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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cork city taskforce will be established. — Séamus McGrath. [64215/25]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cork city taskforce will be established. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [64217/25]
3. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Paul McAuliffe. [67575/25]
4. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Catherine Ardagh. [67576/25]
5. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Tom Brabazon. [67577/25]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cork city taskforce will be established. — Pádraig Rice. [68413/25]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cork city taskforce will be established. — Pádraig Rice. [70179/25]
8. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Barry Heneghan. [72004/25]
9. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Mary Lou McDonald. [74324/25]
10. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [1832/26]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cork city taskforce will be established. — Thomas Gould. [3471/26]
12. To ask the Taoiseach the position regarding the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Mark Ward. [3645/26]
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cork city taskforce will be established. — Liam Quaide. [3649/26]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cork city taskforce will be established. — Eoghan Kenny. [3797/26]

15. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Peadar Tóibín. [3829/26]

16. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3920/26]

17. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Paul Murphy. [3923/26]

18. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Marie Sherlock. [4022/26]

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

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

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

22. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of his Department's annual report for 2024. — Darren O'Rourke. [3647/26]

23. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of his Department's annual report for 2024. — Liam Quaide. [3650/26]

24. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of his Department's annual report for 2024. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [3743/26]

25. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of his Department's annual report for 2024. — Séamus McGrath. [3744/26]

26. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of his Department's annual report for 2024. — Ruth Coppinger. [3746/26]

27. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of his Department's annual report for 2024. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3921/26]

28. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of his Department's annual report for 2024. — Paul Murphy. [3924/26]

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

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

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the G20 in South Africa. — Ruth Coppinger. [3747/26]
32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the G20 in South Africa. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3922/26]
33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the G20 in South Africa. — Paul Murphy. [3925/26]
34. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the G20 in South Africa. — Duncan Smith. [4037/26]
35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the G20 in South Africa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [4087/26]
36. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the EU-African Union Summit. — Malcolm Byrne. [68211/25]
37. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the EU-African Union Summit. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [1834/26]
38. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the EU-African Union Summit. — Ruth Coppinger. [3748/26]
39. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the EU-African Union Summit. — Duncan Smith. [4038/26]
40. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — John Connolly. [67574/25]
41. To ask the Taoiseach for an update regarding the Programme for Government. — Michael Cahill. [71592/25]
42. To ask the Taoiseach for an update regarding the Programme for Government. — Séamus McGrath. [71593/25]
43. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Mary Lou McDonald. [74325/25]
44. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Cian O’Callaghan. [74418/25]
45. To ask the Taoiseach for an update regarding the Programme for Government. — Brendan Smith. [74525/25]
46. To ask the Taoiseach for an update regarding the Programme for Government. — Cian O’Callaghan. [72586/25]
47. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Barry Heneghan. [1733/26]

48. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Malcolm Byrne. [3638/26]

49. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [3639/26]

50. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Mark Ward. [3646/26]

51. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Darren O'Rourke. [3648/26]

52. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Peadar Tóibín. [3830/26]

53. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — David Cullinane. [4024/26]

54. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [4088/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

62. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [4089/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

73. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [3640/26]

74. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Eoghan Kenny. [4028/26]

75. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Mark Wall. [4033/26]

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

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

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

79. To ask the Taoiseach his response to the recent NESC report, 'Building A Virtuous Demographic Cycle'. — Shane Moynihan. [3792/26]

80. To ask the Taoiseach his response to the recent NESC report, 'Building A Virtuous Demographic Cycle'. — Ryan O'Meara. [3794/26]

81. To ask the Taoiseach his response to the recent NESC report, 'Building A Virtuous Demographic Cycle'. — Albert Dolan. [3796/26]

82. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the first progress report of the Climate Action Plan 2025. — Ciarán Ahern. [4030/26]

83. To ask the Taoiseach his assessment and response to the NESC report, 'Connecting People to the Energy Transition'. — Ciarán Ahern. [4031/26]

84. To ask the Taoiseach his response to the recent NESC Report, 'Building A Virtuous Demographic Cycle'. — Aindrias Moynihan. [4039/26]

85. To ask the Taoiseach his assessment and response to the NESC report, 'Connecting People to the Energy Transition'. — Barry Heneghan. [4040/26]

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

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

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

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

90. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — David Cullinane. [4025/26]

91. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Barry Heneghan. [4041/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

100. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the first meeting of the Delivery and Monitoring Committee for the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025-2030, which he chaired on 8 December 2025. — Mark Wall. [4034/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

119. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent visit to China. — Martin Daly. [3769/26]

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

121. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [3770/26]

122. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Tom Brabazon. [3772/26]

123. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Paul McAuliffe. [3783/26]

124. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Catherine Ardagh. [3790/26]

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

126. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress his Department is making in tackling child poverty. — Mark Wall. [4035/26]

127. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of the ‘Budget 2026: Spotlight on Disability’ report recently published by his Department. — Martin Daly. [3768/26]

128. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of the ‘Budget 2026: Spotlight on Disability’ report recently published by his Department. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [3771/26]

129. To ask the Taoiseach the number of jobs supported by tourism in Cork. — John Paul O’Shea. [2690/26]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

130. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total amount of both LSSIF and CSFF funding drawn down in 2025; the list of all groups that received funding, in

tabular form; if, in light of the arduous grant applications process and difficulties organisations have found with the LSSIF/ CSFF process, he has recognised this difficulty, resulting in future rounds being simplified; if not, if he has considered providing assistance for voluntary-led organisations who might not have the skillset to navigate through the existing difficult application process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [4111/26]

131. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he accepts that safeguarding in sport must extend beyond child protection, to include clear and enforceable adult safeguarding standards; the steps taken by his Department and Sport Ireland to ensure consistent adult safeguarding policies across all sports organisations; and if he will introduce a requirement that all sporting bodies adopt such policies as a condition of public funding and affiliation. — Robert O'Donoghue. [3661/26]

132. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps he will take to ensure stronger oversight, better value for money and improved transparency in the use of public funds across the arts, culture, and media sectors (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [4110/26]

133. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when he will publish the report of Professor Niamh Brennan into governance and culture at the Arts Council; and the timetable for the implementation of the recommendations within that report. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [4113/26]

134. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he has had engagement with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the use of AI to generate harmful and illegal content on the platform, the dissemination of same on the platform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [3728/26]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

135. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department is aware that areas in rural Ireland, such as Mountbellew in County Galway, continue to experience significant gaps in mobile phone coverage and remain effectively dead zones for cellular reception; if he will provide an update on measures being taken to address these coverage deficits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [3651/26]

136. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the second stage of Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund will be announced; if it will include funding for a club (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [68399/25]

137. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to confirm that the connection timeframes anticipated will be met on the NBI rollout for deployment areas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [4128/26]

138. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the initiatives his Department is undertaking to ensure that people with disabilities have equal opportunity to participate in sport. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [3713/26]

139. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the next round of sports capital applications will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [4116/26]

140. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the sports capital programme will be open again for applications; the other funding streams available for sports facilities, including those in schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [4101/26]

141. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline his investment in public swimming pools; the new pools that will be opened in 2026 and 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [3342/26]

142. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his plans to improve sports and recreation facilities in west Wicklow in particular a sports centre for Baltinglass; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [4090/26]

143. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is concerned by the lack of space for arts and culture in Dublin city centre; the efforts, if any, his plans to support a space for arts and culture in the area in light of recent developments surrounding The Complex venue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [4121/26]

144. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the engagement his Department has had with Dublin local authorities regarding their experience of acquiring land for the development of new playing pitches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [4078/26]

145. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures he is taking to support sport and sports clubs in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [4064/26]

146. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department has engaged with the Department of Finance in relation to the reduction of VAT for gym and leisure centre memberships, and classes to encourage greater participation numbers across the younger cohort of society; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [4059/26]

147. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to consider creating a school's stream within the sports capital grant, in which schools can individually apply for sports capital funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [4117/26]

148. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the amount that was spent by his Department in supporting sports clubs and organisations in Cork in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [4119/26]

149. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to detail the Department's engagement with Coimisiún na Meán regarding regulatory enforcement in respect of digital platforms that do not adequately address harmful or misleading content; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [4055/26]

150. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if there are plans to sanction a social media platform (details supplied) following the AI production of sexualised images

of children; if he will use the regulator to reign them in, and examine every means possible, including geo-blocking; if he will, as a matter of urgency, work for an outright ban on so-called 'nudification' apps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [2907/26]

151. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the current status and proposed timeline for the introduction of the pilot age verification tool in the context of online safety; the scope and intended operation of the tool, including the platforms to which it will apply; whether his Department plans to accompany its rollout with structured education and awareness programmes on online safety for children, parents and adults; the way in which such education will be delivered and funded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [4133/26]

152. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department will consider providing special additional funding support to a festival (details supplied), which will celebrate the unique milestone of 30 years in existence in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [4130/26]

153. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the discussions he has had with other departments to ensure that any public monies allocated to support the Irish film industry are subject to ensuring that employment rights and conditions of fixed-term workers comply fully with the Protection of Employees (Fixed-Term Work) Act 2003 and the Copyright and Related Rights Act 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [70407/25]

154. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the numbers of homes/premises that are connected to high speed broadband under national broadband scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [3421/26]

155. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if it is anticipated that applications for the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund will be opened in 2026; how preparations for a further round of the CSFF in 2026 are progressing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [4051/26]

156. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding any proposals to provide for additional regulations, policies and protections to increase safeguarding of children/young adults online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3343/26]

157. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the next round of the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme will be launched; the expected scale and scope of the programme; the way in which his Department assesses and prioritises applications in terms of local impact, participation levels and community need; the way in which the programme will continue to support grassroots clubs and voluntary organisations, which play a vital role in sustaining sport and physical activity at local level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [1453/26]

158. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the scope that is available for the provision of an arts centre in Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [3636/26]

159. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 65 of 2 October 2025, the progress made to date for the procurement of a cell based emergency public warning system; the number of meetings his Department has had to date with the office of emergency planning in the Department of Defence in relation to the development of such a system; when he expects the system to be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [4100/26]

160. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps being taken by his Department to support new and first-time applicants to the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme; the guidance, outreach or capacity-building measures which will be provided in advance of the next funding round; if his Department intends to host a series of regional information sessions or roadshows to assist clubs, particularly smaller and rural organisations with the application process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [1454/26]

161. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures being taken by his Department to establish new sports facilities, or to facilitate the use of existing community facilities such as school sports halls, by local community groups in towns and villages where the availability of such is in short supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [4131/26]

162. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for a detailed report on the current progress and projected completion dates for the National Broadband Plan (NBP) deployment in the Mayo Intervention Area; the reasons for any recent delays in the roll-out in key rural zones; and the strategy to ensure that remote communities, including the offshore islands of Mayo, have access to fully operational broadband connection points as a critical prerequisite for drawing down funding under the CLÁR and LEADER programmes. — Paul Lawless. [68160/25]

163. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the arts capital scheme announced in Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [4115/26]

164. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will outline the estimated cost of his Department purchasing The Complex venue; the engagement had on this with the Department of Finance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [4106/26]

165. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on his Department's efforts to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to provide the nationwide network of post offices with funding to ensure their sustainability and enhance the value they bring to local communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [4144/26]

166. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department will provide financial support to an organisation (details supplied) in County Galway for a new clubhouse, gym and wellness centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [3662/26]

167. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to detail how principle D of the National Counter Disinformation Strategy, which focuses on corporate accountability and regulatory enforcement, will be implemented in respect of AI-driven platforms (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [4054/26]

168. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the timeframe for the next round of funding that will be made available under the Community Sports Facilities Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [4120/26]

169. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is aware of the growing shortage of sports pitches, particularly during the winter months, and of adequate toilets and changing facilities; the impact this is having on local clubs; the measures currently in place, and any further actions planned, to address these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [4098/26]

170. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the next Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund application process will commence. — Séamus McGrath. [4067/26]

171. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update, including a timetable, on the planned extension of the basic income for artists scheme; to indicate the position of the current participants in the scheme, and if they can apply to be part of the next scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [3753/26]

172. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is aware that there is no facility for grants for children seeking to play darts on the world stage. — Thomas Gould. [3469/26]

173. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the date for completion of the final roll-out of the national broadband scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [3423/26]

174. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the person or body which will have ownership of the national broadband scheme at the point where roll-out and delivery has been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [3425/26]

175. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 21 of 2 October 2025, if his Department has received a further update from the organisation (details supplied) regarding a new location for the Munster centre of excellence in Cork; when his Department expects to receive a business case from that organisation outlining the revised location, scope, and partnership arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [3763/26]

176. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his plans to support local authorities in the acquisition of land for new playing pitches. — Shane Moynihan. [4077/26]

177. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 1311 of 13 January 2026, if the Minister can advise when these commercial providers are going to roll out high speed broadband to these areas; if there is a timeframe, or if towns such as Listowel and others in Kerry will be black spots for high speed broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3919/26]

178. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the level of investment made through the most recent Sports Capital and Equipment Programme in Cork north-west; the number of projects approved, completed and paid out; whether further allocations will be considered to address gaps in sports infrastructure in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [4073/26]

179. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the plan in place for servicing villages that have a small to medium population but are not going to be connected under the fibre broadband rollout; who is responsible for servicing these villages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [4063/26]

180. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the status of the LSSIF projects in Cork City and Cork County; the number of projects that have proceeded with drawdowns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [3764/26]

181. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline the expected budget for the Large-Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund; when he expects this fund to open for applications for the next round of funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [3766/26]

182. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the support the Government is providing for the redevelopment of a stadium (details supplied). — John Connolly. [4129/26]

183. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department has considered the construction of a multi-purpose sports arena in the Laois constituency; the level of engagement, if any, that has taken place regarding such a development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [3660/26]

184. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the amount which has been paid to a company (details supplied) by the national broadband scheme for use of their poles, ducting and infrastructure in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [3424/26]

185. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Cumarsáide agus Spóirt cén dearcadh atá aige faoi mholadh an Choimisiúin um Thodhchaí na Meán go mbeadh neamhspleáchas eagarthóireachta ag TG4 maidir lena sheirbhís nuachta féin; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [4123/26]

186. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will introduce legislation to provide for SMS scam filters to be deployed in Ireland, similar to those permitted in other EU jurisdictions, in response to the ongoing proliferation of fake SMS messages. — David Maxwell. [74098/25]

187. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to support a dedicated Irish sports TV channel, which could be a viable and even lucrative project for his Department, this Government, RTÉ and the Irish people, if it is pursued seriously with all potential stakeholders on board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3918/26]

188. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the advisory committee on the restitution of cultural heritage last met; when it is expected to publish national guidelines; the requests, if any, that have been received by the national cultural institutions for the restitution of cultural heritage to other states; and the requests, if any, which have been made by him or his Department to institutions in other states for the restitution of Irish heritage since he became Minister; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [4122/26]

189. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is aware that sporting complexes operated under the Department of Education and Youth cannot apply for Sports Ireland grants. — Thomas Gould. [3468/26]

190. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the allocation to the basic income for the arts scheme in 2025 and 2026. — Cathy Bennett. [4079/26]

191. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps being taken to improve access to sports facilities for women and girls. — Tony McCormack. [4143/26]

192. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his views on the need to develop a new, high-performance HQ for an organisation (details supplied); his views on whether this would be of benefit for sailors of all ages and abilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3344/26]

193. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding the Sports Action Plan in addressing anti-social behaviour, particularly in Galway; if he will outline any new or expanded initiatives planned to broaden sports access for at-risk youth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [3652/26]

194. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the interactions his Department has had with social media companies and other Government departments following the release of the nudification feature by an organisation (detail supplied); whether legislation is being considered in order to deal with this feature; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [4052/26]

195. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when he intends to re-open the basic income for the arts scheme to new applicants. — Cathy Bennett. [4080/26]

196. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to discuss the recommendations of the Brennan report on the Arts Council; the next course of action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [4114/26]

197. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the final expected cost of the national broadband scheme to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [3422/26]

198. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the American Presidents trail which was proposed in 2025 by this Deputy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [4091/26]

199. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures he is taking to enhance online safety; his priorities for 2026; the way he plans to hold social media companies to account; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [4065/26]

200. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the actions being taken to increase participation in sport and physical activity across Cork, particularly among young people, women and disadvantaged communities; and if he will outline the funding and programme supports available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [4074/26]

201. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the next round of the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund will open. — Conor D. McGuinness. [4075/26]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*202. To ask the Taoiseach 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. — Eoghan Kenny. [3111/26]

*203. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Rory Hearne. [3627/26]

*204. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress his Department is making to address child poverty. — Rory Hearne. [3628/26]

*205. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an up-to-date contact list for queries from Oireachtas members to agencies under his Department, in tabular form. — Ciarán Ahern. [3880/26]

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

*206. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to detail the EU member states the Government considers to be “like-minded” in opposing the EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement, as referenced in the Programme for Government; and to outline the basis on which each such state is deemed aligned with Ireland’s position; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [3779/26]

*207. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the Defence Forces will be reimbursed for equipment donations provided to Ukraine under the €100 million in bilateral funding for non-lethal military assistance; whether any such funding will be used to support National Development Plan 2026–2030 projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [3807/26]

*208. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the details of his engagements with the government of Saudi Arabia and its embassy in Dublin regarding the arbitrary detention and torture of human rights defenders (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3363/26]

*209. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will undertake to individually visit the member states of the European Union, and meet with counterparts and parliamentarians in each, before the start of the Irish presidency of the European Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3381/26]

