional educational needs and require significant supports; if she will ensure that a case conference is convened as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [3217/26]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review correspondence in relation to a family where two sons have additional educational needs and require significant supports; if she will ensure that a multidisciplinary case conference is convened as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [3218/26]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to report on the delay with an assessment of need for a child (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2932/26]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide the National Equality Data Strategy 2026-2031. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [2949/26]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to expedite an application for transport to the National Learning Centre in Tralee, County Kerry in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3058/26]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the funding schemes administered by her Department which a club (details supplied) could apply to for support for the redevelopment of a clubhouse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [3083/26]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if a childcare provider can terminate an ECCE placement if a parent reduces their child's childcare hours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [3089/26]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review the proposed reorganisation of services (details supplied) in Cork given concerns that the integration of youth homelessness, aftercare and domestic violence services into front door teams may remove specialist, community-based supports from the city centre; how the proposed reforms will ensure that specialist youth homelessness and prevention services are not diluted, displaced or subsumed by child protection pressures within front door teams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3093/26]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is satisfied that the proposed alignment of services (details supplied) in Cork under Tusla's reform programme will not reduce accessibility for vulnerable young people aged 15 years and over who are out of home or at risk of homelessness; if these services will continue to be delivered from a visible, community-based location in Cork city; and if she will provide assurances that Tusla's reforms are consistent with Sláintecare Strategy 2025 commitments to prevention, early intervention and community delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3094/26]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the amount her Department, or agencies under its remit, spent on advertising on a social media platform (details supplied) in each of the years 2024 and 2025 respectively; to outline any expenditure on verification or premium accounts on the platform in those years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3096/26]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of concerns raised by senior social workers to the CEO of Tusla; if she will provide responses to the issues raised by these professionals, or a copy of the reply sent by Tusla responding to each concern; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3178/26]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if ECCE/early years childcare and education services that are 100% State funded and effectively not operating for profit are liable for commercial rates; if so, if her Department will provide or subsidise commercial rates for ECCE services; if not, if the services are legally permitted to pass these costs onto parents through increased fees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [3266/26]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide significantly more physical and therapeutic supports through the Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) within east Limerick, Ballysimon, Limerick, as many children are not currently receiving access to occupational therapy, physiotherapy, and other essential interventions that are critical to their development, wellbeing, and ability to participate in daily life; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [3276/26]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 23 of 18 December 2025, if she will provide the breakdown of costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [3286/26]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated number of persons eligible for the Magdalene restorative justice ex-gratia scheme and the mother and baby institutions payment scheme respectively, as set out in any preparatory documentation, relied upon by her Department at the time the schemes were established, including any revised estimates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [3304/26]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of applications approved to date under the Magdalene restorative justice ex-gratia scheme and the mother and baby institutions payment scheme, respectively; the percentage uptake of each scheme relative to the estimated eligible population; and whether her Department has conducted, or is aware of any analysis of reasons for non-application or low uptake; if so, to provide those reasons and information for both schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [3305/26]

*Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.*

\*507. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to improve the current waiting list for marriage of convenience interviews, given issues that have been raised (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [3186/26]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of GPs, and the number of GPs providing GMS services, in County Kerry, by local health area and per 10,000 population, at 1 December for each year from 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [2905/26]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations at University Hospital Kerry, by year, from 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026, broken down by appointment or procedure type and by adult/child, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [2910/26]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Health the average time to admission, the waiting-time distribution, and the number of patients leaving without being seen via the emergency department at University Hospital Kerry, by year from 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, with separate figures for all patients and patients aged 75 and over, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [2911/26]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed transfers of care, delayed discharges as a percentage of total discharges, and bed days lost as a percentage of total bed days at University Hospital Kerry, by year from 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [2912/26]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Health the bed occupancy rates at University Hospital Kerry, and the number of days full-capacity protocols in operation at the hospital, by year from 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [2913/26]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients in County Kerry on primary care and community services waiting lists, broken down by service type, age group, and length of wait, at December 2022-2025 or latest comparable date, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [2914/26]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Health whether the cold cap/scalp cooling machine in CUH is in operation; the number of times in each of the past 12 months it has been used; the number of patients that have been treated using it; and whether training has been provided for the chemo therapy nurses in order to use it. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [2943/26]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Health whether the linear accelerator in CUH is currently in use; and the number of patients treated or assessed using it during each of the past 12 months. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [2944/26]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to patients' and their families' concerns about breaks in the delivery of time-sensitive radiotherapy cancer treatment over holiday periods for example, at Christmas which can in some cases lead to accelerated repopulation of cancer cells; has she examined ways in which this can be addressed to minimise the impact on patients' treatment and outcomes, and look at NHS England guidance and leading UK cancer centres in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2945/26]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [2953/26]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to concerns related to larger disposable nicotine vaping devices that are becoming increasingly prevalent (details supplied); if she believes that these devices will be covered under the Public Health (Single-Use Vapes) Bill 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [2961/26]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Health the actions she has taken to ensure that the Public Health (Single-Use Vapes) Bill 2025 will be future proofed against developments in technology and attempts to find loopholes that would allow the sale of disposable nicotine vaping in other forms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [2962/26]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the research and expert involvement in the drafting process of the Public Health (Single-Use Vapes) Bill 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [2963/26]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the experience of the UK Government in relation to their ban on disposable nicotine vapes in June 2025; specifically in reference to the continued legality of larger disposable devices (details supplied); if she is conscious of the need to include these devices in the Public Health (Single-Use Vapes) Bill 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [2964/26]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any research carried out in relation to international comparisons when drafting the Public Health (Single-Use Vapes) Bill 2025; the

lessons that can be learned from countries that have already implemented a ban on single use vaping products; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [2965/26]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the recent announcement of funding to the Community Connections and Well-being Project will link with the already existing social prescribing projects which are already funded by HSE and based within family resource centres in Cavan and Monaghan; the linkages that should be developed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [2969/26]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Health the work being undertaken to ensure that hospitals using family rooms as wards should only do so on a temporary basis and the measures been taken to restore these family rooms which are vital in providing palliative care to patients and carers and their families. — Peadar Tóibín. [2992/26]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Health the reasonable accommodations that are in place in primary care settings in relation to blood tests for people with disabilities who experience needle phobia; if there is a process outlined by the HSE for such cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3000/26]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any engagement she has had with the major health insurance providers in Ireland in relation to the increasing premiums facing their customers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3020/26]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Health the actions she is taking to seek to reduce the cost of Health Insurance premiums in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3021/26]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to cases whereby people are unable to afford health insurance premiums but feel forced to due to the length of waiting lists in public hospitals; the actions she is taking to address these concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3022/26]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the operation for a child (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [3036/26]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be allocated in the HSE Capital Programme for the development of a mental health facility adjacent to Wexford General Hospital; to provide appropriate care for persons in County Wexford presenting in a mental health crisis (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [3041/26]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Health to examine the provision of whole-family support and wrap around services for families and individuals experiencing a mental health crisis in their homes; to address the urgent need for improved responses and supports given the scale of the mental health crisis in the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [3042/26]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for an adult in the Wicklow-Wexford constituency to receive an appointment for a psychiatrist in Adult Mental Health Services; a psychologist in the primary care mental health service; the number of individuals on