*210. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding the Government’s commitments under the new joint legacy framework; the up-to-date position on the establishment of the dedicated legacy unit within An Garda Síochána; the powers to be afforded to said unit to investigate legacy cases related to the Northern Ireland conflict; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [3443/26]

*211. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if consideration has been given to appointing new special envoys, particularly in relation to recent international events or in the context of Ireland's campaign for seat on the UN Human Rights Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [3586/26]

*212. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of EU Presidency policy and administrative officers now employed on temporary contracts; her plans being developed to retain or utilise these people once their contracts end, given at that stage they will have extensive and intimate knowledge of EU and Irish institutional operations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [3587/26]

*213. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on the current situation in Iran; and the engagement her Department has had with the European Union in relation to the matter. — Tom Brabazon. [3599/26]

*214. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to list the roles within public or semi-State organisations under her Department that are excluded from the single public service pension scheme; the number of people employed in those roles, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [3618/26]

*215. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total number of post codes which she and her Department are giving consideration to prescribing under the terms of the Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill 2025; and the total or estimated total geographical area of these post codes. — Carol Nolan. [3706/26]

*216. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to detail any joint letters, non-papers, position papers, or coordinated actions undertaken by Ireland in conjunction with other EU member states opposing the EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement; and to specify the countries involved and dates on which such actions occurred; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [3784/26]

*217. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the actions his Department has taken to support the Programme for Government commitment to work with like-minded EU countries to oppose the EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement; to list any meetings or correspondence with EU counterparts in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [3786/26]

*218. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline all engagements undertaken by him with other Heads of Government or senior EU officials in relation to opposition to the EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement; and to provide the dates, countries involved, and nature of each engagement. — Michael Collins. [3787/26]

*219. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether he considers the Government to have fully complied with the Programme for Government commitment to work with like-minded EU countries to oppose the EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement; and if so, to set out the evidence on which this assessment is based. — Michael Collins. [3788/26]

*220. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether the Government will commit to publishing a consolidated account of all Ministerial engagements, meetings, and coordinated

actions undertaken with other EU member states in opposition to the EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement; and if not, the reasons for same. — Michael Collins. [3789/26]

*221. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an up-to-date contact list for queries from Oireachtas members to agencies under her Department, in tabular form. — Ciarán Ahern. [3872/26]

*222. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to set out, in tabular form, the total amount of Exchequer funding provided by Ireland to programmes relating to Gaza and the West Bank from January 2023 to date, broken down by year, funding instrument, recipient organisation, and administering body, and to state the projected allocations to each recipient body to the end of 2026. — Ken O’Flynn. [3950/26]

*223. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade what governance, audit, and compliance conditions are attached to Irish Exchequer funding provided to UNRWA since January 2023, what additional oversight measures have been introduced following international concerns regarding UNRWA governance, and whether any Irish funding has been suspended, redirected, or made conditional as a result. — Ken O’Flynn. [3951/26]

*224. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade what mechanisms are used by her Department to verify the end-use of Irish humanitarian funding provided to Gaza and the West Bank, whether Ireland operates or participates in any independent verification or tracing system beyond partner self-reporting, and to outline the limitations of current verification arrangements. — Ken O’Flynn. [3952/26]

*225. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department has conducted any risk assessments since January 2023 regarding the potential diversion or misuse of Irish humanitarian funding provided to Gaza and the West Bank, and if so, to outline the findings, mitigation measures applied, and any changes made to funding delivery models. — Ken O’Flynn. [3953/26]

*226. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade how many audits, evaluations, or compliance reviews have been conducted since January 2023 in respect of Irish-funded programmes in Gaza and the West Bank, which organisations were audited, whether any material weaknesses or adverse findings were identified, and what corrective actions were taken. — Ken O’Flynn. [3954/26]

*227. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade how her Department assesses value for money in respect of Irish humanitarian funding provided to Gaza and the West Bank, including administrative overheads charged by intermediary organisations, and whether comparative analysis has been undertaken against alternative delivery mechanisms. — Ken O’Flynn. [3955/26]

*228. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to clarify the extent of direct control exercised by the Irish State over the allocation and distribution of humanitarian funding provided to Gaza and the West Bank, and to state whether she is satisfied that current arrangements provide sufficient accountability to the Irish taxpayer. — Ken O’Flynn. [3956/26]

*229. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of a passport application for an Irish citizen (details supplied) residing in America; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [4007/26]

*230. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will raise recent human rights abuses in Iran with the Iranian Government, and at EU and UN level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [4092/26]

*231. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if diplomatic efforts have been made following recent events in Aleppo, Syria, where the Kurdish enclaves of Sheikh Maqsood and Asrafiyeh have come under sustained attack from the interim Syrian government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [4147/26]

*232. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will clarify whether personal data held by her Department and its customer facing sections is subject to processing by artificial intelligence tools (details supplied). — Aidan Farrelly. [4306/26]

*233. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she and or her officials have conducted a data protection impact assessment with regards to the use of artificial intelligence tools, and, if so, the dates on which this assessment was conducted. — Aidan Farrelly. [4311/26]

*234. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to clarify how Irish aid to Palestine is being distributed; how funding and resources have been allocated; how the Government is ensuring that these funds are used to the benefit civilians in Gaza; and the organisations that are in receipt of this funding, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [4457/26]

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

*235. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide a complete breakdown of spending for the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority in the 2026 Revised Estimates outlined in the for Sectoral Economic Investment section; to provide the total breakdown of spend in 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [4191/26]

*236. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if a decision to refuse an SEAI warmer homes grant to a person (details supplied) will be reviewed. — Carol Nolan. [4212/26]

*237. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to assist with the resolution of issues that are a direct threat to just transition employment and project delivery in Kilcormac, County Offaly (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [4400/26]

*238. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the guarantees in place to ensure a data centre complex (details supplied) will not impact electricity and water demand for existing residents and new housing in County Kildare; the actions being taken to immediately reduce the demand data centres are making on our national electricity grid and renewable energy targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [3320/26]

*239. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the plans to introduce a carbon credit trading desk in Ireland for community grounds that produce carbon credits to enable them to sell them on the open market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [3339/26]

*240. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his plans to amend the Heat (Network and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024 to provide the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities with powers to establish a comprehensive framework for regulating all heat networks, to include pricing aspects. — Ivana Bacik. [3360/26]

*241. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the relative share of projected electricity demand growth in the greater Dublin area attributable to data centres, housing growth and transport electrification, respectively; and how prioritisation decisions are made where grid capacity is constrained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [3368/26]

*242. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the total amount of public funding, tax reliefs or other State supports provided to fossil fuel companies or fossil fuel related activities in the past five years, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [3457/26]

*243. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the public consultation on the national building renovation plan, required to be finalised by 26 December 2026 under Article 3 of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive, will be launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [3516/26]

*244. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the way in which the one-stop-shop model required under Article 18 of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive 2024 will be implemented in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [3517/26]

*245. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the implementation of the national biomethane strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [3533/26]

*246. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to list the roles within public or semi-State organisations under his Department that are excluded from the single public service pension scheme; the number of people employed in those roles, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [3612/26]

*247. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding any incentives or obligations under review within his Department that would support data centres in the use of renewable energy systems to minimise their reliance on the grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3851/26]

*248. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an up-to-date contact list for queries from Oireachtas members to agencies under his Department, in tabular form. — Ciarán Ahern. [3866/26]

*249. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has examined the potential introduction of a levy on single use coffee cups as a waste reduction measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [3960/26]

*250. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he plans to introduce a levy on disposable coffee cups within the lifetime of this Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [4023/26]

*251. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to outline the process for individuals and volunteer organisations who wish to dispose of nitrous oxide canisters appropriately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [4160/26]

*252. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to explain the reason Lough Corrib SAC, which is a large body of water greater than 600ha in size with strong stream connectivity, as per Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) statistical models, cannot produce surplus Atlantic salmon for the 2026 angling season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [4197/26]

*253. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will allocate extra funding to Inland Fisheries Ireland for 2026 to facilitate increased stock management (pike culling) efforts on Lough Corrib SAC considering the documented predation on salmon smolts by invasive pike together with the perilous state of salmon stocks in Ireland as referenced in the draft salmon angling regulations for the 2026 season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [4199/26]

*254. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his officials will consider opening Lough Corrib SAC in 2027 for the harvesting of Atlantic salmon by rod and line angling; if his 'catch and release' proposal for 2026 results in a quantifiable growth in fish numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [4200/26]

*255. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reasons for his failure to sign off the proposed Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme (Amendment) Regulations for the 2026 salmon angling season, which would be a matter of course every December; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [4201/26]

*256. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he accepts that the continued enforcement of S.I. No. 741/2024 [Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2024] into the 2026 salmon angling season is legally untenable considering that the appropriate assessment screening which underpins S.I. No. 741/2024 is not related to the generation of salmon that may enter Irish rivers in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [4202/26]

*257. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when he expects to publish Climate Action Plan 2026; and if it takes into account the findings of the Land Use Report Phase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [4255/26]

*258. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his statement that 2030 GHG mitigation targets would be missed by a wide margin is the position of this Government, given the legally-binding carbon budgets in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [4256/26]

*259. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when he received the Land Use Report Phase 2; when he expects to publish it, given commitments last year to publish before the end of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [4257/26]

*260. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for his views on the non-energy electricity network charges faced by energy-intensive industries in Ireland in comparison with other EU member states; whether his Department keeps these charges under review in the context of industrial competitiveness and energy system objectives; whether any assessment

has been undertaken of how such charges interact with the National Energy Demand Strategy's objective of increasing industrial demand flexibility to support the integration of renewable generation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [4265/26]

*261. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the body or bodies responsible for ensuring that retail outlets operating reverse vending machines under the deposit return scheme for plastic and aluminium bottles and cans are fully operational and that the associated receptacles are emptied on a regular and timely basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [4275/26]

*262. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the timeline for introducing the disposable coffee cup levy provided for in the Circular Economy Act 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [4324/26]

Chun Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*263. To ask the Minister for Defence the position regarding Ireland's preparedness for a significant drone attack on our airports or any other significant capital infrastructure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3461/26]

*264. To ask the Minister for Defence the position regarding Ireland's preparedness for a significant cyber-attack on her Department's offices and institutions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3462/26]

*265. To ask the Minister for Defence her views on the adequacy of the existing level of equipment available to the Defence Forces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3463/26]

*266. To ask the Minister for Defence the position regarding any proposals to increase capital expenditure on military equipment for the Defence Forces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3464/26]

*267. To ask the Minister for Defence the position regarding any assessment of the readiness and preparedness of the Defence Forces in the context of an increasingly volatile international climate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3465/26]

*268. To ask the Minister for Defence the position regarding any engagement she has had with her EU counterparts in relation to the increasingly volatile international climate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3466/26]

*269. To ask the Minister for Defence the position regarding the level of expenditure on defence compared to our EU counterparts, by percentage of overall Exchequer expenditure, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3467/26]

*270. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on the publication the national maritime security strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [3535/26]

*271. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on the Implementation Plan for the Report of the Commission on the Defence Forces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [3536/26]

*272. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on a previous request by an organisation in County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3543/26]

*273. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of new recruits entering the Defence Forces in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3554/26]

*274. To ask the Minister for Defence to list the roles within public or semi-State organisations under her Department that are excluded from the single public service pension scheme; the number of people employed in those roles, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [3614/26]

*275. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will seek to avail of loans under the EU Security Action for Europe facility in order to supplement capital investment under the National Development Plan for defence capability development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [3801/26]

*276. To ask the Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 177 of 17 September 2025, if she will publish the detailed implementation plan for the Report of the Commission on the Defence Forces, which her predecessor committed to publishing in October 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [3803/26]

*277. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason she has not prioritised the replacement of the Naval Service flagship LE Eithne, which was retired three years ago, while prioritising the replacement of Mowag Piranha armoured vehicles that were recently upgraded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [3804/26]

*278. To ask the Minister for Defence if she is concerned that the Naval Service may not see any new vessels commissioned over the next five to ten years, at a time when maritime security is a stated national priority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [3805/26]

*279. To ask the Minister for Defence if the PC-9M trainer aircraft is to be replaced by a turboprop or jet trainer; the operational requirements of any replacement aircraft; the expected budgetary allocation; the proposed timeline; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [3806/26]

*280. To ask the Minister for Defence her plans to modernise the Reserve Defence Forces to ensure that they are ready to act in support the Permanent Defence Forces and the civil power, and deal with the challenges Ireland faces in the 21st century; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [3808/26]

*281. To ask the Minister for Defence the current strength of the Naval Service Reserve as of the most recent date available; the established strength of the Naval Service Reserve; the number of recruits inducted in 2024 and to date in 2025; the number of personnel who exited the Naval Service Reserve over the same period; the level of funding allocated to the Naval Service Reserve in 2024 and 2025, including for paid training days; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [3809/26]

*282. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on the implementation of the Reserve Defence Force Regeneration and Development Plan as it relates to the Naval Service Reserve; the current status of Action 22; any decisions made on the future structure, geographic footprint, and establishment strength of the Naval Service Reserve; the timeline for full implementation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [3810/26]

*283. To ask the Minister for Defence when the rehearsals studio for the Defence Forces school of music was last refurbished; when it is next scheduled for refurbishment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [3842/26]

*284. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide an up-to-date contact list for queries from Oireachtas members to agencies under her Department, in tabular form. — Ciarán Ahern. [3868/26]

*285. To ask the Minister for Defence given the Air Corps 101 Squadron operate Airbus 295W Maritime Surveillance Aircraft, the number of staff vacancies for radar operators; the actual staffing levels; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [4150/26]

*286. To ask the Minister for Defence given the pending investment in SONOBOUY technology on the aircraft to help track rogue subsurface vessels around critical undersea cables, if he will outline any retention policies such as recent schemes for military air traffic controllers to ensure we don't lose key SARO personnel; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [4151/26]

*287. To ask the Minister for Defence the advertisement budget allocation for the Defence Forces in 2025 and 2026, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [4180/26]

*288. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on the training and recruitment of Military air traffic controllers; whether an external recruitment campaign is planned; and, if so, when it is expected to be launched; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [4249/26]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*289. To ask the Minister for Transport if further advancements have been made yet to the Irish motor insurance database, with all driver numbers added to the database now and shared with Gardaí on a daily basis to identify and apprehend thousands more uninsured drivers. — Michael Murphy. [3773/26]

*290. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the proposed development of Bremore Point Port; the State support or funding provided to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [4246/26]

*291. To ask the Minister for Transport to set out any measure in place to support or incentivise Government departments and State agency staff to transition away from the use of their private car for both commuting to work and work journeys. — Emer Currie. [4394/26]

*292. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the DART+ Southwest project has not been prioritised within the NDP given the real need and demand for the service across constituencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3331/26]

*293. To ask the Minister for Transport to confirm comments made by him in a report (details supplied) that there is flexibility within the NDP with regard to the delivery of projects; if any reconsideration of projects is ongoing; if so, if DART+ Southwest is included in this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3332/26]

*294. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will expedite the finalisation of a Statutory Instrument which is required for retired members of the CIÉ superannuation scheme 1951 after 18 years without an increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [3350/26]

*295. To ask the Minister for Transport if e-scooter and e-bike users are subject to breathalyser tests to detect alcohol and drug impairment in vehicle users at roadside checkpoints or after incidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [3357/26]

*296. To ask the Minister for Transport when the review of current e-scooter regulations to make helmets and high-visibility clothing mandatory will commence; when this review will conclude; when the necessary changes will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [3362/26]

*297. To ask the Minister for Transport whether MetroLink or any other major transport projects included in the National Development Plan are dependent on new or upgraded electricity grid connections; whether any such projects are subject to connection risk or sequencing issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [3367/26]

*298. To ask the Minister for Transport whether a cross departmental risk assessment has been undertaken on the interaction between electricity grid capacity and the delivery of transport projects under the National Development Plan; if so, whether this assessment has identified material delivery or cost risks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [3370/26]

*299. To ask the Minister for Transport how potential electricity grid capacity shortfalls are being factored into cost estimates, delivery schedules and risk management for major transport projects, including MetroLink; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [3371/26]

*300. To ask the Minister for Transport whether ticket sales data held by Iarnród Éireann or the National Transport Authority show any increase in ticket sales or passenger boardings at Rush and Lusk railway station since the 2025 increase in rail fares affecting Skerries commuters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [3372/26]

*301. To ask the Minister for Transport whether any analysis has been carried out by his Department, the National Transport Authority or Iarnród Éireann on displacement effects arising from fare increases, including commuters travelling from Skerries choosing to drive to and board trains at Rush and Lusk railway station due to substantially lower fare costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [3373/26]

*302. To ask the Minister for Transport the ticket sales and passenger boarding data for Skerries railway station and Rush and Lusk railway station for each month of 2025, broken down by ticket type, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [3374/26]

*303. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason real time passenger information signage at the bus stop located beside Balbriggan Garda station (stop number 137131) was removed; the reason it has not been replaced; when a replacement real time information display will be installed as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [3375/26]

*304. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has conducted an analysis comparing public transport fares for buses, trains and trams in Ireland compared to fares in EU member states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [3442/26]

*305. To ask the Minister for Transport to give consideration to the provision of a 24-hour bus service for an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3445/26]

*306. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for delivery of the Claregalway bypass; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [3452/26]

*307. To ask the Minister for Transport when the CIÉ pension proposals that were accepted in August 2025 will be introduced; the reason for the delay with the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3478/26]