each waiting list for over six months in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [3043/26]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for a child in the Wicklow-Wexford constituency to receive an appointment for a psychiatrist in CAMHS; a psychologist in the primary care mental health service; the number of children on each waiting list for over six months in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [3044/26]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Health the steps her Department is taking to ensure continuity of care for women who have had difficult or traumatic previous pregnancies in light of recent changes made to consultant contracts as part of Sláintecare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [3048/26]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Health to review correspondence (details supplied); the steps her Department is taking on this issue; the actions her Department has taken to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [3049/26]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Health the current eligibility criteria for access to publicly funded in vitro fertilisation treatment, including the basis for any requirements related to marital or relationship status; whether her Department has undertaken, or plans to undertake, a review of the criteria to ensure they are fair, inclusive and reflective of modern family structures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [3050/26]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that steps are being undertaken to dismantle the Office of the Confidential Recipient contrary to the delegation by the Director General to the Confidential Recipient; her concerns that under these proposed changes the Office of the Confidential Recipient will no longer be independent or confidential; if she is aware that this will significantly reduce the ability of service users and patients to report concerns confidentially to an independent body and to receive support advice and guidance; if she has given permission for this happen; if she will reverse this detrimental subsuming of the office into the internal structures of the HSE; and her views these changes are likely to endanger vulnerable adults including people with disabilities and older adults. — Peadar Tóibín. [3061/26]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Health if the Office of the Confidential Recipient continue to be independent and confidential of the HSE as per the Delegation. — Peadar Tóibín. [3062/26]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Health if she has concerns as to the continued unfettered independence in the role and function of the Confidential Recipient as per the Delegation. — Peadar Tóibín. [3063/26]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether the importance of the Confidential Recipient role and function is respected by the HSE Senior Leadership team. — Peadar Tóibín. [3064/26]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Health if the Confidential Recipient as established under a legal delegation remains in place. — Peadar Tóibín. [3065/26]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Health if the Confidential Recipient continues to have the vital escalation pathway to the CEO for abuse cases. — Peadar Tóibín. [3066/26]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Health if the Confidential Recipient raised any concerns in relation to abuse cases where the HSE failed to reassure the Confidential Recipient that they appropriately assessed and examined reported concerns of abuse, neglect and wrongdoing submitted by the Confidential Recipient to the HSE. — Peadar Tóibín. [3067/26]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Health if the Confidential Recipient raised any concerns with her that the HSE is interfering with the independence of the office, or attempting to subsume the office into the internal structures of the HSE. — Peadar Tóibín. [3068/26]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Health the frequency which the CEO of the HSE and the Confidential Recipient meet with one another to ensure the Office of the Confidential Recipient is being appropriately supported, that it remains a fully confidential and independent service and that its independence continues unfettered and that any presenting issues are discussed. — Peadar Tóibín. [3069/26]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Health if the Confidential Recipient raised any concerns with the CEO of the HSE as to the protection and enhancement of the independence of the office of the Confidential Recipient. — Peadar Tóibín. [3070/26]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Health which committee will the CR meet with annually, as the Independent Quality & Safety Committee has been disbanded under the new HSE regional health area structures, in order to submit the Confidential Recipient annual report for review and to raise any issues, themes and challenges for service users, families, staff and the public contacting the Office of the Confidential Recipient. — Peadar Tóibín. [3071/26]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Health in consideration of the Emily, Brandon and Grace reports, if the powers of the Confidential Recipient been strengthened to reflect the prevalent concerns in relation to the care and treatment of adults with a disability and older adults from the HSE and its funded agencies. — Peadar Tóibín. [3072/26]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Health if the Confidential Recipient's escalation pathway for abuse cases to the CEO has been strengthened. — Peadar Tóibín. [3073/26]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the workings of the legal delegation, and in particular, the Independence of the Office of the Confidential Recipient, are being upheld and protected by the HSE from any interference from the HSE internal operations. — Peadar Tóibín. [3074/26]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Health if she will strengthen the role and function of the Confidential Recipient in consideration of the National Framework For Safeguarding published on 9 of December 2025. — Peadar Tóibín. [3075/26]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no mention of the Office of the Confidential Recipient in the new framework document and therefore no reassurance of the strengthening of the role and function of the Confidential Recipient. — Peadar Tóibín. [3076/26]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 837 of 1 July 2025, to outline the funding arrangements for procedures for idiopathic scoliosis in a private hospital (details supplied), including the amount paid per surgery; and the total amount paid to public surgeons working in this hospital for spinal procedures over the past three years, broken down by year. — Paul Murphy. [3077/26]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Health the number and type of incidents reported by CHI and logged on the National Incident Management System; how these events were ranked, and the relevant incident summaries covering the period January 2020 to July 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [3088/26]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Health the amount her Department, or agencies under its remit, spent on advertising on a social media platform (details supplied) in each of the years 2024 and 2025 respectively; to outline any expenditure on verification or premium accounts on the platform in those years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3105/26]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Health the supports in place, excluding the 5/6 weeks physio after cross-border directive surgery, for patients who are having health issues sometime after operations. — Claire