*308. To ask the Minister for Transport when the CIÉ pension proposals are introduced, if his Department will give assurance that the acceptance date is 15 August 2025, the date in which the ballot for acceptance took place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3479/26]

*309. To ask the Minister for Transport to clarify, that as the acceptance of the CIÉ pension proposals took place 15 August 2025, that once introduced, all CIÉ pensioners will receive backdated payments to 15 August 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3480/26]

*310. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made on BusConnects Cork; to provide an updated timeline for delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [3520/26]

*311. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the introduction of reduced speed limits on roads adjacent to schools in rural areas; the timeframe the proposed circular might issue to local authorities with options on the introduction of engineering initiatives to engender lower speeds and the introduction of permanent or periodic 'special speed limits'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [3523/26]

*312. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the development of a second platform and passing loop at the train station in Oranmore, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [3532/26]

*313. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the publication of the National Ports Policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [3534/26]

*314. To ask the Minister for Transport the scope that exists within resources provided to the NTA in 2026 for the development of new public transport routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [3538/26]

*315. To ask the Minister for Transport the scope that exists within resources provided to the NTA in 2026 for the expansion of current public transport services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [3539/26]

*316. To ask the Minister for Transport the resources provided to Galway County Council in 2026 for the development of the route of the Claregalway Relief Road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [3540/26]

*317. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the Northern Ring Road extension in Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3555/26]

*318. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will instruct TII to re-examine works recently completed on the Kilkenny Ring Road in particular from the Watershed to the Bennettsbridge Road Roundabout which is causing significant delays for commuters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3557/26]

*319. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people currently waiting for car driving tests, broken down by county; the comparison with the previous three years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3560/26]

*320. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress that has been made in expanding Local Link services in Kilkenny; whether additional routes, increased frequency, or evening and weekend services are planned for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3561/26]

*321. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress that has been made in expanding Local Link services in Carlow; whether additional routes, increased frequency, or evening and weekend services are planned for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3562/26]

*322. To ask the Minister for Transport the active travel projects planned or underway in towns and villages in Kilkenny; the way in which rural communities are being supported to improve walking and cycling infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3563/26]

*323. To ask the Minister for Transport the active travel projects that are planned or underway in towns and villages in Carlow; the way in which rural communities are being supported to improve walking and cycling infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3564/26]

*324. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people waiting to sit their driving test in Kilkenny as of December 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3565/26]

*325. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people waiting to sit their driving test in County Carlow as of December 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3567/26]

*326. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an updated list of all schools in County Carlow currently participating in the Safe Routes to School Programme; the most recent status of each school, including any newly added schools or those progressing through

assessment or implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3571/26]

*327. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an updated list of all schools in County Kilkenny currently participating in the Safe Routes to School Programme; the most recent status of each school, including any newly added schools or those progressing through assessment or implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3572/26]

*328. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on his commitment to meet with representatives of taxi drivers and the NTA on fixed pricing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [3577/26]

*329. To ask the Minister for Transport the average number of passengers per week that use each of the bus stops on bus route 343; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [3596/26]

*330. To ask the Minister for Transport to list the roles within public or semi-State organisations under his Department that are excluded from the single public service pension scheme; the number of people employed in those roles, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [3626/26]

*331. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of meetings he had had with Dublin Bus since May 2025; and the subject of each meeting, in tabular form. — Tom Brabazon. [3669/26]

*332. To ask the Minister for Transport to confirm that no development or structure will be permitted upon the disused Claremorris to Collooney rail line except any required to facilitate reopening of the rail line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [3678/26]

*333. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason he did not approve the proposed exit package for the current CEO of the Dublin Airport Authority. — Carol Nolan. [3699/26]

*334. To ask the Minister for Transport the new bus routes that will be provided under his Department’s 2026 current expenditure allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [3711/26]

*335. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a schedule of completed, planned and ongoing works at Hazelhatch and Celbridge train stations in 2024, 2025 and 2026. — Aidan Farrelly. [3734/26]

*336. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason Iarnród Éireann have consistently failed to bring into service the pedestrian access lift located on their property at MacDonagh railway station Kilkenny, given its necessity for accessibility since 2007; whether his Department has been made aware of this; the engagement which has taken place with CIE/Iarnród Éireann to address this matter; when the lift will be fully commissioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [3858/26]

*337. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an up-to-date contact list for queries from Oireachtas members to agencies under his Department, in tabular form. — Ciarán Ahern. [3881/26]

*338. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the underpass at Ashtown station following the recent NDP review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [3964/26]

*339. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can ensure that the Regional Airport Programme is renewed for the next five years, 2026-2030, as it is vital for the future development of Kerry Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3965/26]

*340. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can ensure that Kerry Airport is included along with Donegal as the two regional airports that qualify for a PSO in the Regional Airport Programme for the next five years, 2026 -2030 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3966/26]

*341. To ask the Minister for Transport if the OPEX grant scheme can be reviewed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3968/26]

*342. To ask the Minister for Transport to request the National Transport Authority to provide the necessary funding for a new local link bus service between a location (details supplied) at the Gap of Dunloe on to Beaufort village and onwards to Killarney town in County Kerry, to take into consideration that Killarney and the Gap of Dunloe are two of the busiest tourist regions in the country, are populated residential areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3972/26]

*343. To ask the Minister for Transport the emergency interventions he can make in conjunction with TII, the RSA, and KCC to end decades of forced road closures through the numerous serious, sometimes fatal road traffic collisions at the Brennan's Glen/Lawlor's Cross N22 Killarney to Tralee Road; if he will visit the location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3974/26]

*344. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide urgent funding to address the road and footpaths through Cahersiveen town, on the N70 Ring of Kerry National secondary road given (numerous accidents for the past 20 years); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3975/26]

*345. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a new pavement and footpath (details supplied) on the Killorglin to Killarney, N70 Ring of Kerry road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3976/26]

*346. To ask the Minister for Transport to carry out additional upgrades to the N70 Ring of Kerry road (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3977/26]

*347. To ask the Minister for Transport to urgently upgrade the N89 from Tralee to Camp to Dingle in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3978/26]

*348. To ask the Minister for Transport to expedite the Killarney to Farranfore bypass (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3979/26]

*349. To ask the Minister for Transport to progress a bypass for Killorglin town in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3980/26]

*350. To ask the Minister for Transport to expedite the South Kerry Greenway (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3981/26]

*351. To ask the Minister for Transport the annual figures for cyclist and pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries involving HGVs and other haulage vehicles in the last 10 years. — Ciarán Ahern. [3983/26]

*352. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the introduction of new needs-based, grant-aided, modern vehicle adaptation supports to replace the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [4061/26]

*353. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to introduce a daily bus service from Kenmare to Cork (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4146/26]

*354. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on Parliamentary Question No. 193 of 5 February 2025, to provide an update on the expansion and dispersion of routes from the Finglas driving test centre. — Paul McAuliffe. [4171/26]

*355. To ask the Minister for Transport number of bus services, scheduled departures affecting Longford-Westmeath PSO routes in 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [4172/26]

*356. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the proposed DN2 bus route linking Haynestown to Fatima, Dundalk in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [4236/26]

*357. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be provided under the NDP for the double tracking of the rail line between Galway City and Athenry; the expected timeframe for the delivery of this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [4237/26]

*358. To ask the Minister for Transport if the proposed Cabra train station can go ahead in advance of the DART south west project and serve commuters using the existing service that run from Newbridge and Hazelhatch/Celbridge to Connolly and Grand Canal Dock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [4238/26]

*359. To ask the Minister for Transport the planning that has been put in place for alternative public transport for commuters using the Maynooth train line; when that line is shut to allow the DART Plus West works to take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [4239/26]

*360. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the proposed development of Bremore Point Port; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [4245/26]

*361. To ask the Minister for Transport when he will pass the necessary legislation to give effect to changes to the CIÉ pension scheme and the overdue pension increase for retired workers.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [4254/26]

*362. To ask the Minister for Transport for clarity on the terms used by the NTA (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [4258/26]

*363. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update in relation to an approved increase to pension entitlement for a cohort (details supplied); the timeline for when this increase will be paid to members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4263/26]

*364. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he accepts the principle that public expenditure decisions must not rely on the existence of a statutory default, whether by a local authority or another public body, as a basis for proceeding with discretionary funding decisions; if clarification will be provided in relation to a series of matters in relation to same (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [4267/26]

*365. To ask the Minister for Transport following his report on 10 December 2025 titled “Recording of Penalty Points and Disqualifications on Driver Records” of the 14,527 notifications he received from the Courts Service on penalty point summonses in 2024, the number of notifications that included a driver number. — Michael Murphy. [4298/26]

*366. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has taken advice in respect of the use of artificial intelligence (AI) within his Department in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; if any section of his Department currently makes use of artificial intelligence; if he will outline the purposes it is utilised for and costs associated with same; if he has consulted with any consultancy firms in respect of the use of AI; if he will provide a schedule of consultants engaged and costs of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [4312/26]

*367. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will contact a company in relation to issues on a bus route (details supplied). — Ann Graves. [4321/26]

*368. To ask the Minister for Transport for details on a service enhancement (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [4351/26]

*369. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people that are waiting on drivers test lists and for how long in each test centre since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [4364/26]

*370. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [4378/26]

*371. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons that have registered as drone operators in each of the years 2023 to 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of pilot competency certificates issued on an annual basis over that time period; the number of drone operator IDs issued for companies over the same time period; if he will provide an estimate of unregistered drone operators. — Aidan Farrelly. [4396/26]

*372. To ask the Minister for Transport whether there are any drone models or manufacturers that are not permitted to launch or fly in the State’s air space jurisdiction. — Aidan Farrelly. [4397/26]

*373. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide the costs and suppliers for the development and implementation of the MySRS system; if the project was delivered within budget; and if there were any significant design changes and or deviations during development and rollout. — Aidan Farrelly. [4398/26]

*374. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of recent increases in InterCity bus fares, including on routes serving counties such as Monaghan, route No 32; the oversight or engagement his Department has with commercial bus operators regarding fare increases; the measures in place to ensure that public transport remains affordable for regular commuters and working individuals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [4427/26]

*375. To ask the Minister for Transport if personal data held by his Department and its customer facing sections is subject to processing by artificial intelligence tools (details supplied). — Aidan Farrelly. [4460/26]

*376. To ask the Minister for Transport if he and or his officials have conducted a data protection impact assessment with regard to the use of artificial intelligence tools; and, if so, the dates on which this assessment was conducted. — Aidan Farrelly. [4461/26]

*377. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of services operating on the Maynooth train line, per day, in each of the years 2016 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [4465/26]

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

*378. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the grants and reliefs available to purchase and/or adapt vehicles for drivers and/or passengers with a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [4060/26]

*379. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason a person's private pension (details supplied) is now being taxed at a rate which is 50% more than that of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [4253/26]

*380. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to concerns related to the help to buy scheme related to the upper monetary cap; the actions he will take to address these concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4488/26]

*381. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the position regarding any review being carried out on the help to buy scheme and the monetary limits applied, particularly in the context of increasing house prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4489/26]

*382. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider amending the help to buy scheme, specifically in areas where the cost of purchasing a home is higher than the national average; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4490/26]

*383. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to cases whereby applicants to the help to buy scheme qualify under all criteria but cannot find a suitable home under the €500,000 spending cap; if any flexibility can be applied in these cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4491/26]

*384. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the position regarding the help to buy scheme purchase threshold; if there has been any consideration given to increasing this threshold for properties purchased in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4492/26]

*385. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has considered the introduction of an excise rebate scheme for licenced premises, similar in structure to excise relief schemes operating in other sectors; and the current status of any such consideration. — Tony McCormack. [3428/26]

*386. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether he acknowledges the concerns of licensed premises that did not serve food and therefore received no benefit from the VAT 9% rate; and whether an excise rebate scheme is being examined as a targeted measure to address this imbalance. — Tony McCormack. [3429/26]

*387. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if any preliminary costing has been undertaken by his Department in respect of a draft excise rebate scheme for licenced premises; and if such a scheme could be implemented within existing excise administration structures. — Tony McCormack. [3430/26]

*388. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the proposed timelines for decisions on an excise rebate scheme for licensed premises; if it is under consideration for inclusion in future budget or finance Bill measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [3431/26]

*389. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the specific monitoring or targeted enforcement operations in place in the Border region to address illicit roll-your-own tobacco; the results of such operations over the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [3456/26]

*390. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the category and level of tax income derived from the importation of palm oil mill effluent in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [3530/26]

*391. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the category and level of tax income derived from the importation of hydrotreated vegetable oil in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [3531/26]

*392. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if he will address the concerns raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [3582/26]

*393. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is aware of the challenges faced by workers in the North in relation to positions which offer remote or hybrid working options to employees resident in the South; if he will provide an update on the work that is being done by his Department and any interactions that have occurred with the British Government in relation to taxation issues for cross-Border workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3608/26]

*394. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is aware of the challenges faced by workers in the North in relation to positions which offer remote or hybrid working options to

employees resident in the South; if he has requested the Labour Employer Economic Forum, Shared Island Working Group to examine this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3609/26]

*395. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to list the roles within public or semi-State organisations under his Department that are excluded from the single public service pension scheme; the number of people employed in those roles, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [3617/26]

*396. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to respond to concerns that a bank selling non-performing mortgages is inducing homelessness (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3653/26]

*397. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the impact of the Women in Finance Charter; if it has applicability in other sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [3686/26]

*398. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the increase in cents per litre on unleaded and diesel in each budget from 2008 to date in 2026; and the total revenue raised on excise duty on unleaded and diesel in each year from 2008 to date in 2026. — Carol Nolan. [3702/26]

*399. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if Irish citizens returning to live in the State from abroad are entitled to an import exemption on construction tools brought with them; and the criteria and conditions that apply. — Ken O'Flynn. [3795/26]

*400. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide an up-to-date contact list for queries from Oireachtas members to agencies under his Department, in tabular form. — Ciarán Ahern. [3871/26]

*401. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his plans to extend the help-to-buy scheme to second hand homes; and if he has commissioned research into the broadening of the scheme. — Aidan Farrelly. [4048/26]

*402. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the grants and reliefs available to purchase and/or adapt vehicles for drivers and/or passengers with a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [4053/26]

*403. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason a State-owned facility is being permitted to ignore the National Payments Strategy (details supplied) by not accepting cash payments; the way this strategy is generally monitored by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [4093/26]

*404. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the continued injustice caused as a result of Project Glas, as the State prepares to exit ownership of Permanent TSB; if he could provide clarity on how legally binding consumer protections are being enforced in practice, how regulatory delays are permitted to continue while enforcement proceeds, and what accountability exists for the ongoing consequences of Project Glas and similar sales; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [4234/26]

*405. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of frontier management enforcement staff at Dublin Airport in each of the years 2019 to 2025, categorised by frontline

and non-frontline roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [4248/26]

*406. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if a loan organisation was correct in its actions in respect of a person in County Kildare (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [4325/26]

*407. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to consider amending the help-to-buy scheme to reduce the 70% rule whereby a purchaser must be borrowing 70% of the purchase price of the house (details supplied). — Séamus McGrath. [4370/26]

*408. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to outline the regulatory, consumer protection and financial oversight safeguards currently in place for companies offering “lifetime loans” and “equity release” products to older persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [4379/26]

*409. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of licences issued to companies offering equity release and lifetime loan products in the Irish market over the past 15 years; the total number and value of drawdowns approved during that period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [4380/26]

*410. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the State’s role in the oversight of Project Glas; the directions, assurances, or conditions issued to banks regarding the protection of borrowers’ statutory rights under the Code of Conduct on Mortgage Arrears; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [4473/26]

*411. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will provide details of any monitoring undertaken by his Department to ensure that borrowers’ statutory and EU-derived consumer protections were upheld following the sale of loans under Project Glas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [4474/26]

*412. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that the State, as majority shareholder in Permanent TSB at the time of the Project Glas mortgage sales, discharged its obligations to ensure that legally binding consumer protections were effectively enforced in practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [4475/26]

*413. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the way in which the Central Bank verifies that purchasers of loan portfolios including investment funds and credit servicers are complying with the CCMA and other statutory consumer protection obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [4476/26]

*414. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if the State’s planned exit from Permanent TSB will include a review of the long-term consequences of Project Glas for affected borrowers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [4477/26]

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

*415. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the current status of works on the Weir at Ballincollig Regional Park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [3450/26]

*416. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the plan for improvement works at Kilcrea Abbey at Kilcrea, Cork given the increasingly poor condition of the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [3451/26]

*417. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the timeline to publish the terms and conditions following the announcement of the increase in funding supports available to local authorities under the OPW minor works scheme in August 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [3458/26]

*418. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on the development of flood defence scheme for the Oranmore to Kinvarra coastline in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [3537/26]

*419. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will expedite the Thomastown flood relief scheme in County Kerry; when works will commence; the estimated timeframe for the proposed works to be completed; the estimated cost of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [3574/26]

*420. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will expedite the Graiguenamanagh flood relief scheme in County Kilkenny; when works will commence; the estimated timeframe for the proposed works to be completed; the estimated cost of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [3575/26]

*421. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to list all the OPW owned sites in County Kilkenny, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [3576/26]

*422. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide details of all the OPW owned sites in County Carlow, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [3578/26]

*423. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to list the roles within public or semi-State organisations under his Department that are excluded from the single public service pension scheme; the number of people employed in those roles, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [3623/26]

*424. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will provide a schedule of the companies that are currently on the Office of Government Procurement framework for the provision of providing ICT services to public

bodies; when each contract with each company is due to expire, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [3740/26]

*425. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the status of the national lottery reform report which an organisation (details supplied) undertook; the key steps that have taken place; the indicative timeline on the next steps of the reform; the reform options his Department will carry out especially with a view to creating an open fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [3834/26]

*426. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide an up-to-date contact list for queries from Oireachtas members to agencies under his Department, in tabular form. — Ciarán Ahern. [3877/26]

*427. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the date by which the Whitechurch flood alleviation works will be completed; the work site cleared and public access restored.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [4164/26]

*428. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the nature of refurbishment works in excess of €40,000 that the OPW carried out at Mullingar Garda Station in 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [4177/26]

*429. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the nature of refurbishment works in excess of €40,000 that the OPW carried out at Granard Garda Station in 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [4178/26]

*430. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the nature of refurbishment works in excess of €40,000 that the OPW carried out at Longford Garda Station in 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [4179/26]

*431. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the average period of weeks for a major capital project to go through the entire approval gate two process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [4240/26]

*432. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the average period of weeks for a major capital project to go through the entire approval gate three process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [4241/26]

*433. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the legal status of the ‘administrative guidance’ proposed under action 23 of the ‘Accelerating Infrastructure Report and Action Plan’; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [4242/26]

*434. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the reason he is proposing that timelines for projects going through the infrastructure guidelines process would only be laid out as ‘administrative guidance’, rather than as statutory timelines, as proposed under action 23 of the ‘Accelerating Infrastructure Report and Action Plan’; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [4243/26]

*435. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the consequences for Departments that fail to meet new timelines, set out in administrative guidance, for advancing capital projects under the infrastructure guidelines, following the implementation of the changes proposed under action 23 of the 'Accelerating Infrastructure Report and Action Plan'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [4244/26]

*436. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [4377/26]

*437. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of serving Ministers and Ministers of State who, as of the most recent date for which figures are available, have not yet repaid monies overpaid to them by the State arising from payroll or pension deduction errors; the total amount currently outstanding; and the timeline by which all such repayments are expected to be completed. — Ken O'Flynn. [4386/26]

*438. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether serving Ministers and Ministers of State who were overpaid by the State due to payroll or pension deduction errors are subject to the same recovery procedures, repayment timelines, and enforcement mechanisms as apply to members of the public who receive overpayments from the State; and if not, to outline the differences and the policy basis for those differences. — Ken O'Flynn. [4387/26]

*439. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the steps taken to identify, rectify, and prevent payroll and pension deduction errors within the National Shared Services Office that resulted in overpayments to Ministers and Ministers of State; the internal controls now in place to prevent recurrence; and whether any independent review, audit, or assurance process has been commissioned in this regard. — Ken O'Flynn. [4388/26]

*440. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether any interest, penalties, or administrative costs arising from delayed recovery of overpayments to Ministers and Ministers of State have been borne by the Exchequer; if so, the total cost incurred to date; and whether any such costs have been, or will be, recovered from the individuals concerned. — Ken O'Flynn. [4389/26]

*441. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if a panel of pre-approved AI consultants and service providers has been assembled or will be assembled by the OGP to enhance the accessibilities of Government departments and State agencies to verified expert advice and support in both examining the potential for public service AI use and the implementation of new AI projects. — Emer Currie. [4391/26]

*442. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if details are centrally collated on the total mileage payments to staff across all Government departments and State agencies; the overall number of journeys and distance covered by mileage payments; and the proportion of journeys/payments accounted for by low or no emission vehicles. — Emer Currie. [4392/26]

*443. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if there has been any value-for-money or environmental impact assessment

conducted of the State's mileage payment system to Government department and State agency staff. — Emer Currie. [4393/26]

*444. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on the redevelopment of a visitor's centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [4467/26]

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

*445. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to address concerns regarding the proposed short-term rental regulations; when clarity will issue on the requirement for hosts to register with Bord Fáilte; what this registration will involve; whether an annual fee will apply; if so, the amount; whether properties will be subject to inspection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [3884/26]

*446. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if a fund can be put in place to assist regional airports such as Kerry with route development, in order to attract airlines and develop new routes, and prevent all route development being centralised in Dublin under the Dublin Airport Authority; if he accepts that the current system is totally unbalanced, unfair and anti-regional; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3967/26]

*447. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the assessment undertaken by his Department of the potential negative impact of the proposed short-term letting regulations on rural tourism, local employment, and overall tourism capacity, given that short-term lets represent a significant proportion of available tourist beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [4402/26]

*448. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to make additional provisions for employees requiring time off work to attend medical appointments for cancer treatment; his views on the need to ensure that such persons are not penalised by way of non receipt of annual increments due to attendance at appointments; to detail whether such provision, specifically as it relates to aftercare hospital and GP appointments. — Ivana Bacik. [3361/26]

*449. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to have a trade and investment mission to Australia in the first half of 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [3416/26]

*450. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding the implementation of 16.7% uplift on personal injury guidelines following the independent report carried out by the Injuries Resolution Board, which was launched by the Minister on 16 October 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3426/26]

*451. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he is aware of the move by Enterprise Ireland to roll back remote working entitlements of staff members; his views on whether this complies with Government policy supporting remote working; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [3522/26]

*452. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of jobs the IDA supported in Kilkenny in 2025; how this compares to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [3546/26]

*453. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of jobs the IDA supported in Carlow in 2025; how this compares to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3547/26]

*454. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if a new south-east regional enterprise plan is forthcoming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3549/26]

*455. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of jobs Enterprise Ireland supported in each county in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3550/26]

*456. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps he is taking to increase the tourism potential of County Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3551/26]

*457. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps he is taking to increase the tourism potential of County Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3552/26]

*458. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [3573/26]

*459. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he is aware of the challenges faced by workers in the North in relation to positions which offer remote or hybrid working options to employees resident in the South; if he will provide an update on the work that is being done by his Department, with other Government Departments and State agencies to find solutions for those who live in the North and wish to work remotely for southern-based companies, as their southern based counterparts do; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3607/26]

*460. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to list the roles within public or semi-State organisations under his Department that are excluded from the single public service pension scheme; the number of people employed in those roles, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [3616/26]

*461. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [3656/26]

*462. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps his Department has taken to assess and address the impact of the recent decision in the High Court (details supplied) which will impact the governing of construction contract payments under the Construction Contracts Act 2013; if he will ensure that companies are not at risk of payment requests being wrongfully ignored without justification or consequence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [3751/26]

*463. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he intends to insist on restricted use of recommender systems by social media companies, especially their products being used by children; his approach in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [3341/26]

*464. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide an up-to-date contact list for queries from Oireachtas members to agencies under his Department, in tabular form. — Ciarán Ahern. [3870/26]

*465. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to address concerns regarding the proposed short-term rental regulations, specifically when clarity will issue on the requirement for hosts to register with Bord Fáilte; the details of what this registration will involve; whether an annual fee will apply; the amount; whether properties will be subject to inspection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [3882/26]

*466. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of vacancies at each grade of higher executive officer and above within his Department as of 12 January 2026, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [4183/26]

*467. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide detailed evidence of his statement that “data centres already employ around 21,000 people who manage and operate the facilities”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [4291/26]

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

*468. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the nearest school rule and the reduction in eligible distance has been checked; if not, when this will be checked; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [4220/26]

*469. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Department's guidance in respect of the use and need for nurture rooms. — Marie Sherlock. [4361/26]

*470. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she will consider renaming leave of absence, following assault for school staff to take account of the fact that in some cases, the injuries will have been inflicted by children with additional needs who have no intention of assaulting staff. — Paul Murphy. [3323/26]

*471. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the proposed new process to remove the requirement for professional reports, such as assessment of need reports, from entry requirements for special schools and special classes. — Paul Murphy. [3324/26]

*472. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the level of staff shortages at a school (details supplied); and the impact this is having on the hours of the children attending. — Paul Murphy. [3325/26]

*473. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of primary school applicants for the 2026-2027 intake in each school planning area in County Wicklow who submitted a letter of eligibility as part of their enrolment process; the number of students who were offered a special education place as a result; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [3355/26]

*474. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the commencement date of the new special education class in a school (details supplied). — Jen Cummins. [3382/26]

*475. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools which applied for the summer works scheme in 2025; the number which were successful, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [3388/26]

*476. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if further details will be provided regarding an announcement for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [3389/26]

*477. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if further details will be provided regarding an announcement for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [3390/26]

*478. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an application for a special education needs class at a school (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [3393/26]

*479. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an application for a special education needs class at a school (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [3394/26]

*480. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of school secretaries and caretakers employed at both primary and secondary school level; the number employed by each different mechanism, that is, employed directly by the school, those employed by her Department, those employed by the ETB and so on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [3395/26]

*481. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the staff complement in the children missing in education team; if she is satisfied that it is sufficient to deliver this important work; the measurement of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [3399/26]

*482. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will commit to sanctioning additional special class provision at a school (details supplied) in view of the clearly identified and urgent level of need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [3401/26]

*483. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will ensure that an updated SENO approval letter is issued urgently for a child with a dual diagnosis of autism and intellectual disability (details supplied) given the delays are preventing access to an appropriate school placement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [3402/26]

*484. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school (details supplied) is included in the DEIS Plus plan. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [3412/26]

*485. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of plans for permanent accommodation at a school (details supplied); when approval was first sought for permanent building works; the stage the project is currently at within her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [3432/26]

*486. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the modular units currently in use at a school (details supplied) were approved as temporary or permanent accommodation; when

they were installed; whether they are considered by her Department to represent a long-term resolution of the school's accommodation needs; and if she will provide clarification in writing to the school. — Erin McGreehan. [3433/26]

*487. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider the current accommodation at a school (details supplied); and if not, the remedial actions which are planned. — Erin McGreehan. [3434/26]

*488. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which a school without a general purpose hall or indoor PE space is expected to comply with PE and wellbeing curriculum requirements, particularly under the new primary curriculum framework; whether exemptions or supports apply in such circumstances; and if she will ensure that schools affected by infrastructural deficits are not penalised. — Erin McGreehan. [3435/26]

*489. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the expected timeline for a final decision on permanent accommodation for a school (details supplied); the section of her Department currently responsible for the file; and the way in which ongoing communication with the school will be managed. — Erin McGreehan. [3436/26]

*490. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she accepts that temporary accommodation can, through prolonged delay, become de facto permanent; and her views on whether this represents a failure of capital planning where schools are growing and meeting enrolment demand. — Erin McGreehan. [3437/26]

*491. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special needs assistant posts in primary schools, expressed in full-time equivalent terms, allocated for the 2025-2026 school year, by county; and the number of schools in each county in receipt of SNA support, in tabular form. — Albert Dolan. [3438/26]

*492. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to ensure that construction for a new school building (details supplied) commences without delay in order that students may benefit from a safe and supportive learning environment. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [3440/26]

*493. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a school (details supplied) will hear the outcome of a report into the needs of the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [3489/26]

*494. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider a visit to a school (details supplied) that has a significant cohort of students with additional needs, to discuss the principal's concerns in relation to support from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3508/26]

*495. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the concerns of the principal in a school (details supplied) in relation to the shortage of SNA support for children that qualify for this additional support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3509/26]

*496. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to an ongoing review of the SNA allocation for a school (details supplied); if she will engage with the NCSE to ensure that this school is supported and retains its allocation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3510/26]

*497. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the existing SNA allocation for a school (details supplied) to ensure that the students and staff in the school have the support they require; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3511/26]

*498. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on the fairness of the system applied by the NCSE in relation to the provision of SNA support per school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3512/26]

*499. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the criteria whereby the NCSE allocates SNA support to schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3513/26]

*500. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding any change in policy regarding the allocation of SNA support to mainstream schools, regardless of whether the school has any SEN classrooms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3514/26]

*501. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the feedback from school principals in relation to the increasingly strict guidelines being applied to the allocation of SNA support to schools; if this reflects any change in policy or directive from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3515/26]

*502. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the provision of the B9200 school bus, operating from Roundwood to Wicklow town, in light of the previous contractors withdrawal at the end of 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1760/26]

*503. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will examine a matter regarding school bus operators (details supplied). — Michael Collins. [3545/26]

*504. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the long-planned extension project at a school (details supplied) including the construction of an additional classroom and an additional needs unit; when the school will be given approval to proceed to tender, given that planning permission and Department funding are already in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [3556/26]

*505. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of new recruits in the teaching sector in each of the years 2022 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3580/26]

*506. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of retirements in the teaching sector in each of the years 2022 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3581/26]

*507. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the rollout of pilot school bus schemes in particular in Ballyhale (Knockmoylan bus); her plans for expanding the schemes envisaged for the 2026-2027 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3584/26]

*508. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update regarding a new school building (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3585/26]

*509. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in County Kilkenny currently registered to start school in September 2026 that are seeking a special school place, seeking a special class/unit place, or expected to attend a mainstream school with SNA support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3588/26]

*510. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in County Carlow currently registered to start school in September 2026 that are seeking a special school place, seeking a special class/unit place, or expected to attend a mainstream school with SNA support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3589/26]

*511. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide data on the current capacity of special schools and special classes in County Kilkenny; the projected demand for September 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3590/26]

*512. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide data on the current capacity of special schools and special classes in County Carlow; the projected demand for September 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3591/26]

*513. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the review to allow school bus drivers continue to drive after reaching 70 years-of-age (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [3602/26]

*514. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to list the roles within public or semi-State organisations under her Department that are excluded from the single public service pension scheme; the number of people employed in those roles, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [3615/26]

*515. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when her Government colleagues were informed either by her Department or the NCSE on the allocation of the first tranche of special classes for academic year 2026/27; the reason her Department failed to provide a full list officially on 12 January, the day her own Government colleagues announced classes for their own constituencies; to provide the official documentation that her Department or the NCSE gave to Government Deputies to announce on their social media and local press; to provide clarity to parents across the country on the reason the announcement was done in this manner, and not officially for all elected politicians and citizens to see; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3629/26]

*516. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school in west Tipperary will be approved for a second ASD class, as promised ahead of the 2025-2026 school year, but which did not happen (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [3630/26]

*517. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will address concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [3631/26]

*518. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which the Convention on Education and National Conversation will ensure that under represented voices for example, students with special educational needs, marginalized communities, rural stakeholders and so on are included meaningfully in its deliberations. — Jen Cummins. [3680/26]

*519. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps which will be taken to guarantee geographical diversity within the Convention on Education and National Conversation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [3681/26]

*520. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a detailed working plan and timeline for the Convention on Education and National Conversation. — Jen Cummins. [3682/26]

*521. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans for when the Convention on Education and National Conversation recommendations are submitted to ensure they are implemented by her Department. — Jen Cummins. [3683/26]

*522. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there will be a monitoring body or follow-up committee to track progress on implementation, including regular updates to the Houses of the Oireachtas and public. — Jen Cummins. [3684/26]

*523. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the date the Convention on Education and National Conversation will take place. — Jen Cummins. [3685/26]

*524. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special education classes sanctioned in 2024/2025 which are open and operational, in tabular form. — Jen Cummins. [3688/26]

*525. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the NCSE will reopen the parents portal in order that parents can submit their children's assessment of needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [3693/26]

*526. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children still awaiting an appropriate school place, by county, in tabular form. — Jen Cummins. [3694/26]

*527. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of pupils which will need to enter secondary school in 2026, in Shannon, Sixmilebridge and Newmarket-on-Fergus; the number of secondary school places available in those areas; her plans to address any shortfall in places available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [3695/26]

*528. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 383 of 9 December 2025, if he will provide the details requested in the question specifically, the number of children who have sought a letter of eligibility for a place in a special class or special school through the parents notify portal before the deadline of 1 October 2025, by county; the number of children who applied in south Tipperary; the number of children who have been issued with a letter of eligibility in south Tipperary; the reason for not providing the information requested previously (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [3710/26]

*529. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Department's plans to include discussions on the identification of abusive relationships and coercive control as part of the Junior

Cycle SPHE programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [3722/26]

*530. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an updated, year-by-year plan and resourcing plan to achieve the Programme for Government commitment of a pupil-teacher ratio of 19:1 in primary schools'; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [3724/26]

*531. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the analysis her Department conducted on the adequacy of the current capitation grant to cover rising operating costs such as energy, insurance, procurements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [3725/26]

*532. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to ban voluntary contributions in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [3726/26]

*533. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of ICT grants awarded to post-primary schools in County Kildare. — Aidan Farrelly. [3741/26]

*534. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a response to correspondence will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [3750/26]

*535. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will work with the NCSE to help establish an autism class in a school (details supplied); the reason some schools in the area have not been required or supported to open an autism class despite clear local demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [3752/26]

*536. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions intended by her Department and the National Council for Special Education to ensure a sufficient number of special class placements for boys in the Clondalkin, Dublin 22 area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3762/26]

*537. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige an bhféadfadh sí sonraí a thabhairt maidir le líon agus fad na n-eispéireas tumoideachais (mar shampla, tréimhsí Gaeltachta, socrúcháin scoile i scoileanna lán-Ghaeilge, etc.) a chuirtear ar fáil mar chuid de gach cúrsa oideachais tosaigh do mhúinteoirí bunscoile, lena n-áirítear an B.Oid agus an MGO, in institiúidí éagsúla stáit agus príobháideacha. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [3774/26]

*538. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige cén mhaoirseacht a dhéantar chun a chinntiú go mbíonn toradh dearfach ar an infheistíocht shuntasach a dhéanann an rialtas sna Tréimhsí Foghlama Gaeltachta d'ábhair oidí agus cén mhaoirseacht a dhéantar chun a chinntiú go gcuireann na tréimhsí sin le cumas teanga na n-ábhar oidí. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [3776/26]