Kerrane. [3113/26]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Health if the suspension of blind welfare allowance payments from the HSE until March due to errors in the HSE's set-up of a new financial system could be rectified sooner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3114/26]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent consultant, non-consultant hospital doctor, nursing and health and social care professional posts approved, filled and vacant in emergency departments in each acute public hospital at the end of each year from 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3154/26]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Health the total expenditure on agency and locum staffing in emergency departments in each acute public hospital, by staff category, for each year from 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3155/26]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of emergency department clinical hours delivered by agency or locum staff, by staff category, in each acute public hospital, for each year from 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3156/26]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency department consultant posts vacant for more than six months and more than twelve months in each acute public hospital at the end of each year from 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3157/26]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Health the average and median staffing levels per emergency department shift, by staff category, in each acute public hospital; and the way in which these compare with recommended staffing levels, for each year from 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3158/26]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Health the total expenditure on agency and locum staffing in intensive care units in each acute public hospital, broken down by staff category, for each year from 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3159/26]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of ICU nursing and medical shifts covered by agency or locum staff in each acute public hospital, for each year from 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3160/26]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Health the number of intensive care beds that could not be opened or were temporarily closed due to staffing shortages in each acute public hospital, for each year from 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3161/26]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing ratios (staff per bed and staff per attendance where applicable) for emergency departments, trauma services and intensive care units in each acute public hospital; and the national average for each service, for each year from 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3162/26]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Health the spend on permanent staffing and on temporary staffing (excluding agency), and on agency staffing for each hospital, and for each emergency department or trauma service, by region, by hospital, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3163/26]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer patients on waiting lists for cancer treatment, including chemotherapy, by hospital, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [3179/26]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Health the dental screening programme for primary school students; the level of uptake; to outline any regional variation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [3190/26]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for access to an initial assessment for psychological therapy through primary care in Fingal east; the waiting times for access to psychological therapy interventions through primary care in Fingal east; the waiting times for access to secondary/tertiary services for psychological therapy in Fingal east for individuals deemed to have severe mental health conditions; the waiting times for access to CAMHs for residents of Fingal east; the waiting times for access to assessment of need for children in Fingal east; and the waiting time for access to occupational therapy and SLT through CDNT in Fingal east. — Ann Graves. [3222/26]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Health to ensure that an organisation (details supplied) has adequate funding. — Ann Graves. [3224/26]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Health if she will give consideration to providing a number of free sessions with registered therapists or counsellors, to improve mental health. — Ann Graves. [3225/26]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Health when the Donabate Primary Care Centre tender will proceed, considering the massive population growth in Donabate; if she will confirm there are plans to expand the local GP service, dental service, chronic care for older persons or the service for CAMHS. — Ann Graves. [3226/26]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Health if she anticipates strengthening the delegation in consideration of the framework for safeguarding. — Peadar Tóibín. [3233/26]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Confidential Recipient annual report, as the last report was issued in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [3234/26]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Health with the establishment of regional health areas in the HSE, if the Confidential Recipient is satisfied that the level of communication with the regional executive officers and other senior managers is providing an effective line of communication. — Peadar Tóibín. [3235/26]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Health if the six REO's understand the independent role of the Confidential Recipient; the powers delegated to the Confidential Recipient; the independence and confidentiality of the office; and if the professional communication between the relevant parties is working effectively. — Peadar Tóibín. [3236/26]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Health if the CEO of the HSE has ensured that the Confidential Recipient has met with the six REO's and the CEO to ensure collaborative working. — Peadar Tóibín. [3237/26]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Health if service users can be confident that when they contact the Confidential Recipient, that the service is confidential and independent without interference or undue influence from the HSE and its internal operations. — Peadar Tóibín. [3238/26]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Health if the Confidential Recipient has a role to play in ensuring the safety and protection of vulnerable adults, where concerns are reported to the Confidential Recipient and the HSE fails to act. — Peadar Tóibín. [3239/26]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Health if a matter (details supplied) being upheld and maintained to ensure the Confidential Recipient can carry out their duties fully in the manner intended to protect all vulnerable people. — Peadar