*539. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige céard a dhéanfaidh an Roinn Oideachais agus Óige agus, nó, an Chomhairle Mhúinteoireachta le dul i ngleic leis an bhfianaise ó Thuarascáil na Cigireachta (Deireadh Fómhair 2025) “nach bhfuil caighdeán foriomlán líofachta Gaeilge múinteoirí i scoileanna Béarla ard go leor chun tacú le cur chun feidhme rathúil Curaclam Teanga na Bunscoile”; an bhfuil sé i gceist ag an Aire athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar riachtanais iontrála agus fágála na gcúrsaí oideachais tosaigh do mhúinteoirí bunscoile nó

scéimeanna eile a thabhairt isteach le tacú leis an bhforbairt leanúnach ghairmiúil sa Ghaeilge do mhúinteoirí cáilithe. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [3777/26]

*540. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige an bhféadfadh sí sonraí a thabhairt maidir leis an struchtúr tacaíochta atá ann atá saindirithe ar riachtanais múinteoirí nuacháilithe atá ag feidhmiú sna scoileanna lán-Ghaeilge agus Gaeltachta ó thaobh an chórais tumoideachais de. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [3778/26]

*541. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when schools were notified they would be opening a special class for 2026-2027; if all schools from tranche 1 have been notified as of 13 January 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [3798/26]

*542. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an application by a school to establish a special class (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [3849/26]

*543. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an up-to-date contact list for queries from Oireachtas members to agencies under her Department, in tabular form. — Ciarán Ahern. [3869/26]

*544. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when her Department will provide an update on the establishment of a special class in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [3885/26]

*545. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when he will publish the findings of the working group set up following the publication of the “Out-of-School Education Provision Report” in 2022, to provide clarity, support and direction for alternative education organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [3886/26]

*546. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the expected timeframe for approval of the design and scheduling of the capital works required to restore a building for double-stream mainstream use, including autism classes, at a school (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [3888/26]

*547. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding a special school place for a child (details supplied); the engagement there has been with the NCSE to secure a place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [3897/26]

*548. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding a special school place for a child (details supplied); the engagement there has been with the NCSE to secure a place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [3898/26]

*549. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update, including a timeline on the progress to date for the new ASD classes in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [3906/26]

*550. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update, including a timeline on the progress to date on the new ASD class for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [3907/26]

*551. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will publish a list of early intervention pre-school classes that will be operational for the 2026/2027 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [3908/26]

*552. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the special school place for a student (details supplied); the engagement with the NCSE to secure a place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [3912/26]

*553. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has secured a permanent site for a school (details supplied) which has been in interim accommodation for approximately 20 years; whether the school is included on any current or forthcoming school building programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3913/26]

*554. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will publish the list of early intervention classes for 2026/2027, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [3914/26]

*555. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on a new school build (details supplied). — Claire Kerrane. [3942/26]

*556. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1173 of 13 January 2025, the reason a lift was not installed as per the building specifications for work conducted in a school (details supplied); and the timeline for the urgent completion of works in the school. — Marie Sherlock. [4005/26]

*557. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1184 of 13 January 2026, if an additional €8 million in current and capital funding has been allocated to support the sustainability and development of youth services; the way in which the core current funding increase of €4.5 million and capital funding of €4.0 million figures have been reached; where the additional €500,000 is coming from; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [4015/26]

*558. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1184 and No. 1187 of 13 January 2026, when her Department will engage with the sector on the approach to capital funding distribution and use in the youth sector in 2026 through to the conclusion of the 2030 National Development Plan funding cycle; when the capital application for 2026 will open to youth organisations given the need for organisations to plan to apply, drawdown and spend funding before year end; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [4016/26]

*559. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1182 of 13 January 2026, if she will provide a list of names of just special schools across the State that have an early intervention class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [4042/26]

*560. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide substitute cover for primary teachers availing of statutory breastfeeding breaks under Circular 0053/2023; the status of discussions with unions on introducing such cover to prevent loss of teaching time for pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [4045/26]

*561. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the accommodations for students with dyslexia and other learning differences under the RACE scheme, initially confirmed to be in place for the 2026 leaving certificate examinations, will be introduced in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4168/26]

*562. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider the inclusion of schools designated as DEIS after 2022 for the Junior Certificate School Programme digital library service; if she will examine the Junior Certificate School Programme digital library service for DEIS schools; if she has plans to extend the Junior Certificate School Programme digital library service for DEIS schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [4170/26]

*563. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of the issues at school (details supplied); if she will ensure her officials facilitate the retention of the pitch in any location planning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [4222/26]

*564. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has assessed and accepts the points made by the fire safety and fire compliance company retained by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [4223/26]

*565. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will ensure that the pitch at school (details supplied) is not impacted on by facilitating a third modular building adjacent to the two already proposed for ASD classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [4224/26]

*566. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if an assessment has been carried out in relation to the impact of children from Newcastle commuting to other schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [4225/26]

*567. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if current zoned land is being assessed in future calculations regarding second-level school provision in Newcastle; how quickly further assessments would take place once additional lands are rezoned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [4226/26]

*568. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the minimum projected pupil size number sanctioned to facilitate a new second level school building in specific geographic areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [4227/26]

*569. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on a school lease recoupment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [4252/26]

*570. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the commencement of building works for the new Cork Educated Together Secondary School. — Séamus McGrath. [4292/26]

*571. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will meet with a group to discuss their seizure safe schools campaign (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [4299/26]

*572. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when her Department expects to make a decision regarding a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [4352/26]

*573. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when her Department plans to publish their sectoral NDP Implementation Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [4353/26]

*574. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools that have nurture rooms; the number of nurture rooms opened in each of the past five years; the number of nurture rooms that have closed during the same period; and the reason for same. — Marie Sherlock. [4360/26]

*575. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of EWOs per education geographical area for each of the following years 2005,2010, 2015,2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Marie Sherlock. [4363/26]

*576. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if funding will be approved for an ASD class for a school (details supplied); and the reasons this school has not been approved to date. — John McGuinness. [4374/26]

*577. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of places available in each sanctioned class (details supplied); the number of places held for in-school allocations; the number held in each sanctioned class for new school entredres, with its list form as requested; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [4376/26]

*578. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the criteria currently being applied by SENOs in the context of ongoing SNA allocation reviews; whether her Department accepts that children without primary care needs may nonetheless require SNA support to access education safely and meaningfully in mainstream classrooms; the guidance issued to SENOs to ensure that SNA reviews are needs-based rather than resource-led; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [4385/26]

*579. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the rollout of the DEIS Plus plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [4406/26]

*580. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a list of school's that will be designated as DEIS Plus under the new DEIS Plus Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [4407/26]

*581. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will outline the criteria to access the DEIS Plus plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [4408/26]

*582. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of DEIS schools nationwide that are expected to be included in the DEIS Plus scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [4409/26]

*583. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if personal data held by her Department and its customer facing sections is subject to processing by artificial intelligence tools (details supplied). — Aidan Farrelly. [4462/26]

*584. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she and or her officials have conducted a data protection impact assessment with regard to the use of artificial intelligence tools; and, if so, the dates on which this assessment was conducted. — Aidan Farrelly. [4463/26]

*585. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department plans to establish a dedicated scheme to fund the renewal and improvement of school outdoor sports facilities, recognising the difficulty for existing schools to develop these facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [4472/26]

*586. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update regarding the allocation of two special ASD classes in a school (details supplied) which were sanctioned in October 2023 by the NCSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [4480/26]

*587. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline the eligibility criteria for the awarding of incremental credit to teachers with experience in private schools at primary level. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4481/26]

*588. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of autism places in primary schools in Skerries, Rush, Lusk, Balbriggan, Garristown, Naul, Oldtown, Ballyboughal, Rolestown, Saint Margarets, Meakstown and North Santry, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [4495/26]

*589. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of autism places in post-primary schools in Skerries, Rush, Lusk, Balbriggan, Garristown, Naul, Oldtown, Ballyboughal, Rolestown, Saint Margarets and north Santry, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [4496/26]

*590. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children on waiting lists to access autism places in primary schools in Skerries, Rush, Lusk, Balbriggan, Garristown, Naul, Oldtown, Ballyboughal, Meakstown, Rolestown, Saint Margarets and north Santry, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [4497/26]

*591. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children on waiting lists to access autism places in post-primary schools in Skerries, Rush, Lusk, Balbriggan, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [4498/26]

*592. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of reading school places available in primary schools in Skerries, Rush, Lusk, Balbriggan, Garristown, Naul, Oldtown, Ballyboughal, Rolestown, Meakstown, Saint Margarets and north Santry, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [4499/26]

*593. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of reading school places available in primary schools in Swords, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [4500/26]

*594. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children on waiting lists to access a reading school place in Skerries, Rush, Lusk, Balbriggan, Garristown, Naul, Oldtown, Ballyboughal, Rolestown, Saint Margarets, Meakstown and north Santry, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [4501/26]

*595. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide details of any plans to open additional reading school places in Skerries, Rush, Lusk, Balbriggan, Garristown, Naul, Oldtown, Ballyboughal, Rolestown, Saint Margarets, Meakstown and north Santry for the academic year 2025/26; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [4502/26]

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

*596. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the amount of the €75 million in funding to support the postal network that will be directed towards services in Dublin west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [3958/26]

*597. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport noting that the An Post pensioners were awarded an increase in their pensions in September 2025, the reason the increase has not been paid to the pensioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ann Graves. [4326/26]

*598. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an up-to-date progress report in respect of a club in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3490/26]

*599. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the timeframe for the application portal for the Community Sport Facilities Fund/Sports Capital and Equipment Fund to come online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [3519/26]

*600. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 489 of 25 November 2025, if the review of filing lists and other records held in his Department provided information relating to the records of the Departmental Council Working Party over the period 1982 to 1983 that produced Report No. 1635; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [3521/26]

*601. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when a person (details supplied) will receive an Eircode for their property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3601/26]

*602. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to list the roles within public or semi-State organisations under his Department that are excluded from the single public service pension scheme; the number of people employed in those roles, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [3613/26]

*603. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update, including a timetable on the planned extension of the basic income for artists scheme; the position of the current participants in the scheme; if they will be or can apply to be part of the next scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [3687/26]

*604. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures being taken to address persistent mobile phone coverage blackspots on regional and national roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [3690/26]

*605. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the way in which the increased remote working demand is being factored into broadband rollout plans for rural and

small-towns in County Laois; whether additional investment will be prioritised to close the digital divide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [3692/26]

*606. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding the regulation of the advertising and promotion of infant and follow-on formula both in traditional media and online; the actions he will take to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3824/26]

*607. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding the implementation of the Online Safety and Media Regulation Act 2022 in relation to the advertising and promotion of infant and follow-on formula both in traditional media and online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3825/26]

*608. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an up-to-date contact list for queries from Oireachtas members to agencies under his Department, in tabular form. — Ciarán Ahern. [3867/26]

*609. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the Sports Capital Programme will be open again for applications; to outline any other funding streams available for sports facilities in schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [3891/26]

*610. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the promised pension increases for An Post pensioners of 6% with effect January 2025 and 1% increase with effect June 2025 will be paid; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [4046/26]

*611. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether he will introduce a model of multi-annual core funding for theatre companies, removing the need for actors to apply for funding for each individual project (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [4104/26]

*612. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether he will intervene urgently to purchase a studio space (details supplied) in Dublin city centre to prevent its closure. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [4105/26]

*613. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will acknowledge the importance of funding for sports clubs and organisations (details supplied). — Michael Cahill. [72007/25]

*614. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department is aware that areas in rural Ireland, such as Mountbellew in County Galway, continue to experience significant gaps in mobile phone coverage and remain effectively dead zones for cellular reception; if he will provide an update on measures being taken to address these coverage deficits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [73228/25]

*615. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures in place to protect Ireland's subsea communication cables from cyber or physical interference. — Barry Heneghan. [61066/25]

*616. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of liaison meetings that took place between the Arts Council and his Department since 2020 which were

not clearly minuted as described by the Brennan Report; and if this practice has been replaced by detailed minuting. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [4149/26]

*617. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on his Department's progress to date on the Programme for Government commitment to conduct a nationwide audit of sports facilities in order to address shortages in areas underserved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [4153/26]

*618. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his plans to extend basic income for the arts scheme; the way in which he plans to support those artists who have received funding under the scheme to date pending the commencement of a new scheme; the number of artists he plans to support under the revised scheme; when he expects payments to commence under the new scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [4185/26]

*619. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the basic income for artists scheme, which will end in February 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [4189/26]

*620. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will clarify whether he has communicated or sought sanction from the Minister for Public Expenditure; Infrastructure; Public Service Reform and Digitalisation in respect of a pension increase for a group and outcome of that engagement (details supplied). — Aidan Farrelly. [4215/26]

*621. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of Irish-based community media and community-led media organisations that have been successful applicants under the Creative Europe Programme in each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 and 2025; the total value of funding awarded to such organisations in each of those years; and to outline any observable trends in participation or success rates, including any changes in programme priorities or application volumes, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4293/26]

*622. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department will support the development of a 50 metre swimming pool in the Cork region. — Séamus McGrath. [4369/26]

*623. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the increase to An Post pensions agreed in September 2025 will be approved; when it will be paid to members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4375/26]

*624. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the current status of the An Post pension increase request, submitted in October 2025, within his Department; the timeframe in which he and his Department anticipate the pension approval process to conclude; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [4482/26]

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

*625. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a schedule of derogation licence requests made to the National Parks and Wildlife Service to undertake control measures in respect of protected animal and birds by local authority, to include location sought to conduct control measures in each year from 2019 to date in 2026; if he will

include species in the schedule; and if he will also include a schedule of requests that were refused. — Aidan Farrelly. [3936/26]

*626. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has examined the role of Sport England's planning and advisory functions, particularly its engagement with local authorities in ensuring adequate provision of sports and recreational facilities; if lessons from this model are being considered in the Irish context; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [4099/26]

*627. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding any review of the qualifying income thresholds for cost rental housing developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3326/26]

*628. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the research and analysis that informed the decision regarding the qualifying income thresholds for cost rental housing developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3327/26]

*629. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to cases whereby an individual cannot qualify for cost rental housing due to being below the income threshold but if they apply with their partner, they are over the income threshold; the actions he will take to address cases like this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3328/26]

*630. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the responsibilities a county council continues to have for people on their housing list after they allocate them housing with a housing body where issues with maintenance or other works arise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [3337/26]

*631. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to bring in planning exemptions for the installation of solar panels on public buildings or community buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [3338/26]

*632. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the new draft wind energy guidelines, due for publication next year, will address setback distances, shadow flicker and noise; the work has been carried out to address same with regard to these specific aspects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [3340/26]

*633. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to his confirmation that Fingal County Council will be admitted to the enhanced defective concrete blocks grant scheme, the precise status of the designation process; the steps remaining before Fingal County Council is formally designated under the Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks Act 2022; the expected timeline for completion of each step; when homeowners in Fingal will be able to submit applications under the Scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [3364/26]

*634. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current status of the Local Democracy Taskforce; the dates of meetings held; which key milestones have been completed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [3376/26]

*635. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the expected timeline for the publication of the Local Democracy Taskforce's recommendations; if the recommendations will be provided to Government and published in the first half of 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [3377/26]

*636. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to list the stakeholder organisations that have submitted to the Local Democracy Taskforce consultation; to provide an outline of the key themes emerging from the consultation submissions date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [3378/26]

*637. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether new six-year tenancy terms will apply to those renting out homes while undertaking the fair deal scheme; and if so, the way in which this will be applied upon their death given the responsibility to repay the fair deal loan most often facilitated through sale of the home. — Thomas Gould. [3380/26]

*638. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the regulations on sinking funds and service charges will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [3484/26]

*639. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the additional funding that was provided to the Housing Agency in Budget 2026; if this will allow the agency to commence regulation of the owners' management company sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [3485/26]

*640. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether a full assessment of the carbon impact of all measures contained in the programme Delivering Homes, Building Communities will be undertaken and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [3518/26]

*641. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social rental housing units being provided in 2022, 2023, and 2024 under payment and availability agreement arrangements (P&A); the total cost of these agreements in these years; and the average P&A cost per unit in these years, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [3544/26]

*642. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the Wind Energy Guidelines; when they will be updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [3553/26]

*643. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the delay in permitting people to move into homes in Domville Crescent, Cherrywood, that they were allocated over 14 months ago; the legal issues between the AHB Oaklee and the developer that appear to be stalling access to homes for the families who urgently need to be housed; if he will agree that this is not acceptable given the housing crisis and take steps to resolve the issues as a matter of priority in order that people can move into permanent homes immediately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3566/26]

*644. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to list the roles within public or semi-State organisations under his Department that are excluded from the single public service pension scheme; the number of people employed in those roles, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [3621/26]

*645. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that 24 of the 27 Member States of the European Union require photographic ID to be produced by all voters at polling stations; his views on whether it is acceptable for Ireland to be one of three outliers who do not have such a requirement; and his plans to amend the law to bring Ireland in line with virtually all other western democracies in this regard. — Carol Nolan. [3704/26]

*646. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which the 3,504 non-EEA persons referenced in his Department's homelessness statistics for November 2025 qualify for emergency accommodation; the legal duty the State owes to non-EEA nationals to provide them with housing; the criteria which non-EEA nationals must meet in order to qualify for emergency accommodation; and the statutory basis for these criteria. — Carol Nolan. [3705/26]

*647. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to review the house price ceilings under the local authority home loan. — Séamus McGrath. [3745/26]

*648. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount allocated and amount spent for the tenant-in-situ scheme for 2025, broken down by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [3749/26]

*649. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the assistance available for a family who have received a notice of termination from their landlord and are over the income threshold for social housing support and who cannot avail of the cost rental tenant-in-situ scheme as the landlord requires the property back for a family member; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [3758/26]

*650. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason a pre-school (details supplied) operating under the ECCE scheme has received a commercial rates bill; whether this is now the standard for all ECCE pre-schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [3859/26]

*651. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason a pre-school (details supplied) operating under the ECCE scheme has received a commercial rates bill; whether this is now the standard for all ECCE pre-schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [3860/26]

*652. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason a pre-school (details supplied) operating under the ECCE scheme has received a commercial rates bill; whether this is now the standard for all ECCE pre-schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [3861/26]

*653. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason a pre-school (details supplied) operating under the ECCE scheme has received a commercial rates bill; whether this is now the standard for all ECCE pre-schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [3862/26]

*654. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an up-to-date contact list for queries from Oireachtas members to agencies under his Department, in tabular form. — Ciarán Ahern. [3875/26]

*655. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage given that the delivering homes, building communities plan aims to support local authorities to meet their target of inspecting 25% of the private rented tenancies in their area, to provide the number of properties that were inspected in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025; the data available to date, by tenancy type (AHB, PRA), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [3899/26]

*656. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has reviewed the approaches taken by different local authorities in defining and assessing ribbon development in their county development plans; whether variations exist between counties in how ribbon development is calculated; and if so, whether he considers such variation to be consistent with national planning policy. — Michael Murphy. [3901/26]

*657. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether national planning policy provides sufficiently clear guidance to local authorities on the treatment of backland or backyard development; whether his Department is aware of significant variation between county development plans in facilitating or restricting such development; and whether updated guidance is under consideration. — Michael Murphy. [3903/26]

*658. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he plans to issue updated national guidance or circulars to local authorities to ensure a consistent approach to ribbon development and backland development across the State; and if so, the proposed timeline for same. — Michael Murphy. [3905/26]

*659. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the ‘owner occupier guarantee’, as set out in the Planning and Development (Amendment) (Large-scale Residential Development) Act 2021, and on the number of houses and duplexes that have been covered by the relevant provision of the Act. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3963/26]

*660. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); his views on the merits of amending existing first-time buyer supports in such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [3982/26]

*661. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average price of a new home in the Callan Thomastown local electoral area, County Kilkenny; the number of successful applications under the first home scheme in the LEA in 2025; the number of affordable homes provided in this LEA in 2025; the number that currently are being planned; the projected completion dates in that LEA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3993/26]

*662. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average price of a new home in the Castlecomer local electoral area, County Kilkenny; the number of successful applications under the first home scheme in that LEA in 2025; the number of affordable homes provided in that LEA in 2025; the number that currently are being planned; the projected completion dates in that LEA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3994/26]

*663. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average price of a new home in the Piltown local electoral area, County Kilkenny; the number of successful applications under the first home scheme in that LEA in 2025; the number of affordable homes provided in that LEA in 2025; the number that currently are being planned; the projected

completion dates in that LEA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3995/26]

*664. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average price of a new home in the Kilkenny City local electoral area, County Kilkenny; the number of successful applications under the first home scheme in that LEA in 2025; the number of affordable homes provided in that LEA in 2025; the number that currently are being planned; the projected completion dates in that LEA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3996/26]

*665. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average price of a new home in the Muine Bheag local electoral area, County Carlow; the number of successful applications under the first home scheme in that LEA in 2025; the number of affordable homes provided in that LEA in 2025; the number that currently are being planned; the projected completion dates in that LEA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3997/26]

*666. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average price of a new home in the Tullow local electoral area, County Carlow the number of successful applications under the first home scheme in that LEA in 2025; the number of affordable homes provided in that LEA in 2025; the number that currently are being planned; the projected completion dates in that LEA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3998/26]

*667. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average price of a new home in the Carlow town local electoral area, County Carlow; the number of successful applications under the first home scheme in that LEA in 2025; the number of affordable homes provided in that LEA in 2025; the number that currently are being planned; the projected completion dates in that LEA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [3999/26]

*668. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applicants for the defective concrete block grant scheme in each county in which the scheme is operational; the progress of each applicant through each stage of the scheme; the number of applicants that have drawn down payments at each stage; the number of applicants who have fully drawn down their full grant in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4044/26]

*669. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when homeowners who have spent money since March 2024 under the defective concrete block grant scheme will be reimbursed up to the new maximum cap, following the passing of recent legislation. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [4081/26]

*670. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No.1390 of 13 December 2025, to provide a breakdown of the value of grants paid for the purpose of renovating rental properties in 2023, 2024 and data available to date for 2025, by county and by month, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [4152/26]

*671. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the scheme to address defects in apartments and duplexes; to outline the current status of the

proposed statutory remediation scheme which is being developed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [4271/26]

*672. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will issue guidelines for non-statutory public consultations for local authorities to support the implementation of various schemes, such as active travel. — Maeve O'Connell. [4272/26]

*673. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to expand on his recent statements that local authorities should take urgent measures to prevent older people experiencing homelessness; and the specific measures his Department has implemented, or will implement, to achieve this. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [4289/26]

*674. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks (Amendment) Act 2025 will be enacted; when those who have been affected can expect to receive an increased allocation under the Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [4315/26]

*675. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a year-on-year breakdown, from 2018 to date, of the number of applications submitted by each Dublin local authority under the buy and renew scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [4382/26]

*676. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 1448 of 13 January 2026, and the reply if he will consider further correspondence (details supplied); to provide a reply to queries raised regarding new declared qualifications for engineering services in local authorities.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4390/26]

*677. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide data on the backlog within Tailte Éireann on applications for property registration; the reasons for the delays; the extra resources that are now required to address the problem within Tailte Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [4399/26]

*678. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a local authority can consider a transfer request from a person from another local authority; the priority which can be placed on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [4410/26]

*679. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Croí Cónaithe grant applications for each local authority for each of the past three years; the number per county; the number of these grants per county that were successful; the number of grants that have been successfully drawn down; the total value of these drawn down grants per county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [4411/26]

*680. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme as the payment period concludes for many applicants; if a replacement support is being considered; if so, the details of any such support or supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [4466/26]

*681. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if assistance will be provided to a person (details supplied) to prevent them and their children presenting as homeless. — Máire Devine. [4479/26]

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

*682. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to review case (details supplied) and provide an update on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [3322/26]

*683. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rationale for only counting complete years of service when calculating contributory State pensions (details supplied); if he will consider amending the law to allow for full recognition of all monthly contributions made as the current law adversely impacts those with birthdays towards the end of a contribution year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [3347/26]

*684. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his additional plans to financially assist people with disabilities during 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [3396/26]

*685. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when some local primary schools in County Leitrim (details supplied) will receive funding for invoices supplied in relation to school meals delivered. — Frankie Feighan. [3460/26]

*686. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of employers, employees and average number of weekly WSS hours claimed for each individual strand 2 category, based on the number of disabled employees employed, for both 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [3482/26]

*687. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his attention has been drawn to the work of a college (details supplied); if he will facilitate a meeting with the management to discuss their concerns related to the wage subsidy scheme and the way in which it is applied in their case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3603/26]

*688. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his attention has been drawn to the letter received by an organisation (details supplied); the actions he will take to address their concerns related to the wage subsidy scheme and the way in which it is applied in their case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3604/26]

*689. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding a review of the wage subsidy scheme that will allow for greater flexibility in the way in which it is applied by charitable organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3605/26]

*690. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the humanitarian assistance scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [3606/26]

*691. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to list the roles within public or semi-State organisations under his Department that are excluded from the single public service pension scheme; the number of people employed in those roles, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [3625/26]

*692. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will re-examine the national guidelines in relation to exceptional needs payments for household furnishings, appliances and equipment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [3709/26]

*693. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if disability allowance payments will be reinstated for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [3712/26]

*694. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his officials have planned for inactive My Future Fund accounts exceeding the number of active accounts; his views on whether the administrative costs associated with such inactive accounts will be absorbed by the flat fee applied only to active accounts, given that such costs are not dependent on fund size and will not be charged directly to inactive members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3714/26]

*695. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans for the treatment of My Future Fund accounts held by people who have left Ireland never to return; if he intends to follow the Australian approach of allowing such departing members to encash their fund pots upon leaving the State so as to mitigate the long-term administrative burden of maintaining inactive accounts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3715/26]

*696. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider changing the maximum hours a person can work (currently 18.5 hours per week) when qualifying for carer's allowance (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [3742/26]

*697. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in relation to regulations he signed on 23 December to exempt employees from auto-enrolment who are members of occupational pension schemes that are funded by their employers outside of payroll contributions, if he will outline which staff from which sectors this concerns; or if he will provide a sample of professions and sectors which have been effected by this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [3767/26]

*698. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an up-to-date contact list for queries from Oireachtas members to agencies under his Department, in tabular form. — Ciarán Ahern. [3879/26]

*699. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the case of an older woman in Dublin 11 (details supplied) who has been without heating for many months; if he will respond to the details of the case; to outline the steps that will be taken to assist the woman in question and the additional supports available to her; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [3933/26]

*700. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of families who have benefited from the new baby grant, broken down by county for 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [4002/26]

*701. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of schools in Carlow that have applied for the school meals scheme for the 2025-2026 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [4003/26]

*702. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of schools in Kilkenny that have applied for the school meals scheme for the 2025-2026 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [4004/26]

*703. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if travel expenses such as an employee's mileage is taken into account when being assessed for carer's allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [4043/26]

*704. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of vacancies at each grade of higher executive officer and above within his Department as of 12 January 2026, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [4182/26]

*705. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will clarify whether personal data held by his Department and its customer facing sections is subject to processing by artificial intelligence tools (details supplied). — Aidan Farrelly. [4302/26]

*706. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he and or his officials have conducted a data protection impact assessment with regards to the use of artificial intelligence tools, and, if so, the dates on which this assessment was conducted. — Aidan Farrelly. [4307/26]

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

*707. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether she will agree to grant a visa to a human rights defender from Saudi Arabia (details supplied) who is at risk of deportation from Bulgaria to Saudi Arabia. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3815/26]

*708. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to respond to concerns (details supplied) that citizenship applications are being delayed. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [4187/26]

*709. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on his Department's drafting of the regulations for periodic payment orders indexation rates; if this work has been completed, given that it was due to be actioned by the end of 2025; the date at which these regulations will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [4295/26]

*710. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide an update on the establishment of the dedicated legacy unit within An Garda Síochána, noting media reports (details supplied) that it was expected to be in place by the end of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [3319/26]

*711. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if e-scooter and e-bike users are subject to breathalyser tests to detect alcohol and drug impairment in vehicle users at roadside checkpoints or after incidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [3358/26]

*712. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of illegal gambling operators and websites have been identified, investigated, subject to enforcement action, and shut down by the relevant authorities in each of the years 2021 to date, inclusive. — Erin McGreehan. [3404/26]

*713. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the resources - including staffing levels, technical capacity, and budgetary allocations currently dedicated to the investigation and enforcement of illegal gambling activity; and whether these resources are

considered sufficient given the rapid growth of unlicensed online operators. — Erin McGreehan. [3405/26]

*714. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the powers the Gambling Regulatory Authority of Ireland has, or will have under the new gambling legislation, to block illegal gambling websites, disrupt payment processing and advertising, cooperate with international regulators, and pursue operators based outside the State but targeting Irish consumers. — Erin McGreehan. [3406/26]

*715. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if analysis has been undertaken of international experience, including recent developments in the Netherlands, where increased gambling-related taxation reportedly led to significant revenue shortfalls and market displacement to the black market; and the lessons being applied in an Irish context. — Erin McGreehan. [3408/26]

*716. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the engagement which has taken place with licensed gambling operators, financial institutions, and technology platforms to prevent illegal gambling operators from accessing Irish customers through crypto payments, offshore sportsbooks, and unlicensed online casinos. — Erin McGreehan. [3409/26]

*717. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the specific measures being taken to protect vulnerable individuals, including those self-excluded from licenced operators, from being targeted by illegal gambling sites that operate outside Irish regulatory and consumer protection frameworks. — Erin McGreehan. [3410/26]

*718. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he accepts that illegal gambling now poses a dual risk to public health and gambling harm reduction, and Exchequer revenue and consumer protection; and if so, the additional legislative or enforcement actions planned to address this growing threat. — Erin McGreehan. [3411/26]

*719. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the implementation of 16.7% uplift on personal injury guidelines following the independent report carried out by the Injuries Resolution Board, which was launched by the Minister on 16 October 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3427/26]

*720. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when he expects the next class of Garda recruits to be attested; if he expects any further groups to be attested in 2026; the total number of new Gardaí expected to join the Force in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [3446/26]

*721. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the standard processing timeframe for naturalisation applications has increased in recent months; if he is aware of reports of recent prolonged delays in applications from certain non-EU countries such as India and Pakistan; the reason for these delays; whether an increase in staff or resources is needed to ensure consistency in processing such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [3569/26]

*722. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons classified as tradespeople and/or construction workers that have been deported or voluntarily returned to their home countries in each of the years 2020 to 2025, by occupational sector, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [3579/26]

*723. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prosecutions per annum under the Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act 2020 since its enactment, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [3600/26]

*724. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to list the roles within public or semi-State organisations under his Department that are excluded from the single public service pension scheme; the number of people employed in those roles, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [3622/26]

*725. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when a visa application (details supplied) will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [3654/26]

*726. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to review the feasibility of replacing the current repeated Garda vetting process with a national registration and licensing system (details supplied); whether such a system will improve efficiency, data protection, and safeguarding outcomes while remaining self-financing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [3663/26]

*727. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to the employment permit appeal by a person (details supplied); the actions he will take to ensure that it is processed in a timely and fair manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3664/26]

*728. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current compulsory retirement ages which apply to members of the judiciary; and the changes which have been made to these retirement ages from 2000 to date in 2026. — Carol Nolan. [3703/26]

*729. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 669 of 25 November 2025, if he has received the relevant information in order to have this PQ answered. — Aidan Farrelly. [3733/26]

*730. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to legislate for the explicit recognition of parental and family based control; the Garda protocols for non-partner abuse cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [3755/26]

*731. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the review being carried out by his Department into a hotel (details supplied) following the outcome in the High Court; if he can confirm that there is full insurance on the property where there is no planning and no contract in place for IPAS; if he has reviewed the insurance in place for the property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [3817/26]

*732. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardai, by rank attached to Clare-Tipperary Garda scenes of crime unit as of 9 January 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [3848/26]

*733. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an up-to-date contact list for queries from Oireachtas members to agencies under his Department, in tabular form. — Ciarán Ahern. [3876/26]

*734. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons deported by the State; the number issued with a deportation order respectively, in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [3890/26]

*735. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide the number of live applications within An Garda Síochána for Garda transfers, and the number of transfers which took place, in 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [3941/26]

*736. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of IPAS accommodation centres currently operating with the exempted development regulations set out in SI No. 605/2022, S.I. No. 376/2023, and section 181 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, with a breakdown by local authority area, exempted development type and number of people accommodated in each category. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3959/26]

*737. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of Gardaí in the State at present, and in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [4006/26]

*738. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda traffic enforcement operations carried out in the Carlow and Kilkenny region in each of the years 2023 to 2024 and to date in 2025; the number of Garda members assigned to dedicated traffic duties in each period, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [4008/26]

*739. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to urgently intervene in the case of a person (details supplied) and allow for accommodation in this genuine case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [4047/26]

*740. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of full-time Gardaí with drug-related intimidation training, by district in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [4102/26]

*741. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 714 of 16 December 2025, if the information requested can be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [4156/26]

*742. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of WTE staff, by job title working at the visa offices based in London, Abu Dhabi, Beijing, New Delhi and Ankara as of 12 January 2026; the number of those staff that are directly employed by his Department and those staff that are from local recruitment agencies respectively, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [4181/26]

*743. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if Approved Housing Bodies are providing accommodation for former residents of IPAS centres who have not yet been given leave to remain, and if he will provide statistics and other details of the numbers and the AHBs involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [4214/26]

*744. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a Turkish national residing in Turkey can apply directly to Irish authorities under the TURA to move to Ireland and establish a service provision business, without first holding employment here. — Jen Cummins. [4218/26]

*745. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to decrease the waiting list of people receiving their citizenship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [4221/26]

*746. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to confirm when a citizenship application will be completed, in view that it is 19 months since the application (details supplied) was first lodged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [4270/26]

*747. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will respond to concerns regarding the resident permit renewals and critical skills employment permits for nurses (details supplied); if he will increase processing capacity for IRP renewals and critical skills permits, provide transparent timelines and communication for applicants awaiting approval; his plans to progress long-term solutions beyond temporary measures to prevent future backlogs; the protections available for individuals impacted by delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [4297/26]

*748. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will outline the options available to that person following a redundancy in a job which was tied to their visa status. — Paul Murphy. [4300/26]

*749. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will clarify whether personal data held by his Department and its customer facing sections is subject to processing by artificial intelligence tools (details supplied). — Aidan Farrelly. [4303/26]

*750. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he and or his officials have conducted a data protection impact assessment with regards to the use of artificial intelligence tools, and, if so, the dates on which this assessment was conducted. — Aidan Farrelly. [4308/26]