Tóibín. [3240/26]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Health if it is easy for the Confidential Recipient to contact the CEO of the HSE where serious concerns arise and the HSE fails to act appropriately; and the procedure for doing so. — Peadar Tóibín. [3241/26]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Health if she will meet with the Confidential Recipient. — Peadar Tóibín. [3242/26]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Health the rate of accrual for access to the public sector pension for those signing POCC23. — Marie Sherlock. [3251/26]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Health the number signing up to POCC23 for each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Marie Sherlock. [3252/26]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants aged over 55 years who signed the POCC23 by the end of 2025. — Marie Sherlock. [3253/26]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants aged between 45 and 55 years who signed the POCC23 by the end of 2025. — Marie Sherlock. [3254/26]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on progress regarding the proposed new 60-bed community nursing unit for Cashel, County Tipperary; if the site option appraisal and architect's report referred to in correspondence to this Deputy on 2 September 2025 have now been completed; if a preferred site has been identified; and the next steps and indicative timeframe for advancing the project to design and construction stages. — Michael Murphy. [3258/26]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Health if baby formula can be obtained from the UK through a scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3267/26]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Health the expected completion date for the new hospice facility in Drogheda; whether an interim community palliative care model will be funded and operational in the Ardee–Drogheda–Dundalk corridor pending its opening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [3280/26]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a regional breakdown of palliative care service availability, staffing levels, and operating hours showing Ardee, Dundalk, and the Drogheda catchment areas, including comparison with national averages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [3281/26]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Health the current level of out-of-hours and weekend community palliative nursing provision available in counties Louth, Meath, Cavan and Monaghan; how this compares with national standards and other regions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [3282/26]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency department attendances and unplanned hospital admissions in the northeast, in the past three years, that were clinically attributable to the absence of out-of-hours community palliative care, broken down by county; and the steps being taken to reduce these admissions. — Erin McGreehan. [3283/26]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the continued absence of out-of-hours community palliative care in the northeast is consistent with commitments under Sláintecare, the National Adult Palliative Care Policy, and the Programme for Government to shift care from hospitals into the community. — Erin McGreehan. [3284/26]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to date in advancing the Programme for Government commitment to increase ring-fenced home care hours and funding for dementia intensive home care packages; the breakdown of the number of dementia intensive home care hours delivered nationally in 2024 and 2025, respectively; the number of recipients of these intensive home support hours in 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [3285/26]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of funding open to first responders groups in order to facilitate training and the upkeep of such a vital service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [3289/26]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons survivors of rape and sexual assault in Limerick, Clare and Tipperary are required to make a report to the Gardaí before they can access treatment at a SATU (sexual assault treatment unit) and if they are not ready to report it they are required to travel to a SATU in Galway or Cork; her plans to open a sexual assault treatment unit in the midwest to support survivors of rape and sexual assault; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [3295/26]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the tender contract in UHW regarding taxis for dialysis patients and patients in general; when the contract is up for renewal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3306/26]

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

\*599. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department will provide a detailed explanation about the ongoing technical issues with a new student record system at TU Dublin affecting all five campuses; of the 321 unregistered TU Dublin students impacted, if these students are still eligible to apply for SUSI grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [2934/26]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps his Department can take to support further and higher education students who because of college or university technical problems are unable to register and therefore cannot access their SUSI grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [2935/26]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount his Department, or agencies under its remit, spent on advertising on a social media platform (details supplied) in each of the years 2024 and 2025 respectively; to outline any expenditure on verification or premium accounts on the platform in those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3104/26]

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

\*602. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the funding allocated and drawn down for remote working hubs in County Waterford in each year 2020 to 2025; and current occupancy levels, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3011/26]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the initiatives his Department is undertaking to incentivise professionals to relocate to rural and commuter towns, with the goal of addressing dwindling populations, boosting local economies, and revitalizing communities. — Peadar Tóibín. [2981/26]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the funding schemes administered by his Department which a club (details supplied) could apply to for support the redevelopment of a clubhouse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [3080/26]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the amount his Department, or agencies under its remit, spent on advertising on a social media platform (details supplied) in each of the years 2024 and 2025 respectively; to outline any expenditure on verification or premium accounts on the platform in those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3109/26]