*751. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons currently in prison serving short sentences; the number of persons currently on remand in prison; the number of those persons on remand in prison who were already in prison serving a sentence for another offence; the length of time they have been in custody, broken down by 0–1 years, 1–2 years, 2–5 years, over 5 years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [4322/26]

*752. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will meet with the family of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4323/26]

*753. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current number of Garda stations in each district and the number of stations that have no Garda allocated to them, in each of the last five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4328/26]

*754. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current number of Garda stations, by Garda district which are manned less than 24 hours per day, in each of the last five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4329/26]

*755. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current number of Gardaí in each garda station in County Offaly, in each of the last five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4330/26]

*756. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current number of vacancies in each Garda station in County Offaly, in each of the last five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4331/26]

*757. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current number of community Gardaí allocated to each Garda station in County Offaly, in each of the past five years; the current number of community Garda position that are vacant in County Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4332/26]

*758. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current response times for emergency and non-emergency calls in the Tullamore District, County Offaly, in each of the last five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4333/26]

*759. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the annual number of incidents of public order and of anti-social behaviour in each Garda district in each of the last five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4334/26]

*760. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the age profile of the Garda fleet in each district within Laois-Offaly division, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4335/26]

*761. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current number of Garda vehicles in each district within Laois-Offaly division, in each of the last five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4336/26]

*762. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the allocation per county under the Community Safety Innovation fund in each year since its introduction, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4354/26]

*763. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardai assigned to the drugs unit in each Garda division at present and in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4355/26]

*764. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether it is intended that the time a person spends in Ireland as a beneficiary of temporary protection will be considered as reckonable residency for Irish citizenship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4356/26]

*765. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of beneficiaries of temporary protection that are estimated to have been in Ireland, since 2025, 2024, 2023 and since 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4357/26]

*766. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of probation staff in each probation area for each of the years 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020 and 2025. — Marie Sherlock. [4362/26]

*767. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of probation staff vacancies in each probation area. — Marie Sherlock. [4404/26]

*768. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of Gardaí, per rank in the roads policing unit; the breakdown of the number of Gardaí, per each division, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [4412/26]

*769. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of accidents that required a garda presence on the M9 over the past three years; the county breakdown of each of these accidents, per year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [4414/26]

*770. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason his Department transferred a question (details supplied) to the Minister for Housing; Local Government and Heritage for reply given his Department is engaging with the issue under discussion as noted in the response from the Minister for Housing; Local Government and Heritage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [4415/26]

*771. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way in which the ISD can audit schools, if it cannot generate a list of students enrolled in each institution at any given time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [4447/26]

*772. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way in which the ISD can enforce attendance compliance, if it cannot reconcile student permissions to school registers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [4448/26]

*773. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way in which the ISD can verify that a school is not exceeding its declared ILEP/TrustEd capacity, if it cannot extract student numbers by provider; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [4449/26]

*774. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way in which his Department conducts internal audits of student permissions issued, if it cannot extract datasets of students by educational institution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [4450/26]

*775. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reconciliation controls that exist to compare visas issued under a provider's name against that provider's declared capacity and enrolment totals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [4451/26]

*776. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason online renewals were allowed to continue for two years without basic verification measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [4452/26]

*777. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of renewal applications that were refused due to fraudulent documentation in 2022, 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [4453/26]

*778. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason schools cannot access a list of visas issued under their name to verify fraudulent use of their institution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [4455/26]

*779. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department will implement a secure portal and verified code system in order that only schools can confirm enrolment documents for visa renewals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [4456/26]

*780. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration how organisations can apply for funding under the Community Safety Fund; the name of projects in south Dublin city that received funding under the Community Safety Fund in 2024 and 2025; and the amount received per project, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [4458/26]

*781. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the future of the accommodation recognition payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [4468/26]

*782. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the controls that exist within ILEP/TrustEd to prevent a provider doubling or trebling in size within a short period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [4503/26]

*783. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of schools that increased declared capacity by more than 50% between 2019 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [4504/26]

*784. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason his Department responded to increased numbers by raising proof-of-funds instead of regulating provider expansion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [4505/26]

*785. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a Stamp 2 English-language student is permitted to work as an English teacher, if he considers this compatible with the purpose of a student permission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [4509/26]

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

*786. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the legal options available to the Government in response to the blocking of Ireland's invocation of the Hague Preference's at the EU December 2025 Fisheries Council. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [3335/26]

*787. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will develop an exotic pets register, similar to practices in Northern Ireland. — Maeve O'Connell. [3379/26]

*788. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the type and amounts of seafood that will be imported into the European Union every year under the proposed Mercosur Trade Agreement. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [3486/26]

*789. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has requested his Department to draft amending legislation to the Sea Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [3487/26]

*790. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on Ireland's efforts to secure a bluefin quota from the European Union for the fishing industry here. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [3496/26]

*791. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of all European Union fish stocks that was caught in the Irish EEZ under the Common Fisheries Policy, in each of the years 2005 to 2025. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [3497/26]

*792. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to list the roles within public or semi-State organisations under his Department that are excluded from the single public service pension scheme; the number of people employed in those roles, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [3610/26]

*793. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of people employed full-time, and part-time by *Rasaíocht Con Éireann*, by job title, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [3674/26]

*794. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason it is necessary for the owners of non-coursing greyhounds to register their dogs at several different stages in the Irish Greyhound Stud Book held by the Irish Coursing Club (details supplied); his plans to amend the relevant legislation to remove this obligation as it pertains to the owners of non-coursing greyhounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [3675/26]

*795. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he justifies expecting Irish beef farmers to abide by high standards and regulations for the production of beef, when it is now envisaged that a certain amount of beef will now be for sale to Irish consumers as a result of the so-called Mercosur agreement which falls well below those standards. — Carol Nolan. [3698/26]

*796. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal in the name of a person (details supplied); if the penalty applied will be reduced; the outcome of the inspection carried out on the 12 December 2025; and the penalty to be applied. — John McGuinness. [3757/26]

*797. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to list all bilateral and multilateral meetings held since January 2025 with Ministers or senior officials from other EU member states at which the EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement was discussed; and to provide the date, location, format, and countries represented at each meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [3780/26]

*798. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether minutes, notes, or formal read-outs were prepared for each meeting at which the EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement was discussed with other EU member states; and if so, whether these records will be published or otherwise made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [3781/26]

*799. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if briefing notes, submissions, or speaking points were prepared for Ministers or officials in advance of meetings with EU counterparts concerning opposition to the EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement; the number and dates of such briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [3782/26]

*800. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of occasions on which Ireland formally raised opposition to the EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement at meetings of the AGRIFISH Council since January 2025; the steps that were taken at those meetings to build or consolidate opposition among EU member states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [3785/26]

*801. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an up-to-date contact list for queries from Oireachtas members to agencies under his Department, in tabular form. — Ciarán Ahern. [3864/26]

*802. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter raised in correspondence in relation to the proposed 2026 introduction of a recreational bag limit of three pollack per person per day and its potential impact (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [3917/26]

*803. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will introduce a Bill to protect farmers' incomes, protect succession rights (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3984/26]

*804. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps being taken to ensure that a fair market is secured for sheep wool (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [3987/26]

*805. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to promote grants for installing solar panels on farm buildings in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [4009/26]

*806. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the concessions and safeguards which have been included in the updated Mercosur trade agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [4010/26]

*807. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to increase forestry grants to landowners who wish to plant some or all of their lands or additional lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [4011/26]

*808. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to significantly increase the funding to the horse racing and greyhound industry, to enable these industries to prosper and thrive into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [4012/26]

*809. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount spent on media consultants by Bord Iascaigh Mhara; the dates of the consultancy/ training for each of the years 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [4049/26]

*810. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount spent on media consultants by the Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority; the dates of the consultancy/ training for each of the years 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [4050/26]

*811. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding allocated to an organisation (details supplied) for social farming initiatives for the years 2020-2025; the projects

funded under this initiative; the outcomes from same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [4148/26]

*812. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will engage with the fishing sector on the impact of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2025/1766 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/2196, adopted under the amended EU Fisheries Control Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2023/2842), entered into force on 10 January 2026, on the Irish fishing fleet. — Conor D. McGuinness. [4154/26]

*813. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the appointment of a county dog warden and two additional dog wardens at Cork County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [4155/26]

*814. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a transfer of entitlements application for the years 2022-2025 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [4159/26]

*815. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a complete breakdown of spending for An Bord Iascaigh Mhara in the 2026 Revised Estimates outlined in the for Sectoral Economic Investment section; to provide the total breakdown of spend in 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [4190/26]

*816. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a complete breakdown of spending for Fisheries, Harbours and Marine Leisure in the 2026 Revised Estimates outlined in the for Sectoral Economic Investment section; to provide the total breakdown of spend in 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [4192/26]

*817. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason there is no spending allocated for Maritime Safety and Regulations in the 2026 Revised Estimates outlined in the for Sectoral Economic Investment section; to provide the total breakdown of spend in 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [4193/26]

*818. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a complete breakdown of spending for the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority in the 2026 Revised Estimates outlined in the for Sectoral Economic Investment section; to provide the total breakdown of spend in 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [4194/26]

*819. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the total estimated sectoral economic investment spend on fisheries in the 2026 Revised Estimates has been cut by 14% in comparison to 2025. — Conor D. McGuinness. [4195/26]

*820. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he will allow marts to process movements or implement a system to ensure a faster more predictable permit system is available for this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [4206/26]

*821. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he will align the rules on calves under 12-weeks in order that they can be sold through mart restricted herd sales and not just by private sale; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [4207/26]

*822. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the outcome of the recent public tender process for the issuing of horse passports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4464/26]

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

*823. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if it can be ensured that a person (details supplied) receives appropriate AIM staffing or support so the child can safely access preschool education. — Ann Graves. [4269/26]

*824. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to outline the number of inspections carried out by TUSLA or other agencies within the remit of her Department of creches or childcare facilities for each year from 2016 to 2025 inclusive; to outline the types of actions taken on foot of those inspections; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [3308/26]

*825. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the way in which the Autism Assessment and Intervention Protocol which is due to launch in February 2026 will operate; and the safeguards being put in place to ensure that this will not result in other diagnoses being missed from these children not receiving a full assessment of needs. — Paul Murphy. [3329/26]

*826. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide an estimated date for the establishment of the community neurorehabilitation team in the midlands in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [3356/26]

*827. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide an estimated date for the establishment of the community neurorehabilitation team in the midlands in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [3356/26]

*828. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the annual report for the mother and baby payments (redress scheme) will be published; and the reason it has not been published as of June 2025. — Ivana Bacik. [3359/26]

*829. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the staffing levels at CDNT central Galway and Galway city east children's disability network team 6; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [3524/26]

*830. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the staffing levels at CDNT Galway central Galway and Galway city east children's disability network team 5; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [3525/26]

*831. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the staffing levels at CDNT West Galway central Galway and Galway city east children's disability network team 4; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [3526/26]

*832. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children waiting for an assessment of need within County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [3527/26]

*833. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to examine correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [3570/26]

*834. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to list the roles within public or semi-State organisations under her Department that are excluded from the single public service pension scheme; the number of people employed in those roles, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [3611/26]

*835. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if children in a variety of childminding settings can also benefit from national childcare scheme subsidies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [3657/26]

*836. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if childminding done outside of commercial setting, such as registered creches' and Montessori's, should be considered within the national childcare scheme, this would include the use of childminders, such as au pairs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [3658/26]

*837. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a list of early years and school age childcare services that have withdrawn from the core funding scheme; the number and percentage of services that have signed up to the scheme to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [3721/26]

*838. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has identified small to medium early years and school age childcare services that are not primarily ECCE-funded and are now receiving less funding than they did prior to the introduction of the core funding scheme; if a review of the funding allocations to these services has been carried out; if she will take steps to ensure that such services are adequately supported to continue operating sustainably; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [3727/26]

*839. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the CDNTs within CHO7 that are currently without psychologists and or social workers, by location, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [3731/26]

*840. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of physiotherapists that are currently on panels within CDNTs; and the expiry deadline for this panel. — Aidan Farrelly. [3732/26]

*841. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when procurement procedures were first implemented at the following Tusla-run facility (details supplied); and if he will provide details in this regard. — Ken O'Flynn. [3799/26]

*842. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the work of the Personal Assistance Review Group. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3816/26]

*843. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to criticisms of the independent external review of the draft childminding regulations that was carried out by a person (details supplied) specifically in relation to claims that the report did not adequately engage with the childminding sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3819/26]

*844. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the funding provided in each of the years 2024 and 2025 to CDNTs within CHO3, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [3847/26]

*845. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason a pre-school (details supplied) operating under the ECCE scheme has received a commercial rates bill; whether this is now the standard for all ECCE pre-schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [3854/26]

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*847. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason as to why a pre-school (details supplied) operating under the ECCE scheme has received a commercial rates bill; whether this is now the standard for all ECCE pre-schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [3856/26]

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*849. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an up-to-date contact list for queries from Oireachtas members to agencies under her Department, in tabular form. — Ciarán Ahern. [3865/26]

*850. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to deal with the shortage of HSE and Tusla placements for postgraduate social work students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3887/26]

*851. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is satisfied that Tusla, the Child and Family Agency, is operating with an appropriate culture of accountability and transparency; if she will outline the measures she intends to take to address ongoing concerns regarding governance, oversight, and internal accountability within the agency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [3893/26]

*852. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will report on the actions taken by her Department in response to recent failures within Tusla identified through HIQA inspections, internal reviews, and external reports; if she will confirm whether any disciplinary or corrective measures have been implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [3894/26]

*853. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is satisfied that the current governance structures within Tusla are adequate to prevent repeated operational failures; if she intends to strengthen oversight mechanisms or introduce reforms to ensure improved performance and transparency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [3895/26]

*854. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will outline the mandate given to the newly appointed chairperson of Tusla regarding cultural reform within the agency; if she will confirm whether the chairperson has been tasked with addressing systemic issues relating to accountability, communication, and organisational culture; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [3896/26]

*855. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will seek an earlier implementation of the new EU disability card to ensure those unable to access a blue disability parking badge because they are mobile can access one and acknowledge their disability, especially those with autism and flight risk; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3934/26]

*856. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the proposal to provide a new healthcare facility will progress to the next stage (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [3937/26]

*857. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the rationale for refusing to allow foster parents (details supplied) pay privately for speech and language therapy for their foster child, who has already built a relationship with an existing speech and language therapist, and acknowledging that change is particularly traumatic for the child; if this particular case can be investigated with a view to permitting therapy that has been effective to recommence and continue with the original therapist; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3949/26]

*858. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a detailed account of all expenditure incurred by Tusla, in appointing a company (details supplied) as an independent body to examine and/or investigate protected disclosures in Cork in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, including professional fees, associated legal costs, VAT and any other related expenses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [4000/26]

*859. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children currently waiting for assessment of needs in County Kilkenny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [4013/26]

*860. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children currently waiting for assessment of needs in County Carlow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [4014/26]

*861. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children aged zero to 18 years in each of the integrated healthcare areas (IHA) by individual area, awaiting first-time intervention in all areas of early intervention; the number on the public list; the number on the children’s disability network team list in each IHA; and the length of time awaiting intervention by age, as of year-end 2025, in tabular form (details supplied). — Marie Sherlock. [4017/26]

*862. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE health and social care professionals working in the children’s disability network teams in the north inner city CDNT and Cabra CDNT at the end of 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [4036/26]

*863. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if a resource centre (details supplied) can apply to the building blocks scheme to fund/part-fund a new-build to replace an older, not-fit-for-purpose premises; if so, the application process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [4157/26]

*864. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children awaiting an initial appointment with Cabra CDNT, Finglas CDNT and North Inner City CDNT; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [4163/26]

*865. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether a mechanism will be introduced to allow funding under the AIM, NCS and sponsored childcare schemes to be backdated in cases where administrative issues prevent applications from being submitted immediately, in order that providers are not financially disadvantaged; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [4167/26]

*866. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of vacancies at each grade of Higher executive officer and above within her Department as of 12 January 2026, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [4184/26]

*867. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to outline the supports available for children diagnosed with chromosome deletion disorder 16p11.2, specifically those who are awaiting an assessment of need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [4233/26]

*868. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she can investigate the facts surrounding an adopted child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [4290/26]

*869. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will clarify whether personal data held by her Department and its customer facing sections is subject to processing by artificial intelligence tools (details supplied). — Aidan Farrelly. [4305/26]

*870. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she and or her officials have conducted a data protection impact assessment with regards to the use of artificial intelligence tools, and, if so, the dates on which this assessment was conducted. — Aidan Farrelly. [4310/26]

*871. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 2015 of 13 January 2026, if considering information (details supplied), he will furnish the funds for an independent investigation into the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [4316/26]

*872. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children waiting for their AON appointment in the HSE Dublin and North East health region (formally known as CH09), in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [4343/26]

*873. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children waiting for their initial CDNT appointment in the HSE Dublin and North East health region (formally known as CH09), in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [4344/26]

*874. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children waiting for their AON appointment in all CHO regions, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [4345/26]

*875. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children waiting for their initial CDNT appointment, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [4346/26]

*876. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department provides transportation funding for children with special education needs who have to travel to attend an early years education setting appropriate for their needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [4347/26]

*877. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to detail her plans to improve the provision of childcare facilities, in particular in areas such as Shankill, County Dublin, where there has been significant demographic growth in recent years and demand for services due to new housing development, and if she will consider the Shankill area to trial a new State-based model for childcare services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [4384/26]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*878. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with Coimisiún na Meán in relation to implementing the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3820/26]

*879. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the merits of creating a regulatory framework that addresses digital marketing and influencer promotion of follow-on milks for 6+ months; if he will engage directly on this matter with Coimisiún na Meán; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3821/26]

*880. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the recommendations of the World Health Assembly Resolution (May 2025) that supports the regulation of the digital marketing of breast-milk substitutes; the actions he will take to consider and implement these recommendations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3822/26]

*881. To ask the Minister for Health if he will facilitate a meeting with an advocacy group (details supplied) in relation to the regulation of the digital marketing of breast-milk substitutes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3823/26]

*882. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will consider abolishing levies on private health insurance for old age pensioners; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4158/26]

*883. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is a one-year wait for people who are citizens outside of the EU to be called for an interview to be married in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [4296/26]

*884. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on waiting lists awaiting a speech and language therapy assessment in HSE Dublin and North East health region (formally known

as CH09), in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [4339/26]

*885. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a physiotherapy appointment in HSE Dublin and North East health region (formally known as CH09), in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [4340/26]

*886. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting their occupational therapy assessment in HSE Dublin and North East health region (formally known as CH09), in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [4341/26]

*887. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting their initial psychology assessment in HSE Dublin and North East health region (formally known as CH09), in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [4342/26]

*888. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists providing care to medical card patients, by county from 2020 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [4368/26]

*889. To ask the Minister for Health the reason an Irish citizen cannot gain employment to carry out dyslexia assessments for young students in Ireland because they trained in the UK (details supplied); if she will urgently review these requirements to ensure that those who have the appropriate qualifications and want to work in Ireland can do so to help reduce waiting lists here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [3315/26]

*890. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies of public health nurses in CHO Area 7 (CCA3), in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [3316/26]

*891. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses employed in CHO Area 7, in tabular form. — Jen Cummins. [3317/26]

*892. To ask the Minister for Health the process by which convalescence and egress beds for patients exiting hospitals are assigned to nursing homes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [3318/26]

*893. To ask the Minister for Health the latest projected timeline for the delivery of the surgical hub at Letterkenny University Hospital. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [3333/26]

*894. To ask the Minister for Health the steps her Department is taking to increase GP recruitment and retention in rural and commuter-belt areas, including Wicklow and Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [3383/26]

*895. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to expand general practitioner training places to meet growing population needs and to ensure adequate GP coverage in areas experiencing shortages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [3384/26]

*896. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider emergency or interim measures such as temporary HSE-run clinics or locum supports to ensure continuity of care in areas where GP practices have closed their lists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [3385/26]

*897. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will review funding supports for GP practices, particularly in areas under severe pressure, to encourage additional capacity and prevent further closures to new patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [3386/26]

*898. To ask the Minister for Health the most recent data on GP-to-patient ratios in the Wicklow and Wexford region; the way in which the shortages are being monitored and addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [3387/26]

*899. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE registrar in respiratory medicine based at Wexford General Hospital in each of the years of 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [3391/26]

*900. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners based within the accident and emergency department of Wexford General Hospital; the hours and days of the week when the general practitioner is available within accident and emergency department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [3392/26]

*901. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the establishment and operational status of the planned public adult ADHD teams nationally; the number of teams currently in place; the number actively being recruited; the expected timelines for full implementation of all 12 teams as previously committed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [3414/26]

*902. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the development of adult ADHD services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [3415/26]

*903. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of nursing homes receiving patients discharged from hospital to long-term nursing home care in Wicklow and Wexford from 2020 to date; and the number of patients discharged to each nursing home, in tabular format; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [3439/26]

*904. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is currently no consultant ophthalmologist or dedicated ophthalmology service based in Longford–Westmeath, including at St. Joseph’s Hospital, Longford or Mullingar Regional Hospital; the impact this lack of local provision is having on patients who are required to travel to Dublin, including to the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, for assessment and treatment; and the steps being taken to improve access to ophthalmology services locally for patients in Longford–Westmeath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [3441/26]

*905. To ask the Minister for Health to intervene to ensure a person (details supplied) receives the medical care they require as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [3444/26]

*906. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will provide CHO segregated annual figures for adults and children with a diagnosis of vision impairment who are engaged with health or disability services, for each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [3447/26]

*907. To ask the Minister for Health the body or bodies within the health system which are responsible for collecting data on vision impairment; if this function rests with the HSE, her

Department, or any other statutory agency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [3448/26]

*908. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to improve the systematic recording of vision impairment within HSE health and disability services, including at CHO level, in order to support service planning and resource allocation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [3449/26]

*909. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses in the Dublin midwest area; the number of vacant positions for public health nurses in the area; when P2 and P3 developmental checks will be provided throughout the consistency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [3453/26]

*910. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of children who received developmental checks carried out within 72-hours, at three months, at six months, at 12 months, at 24 months, at 48 months, across the state, in Dublin midwest, by year from 2020 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [3454/26]

*911. To ask the Minister for Health the age intervals at which developmental checks of newborns and infants should be offered by public health nurses; the examinations done at each of these intervals; the intervals which are P1, P2 and P3 checks; if services up to P3 checks are being offered to children in Adamstown, Clondalkin, Palmerstown, Lucan, Rowlagh, Rathcoole, Newcastle, Saggart, Citywest, Brittas, Fettercairn, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [3455/26]

*912. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment in the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin. — Tony McCormack. [3459/26]

*913. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that an organisation (details supplied) has had funding withdrawn which threatens the provision of their service and may lead to the closure of the organisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [3488/26]

*914. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify matters related to compensation for victims of the HSE cyber-attack (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [3491/26]

*915. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a copy of the briefing provided to her, which is referenced in a media report (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [3493/26]

*916. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants employed by the HSE, by contract type, principal clinical site and region, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [3494/26]

*917. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a summary of the key provisions of each of the contracts under which consultants are employed in the HSE (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [3495/26]

*918. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the provision of adult ADHD services within County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [3528/26]

*919. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the development of the elective Hospital at Merlin Park, Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [3529/26]

*920. To ask the Minister for Health the annual share of emergency department admissions that do not have a GP referral, per each emergency department nationwide. — Marie Sherlock. [3541/26]

*921. To ask the Minister for Health if the long-term illness scheme will be revised to include patients with Charcot-Marie-tooth disease; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [3558/26]

*922. To ask the Minister for Health to review correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [3568/26]

*923. To ask the Minister for Health if a ward in a facility (details supplied) has closed; if so, the reason; to provide details of the ward; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [3592/26]

*924. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to extend community eating disorder services such as a facility (details supplied), particularly in areas with minimal services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [3593/26]

*925. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of appointments deemed urgent and non-urgent for children in South Infirmity Victoria University Hospital given the current waiting list for children's non-urgent appointments in SIVUH is 16 to 18 months (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [3598/26]

*926. To ask the Minister for Health to list the roles within public or semi-State organisations under her Department that are excluded from the single public service pension scheme; the number of people employed in those roles, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [3620/26]

*927. To ask the Minister for Health to consider implementing a post-Christmas period of an increase in mental health supports, due to the increase of acute mental health cases that present to the healthcare system at this time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [3659/26]

*928. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant neurologists, neurology registrars and senior house officers in neurology that were on duty between 8pm and 8am at Beaumont Hospital on 14,15 and 16 December 2025, in tabular form. — Tom Brabazon. [3665/26]

*929. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults within CHO9 on a waiting list to receive respite services for the first time as of 12 January 2026; and the average waiting time to receive this service upon request. — Tom Brabazon. [3666/26]

*930. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has identified any constraints in laboratory throughput, reagent supply, staffing availability or logistic that would limit surge testing capacity during a public health emergency; and the actions approved to address such constraints. — Tom Brabazon. [3667/26]

*931. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of funding provided to D-Doc out-of-hours GP services in 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Tom Brabazon. [3668/26]

*932. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will consider offering the carpark, or a portion of the car park, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Athlone to the local municipal district on the ceasing of services at St. Vincents. — Robert Troy. [3679/26]

*933. To ask the Minister for Health whether she supports the full decriminalisation of abortion by the repeal of section 23 of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; and the reasons for her position. — Carol Nolan. [3701/26]

*934. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of discharge data downloads (details supplied) from January 2024 to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [3707/26]

*935. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE's plans for the Weir Home for Nurses in Dublin 8; and whether it can be converted into a museum for Irish nurses and midwives and a community cultural space, as nursing trade unions are interested in a partnership to preserve and develop it. — Máire Devine. [3723/26]

*936. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE registrars in colorectal surgery and senior house officers in colorectal surgery based at St. Vincent's University Hospital as of 13 January 2026, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [3735/26]

*937. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of patients that presented at the accident and emergency department of the Mater Hospital that were liable to the €100 fee in 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [3736/26]

*938. To ask the Minister for Health the number of liver function scans performed at St. James's Hospital in 2025; the average waiting time for results of these scans. — Aidan Farrelly. [3737/26]

*939. To ask the Minister for Health the number of recruitment campaigns Beaumont Hospital were involved with in the UK during 2025 seeking to encourage Irish trained nurses, physios, doctors, radiographers and so on, to return home and work in the hospital; and the number of persons which indicated they were willing to return home per recruitment campaign in 2025, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [3738/26]

*940. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that have been admitted to Tallaght University Hospital for 90 or more consecutive days in 2025, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [3739/26]

*941. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to upgrade a health centre (details supplied) where a GP currently operates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3800/26]

*942. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [3811/26]

*943. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients whose scans have been delayed despite capacity available in facility (details supplied); the approximate waiting time for

appointments for these patients, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [3812/26]

*944. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients referred to a provider (details supplied) for scans, for each year 2020-2025, in tabular form; the total amount paid to the provider in this period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [3813/26]

*945. To ask the Minister for Health to list the locations where the HSE run low vision clinics; the number of persons that attended each of those clinics in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [3839/26]

*946. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in Clare awaiting HSE public dental services including special needs dentistry as of 12 January 2026, to provide waiting times and staffing levels, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [3840/26]

*947. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant urologists based at University Hospital Limerick that are currently only dealing and treating public only patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [3841/26]

*948. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an up-to-date contact list for queries from Oireachtas members to agencies under her Department, in tabular form. — Ciarán Ahern. [3874/26]

*949. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 991 of 16 December 2025, if matters raised previously will be subject to a review in due course (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [3889/26]

*950. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to expand the list of accepted providers under the ESAIS to include centres in Greece and Romania. — Seán Crowe. [3892/26]

*951. To ask the Minister for Health the average cost to the State for the supply of one homecare hour from the supply companies. — Peadar Tóibín. [3909/26]

*952. To ask the Minister for Health if there is an assignment paid for carers travel; and if so, the way it is paid and the rate. — Peadar Tóibín. [3910/26]

*953. To ask the Minister for Health the way unrepresented homecare hours are dealt with; the number that are short homecare hours; if the company is paid on homecare hours allotted by HSE, or actual hours supplied; and, if hours drop for the client, if this is reflected in the payment by the state. — Peadar Tóibín. [3911/26]

*954. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies for public health nurses in both Galway and Roscommon, by county, in tabular form; the plans to address this shortage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3915/26]

*955. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children whose developmental checks were not received on time in Galway and Roscommon, by county, for the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3916/26]

*956. To ask the Minister for Health the steps taken to date to implement the guidance issued by an organisation (details supplied) on transparency of medicines pricing and pharmacy service fees, which took effect from 1 December 2025; and to provide an update on early compliance levels, including any monitoring data available to her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [3928/26]

*957. To ask the Minister for Health the enforcement and compliance framework in place to ensure pharmacies display, in a conspicuous location, the required information on professional service fees and the range of dispensing fees; the respective roles of the PSI and her Department; the actions that may follow where a pharmacy is found not to be compliant, including any sanctions or escalation pathways; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [3929/26]

*958. To ask the Minister for Health the commencement date and operational readiness of the requirement that, from January 2026, patients receive a detailed receipt itemising the medicine cost, the dispensing fee (where applicable), and any other professional service fees; the technical or system changes which were required to deliver this across the sector; to confirm the minimum information which must appear on the receipt; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [3930/26]

*959. To ask the Minister for Health the number of complaints or concerns received by her Department, the HSE, or the PSI since 1 December 2025 relating to non-display of fees, unclear pricing, or refusal to provide an itemised receipt, by month, by category where available; and the way in which patients can escalate concerns where they believe the guidance is not being followed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [3931/26]

*960. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department plans to review the impact of the PSI transparency guidance and the receipt requirement during 2026, including publishing compliance rates and any changes in average dispensing fees for private patients; whether she plans to place any elements of the guidance on a statutory footing through primary or secondary legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [3932/26]

*961. To ask the Minister for Health the basis on which children are scheduled for speech and language therapy assessments in CHO 9, including whether referrals are processed strictly in order of date received or subject to clinical and/or age-based prioritisation; the criteria used in such prioritisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [3938/26]

*962. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of vacancies at a service (details supplied); how long each vacancy has existed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3940/26]

*963. To ask the Minister for Health the steps the HSE is taking to restore and strengthen Level 2 palliative and end of life nursing services in County Louth, particularly outside normal working hours, given long standing concerns about the depletion of this service in the county. — Erin McGreehan. [3944/26]

*964. To ask the Minister for Health the assessment that has been carried out of the impact that limited out of hours community nursing provision in County Louth has on emergency department attendances and hospital deaths at end of life. — Erin McGreehan. [3945/26]

*965. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the HSE intends to respond, in the context of County Louth, the finding by an organisation (details supplied) that the greatest gaps in end of life care nationally are in Level 2 community based services rather than specialist services. — Erin McGreehan. [3946/26]

*966. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will provide interim funding or commissioning arrangements to ensure that people in County Louth can access timely, nurse led end of life care in the community, pending the development of longer term service plans. — Erin McGreehan. [3947/26]

*967. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for refusing to allow foster parents (details supplied) pay privately for speech and language therapy for their foster child, who has already built a relationship with an existing speech and language therapist, and acknowledging that change is particularly traumatic for the child; if this particular case can be investigated with a view to permitting therapy that has been effective to recommence and continue with the original therapist; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3948/26]

*968. To ask the Minister for Health when the cold cap/scalp cooling machine in CUH was installed; when was it last used; and to outline the timeline for it being used again. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [3957/26]

*969. To ask the Minister for Health the number of claims relating to the development of the new children's hospital which have been referred to the courts, by court; the date of referral; the disputed value of each claim as per the contractor; the summary details of each claim, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3969/26]

*970. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists and average waiting times for each type of cancer treatment, by cancer centre; the compliance rate with key performance indicators and standards in this area, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [3970/26]

*971. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for patients with suspected cancer for access to diagnostic tests; the compliance rate with key performance indicators and standards in this area. — David Cullinane. [3971/26]

*972. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children eligible for school dental screening in each of the years 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, broken down by school cohort, and the number actually screened in each year, by HSE CHO area; and to outline the measures taken by her Department to ensure that national screening coverage targets are met in light of reported staffing shortages. — Ken O'Flynn. [3989/26]

*973. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists employed by the HSE in the public dental service in each of the years 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the number of approved but unfilled dentist posts currently within the HSE, by CHO area; and to outline the Department's assessment of whether current staffing levels are sufficient to deliver the statutory school dental screening programme. — Ken O'Flynn. [3990/26]

*974. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the policy analysis undertaken by her Department on the impact of reduced access to school dental screening on child oral health outcomes, including untreated decay and delayed intervention; whether this issue has been identified as a public health risk within departmental planning; and the steps being taken to address these risks within existing health strategies. — Ken O'Flynn. [3991/26]

*975. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has conducted or commissioned a workforce planning review of the public dental service in the past five years; if so, to provide details of the findings relevant to recruitment and retention of dentists within the HSE; and to outline the policy measures currently in place or under consideration to improve recruitment and retention in the public dental service. — Ken O’Flynn. [3992/26]

*976. To ask the Minister for Health if specific protocols are in place for healthcare workers with regard to the provision of pain relief for unborn babies prior to late-term abortions in view of the peer reviewed evidence that unborn babies feel pain; if so, to make them publicly available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [4001/26]

*977. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an orthopaedic appointment in the Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore. — Tony McCormack. [4018/26]

*978. To ask the Minister for Health if legislation is planned to ban the practice of vaping from public gathering places in the same way as the actual smoking ban; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [4019/26]

*979. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of revenue generated via car parking fees at St. Lukes Hospital Kilkenny in 2023, 2024, 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [4020/26]

*980. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of revenue generated via car parking fees at University Hospital Waterford in 2023, 2024, 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [4021/26]

*981. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade employed in general medicine at St. Lukes Hospital in Kilkenny; the number of staff vacancies currently within the department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [4026/26]

*982. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade employed in general medicine at University Hospital Waterford; and the number of staff vacancies currently within the department. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [4027/26]

*983. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that attended each outpatient clinic at St. Lukes Hospital Kilkenny, in 2025; the frequency in which each clinic is held; and if the clinics are consultant or nurse led, in tabular form. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [4029/26]

*984. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the number of patients presenting to St. Luke’s Hospital accident and emergency department with mental health issues; the number of those were admitted to mental health unit, by month for 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [4032/26]

*985. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the commitment to open in James Connolly Hospital a general anaesthetic dental service for special care patients. — Marie Sherlock. [4066/26]

*986. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for paediatric general anaesthetic dental service for special care patients in each CHO. — Marie Sherlock. [4069/26]

*987. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for a general anaesthetic dental service for special care patients in each CHO. — Marie Sherlock. [4070/26]

*988. To ask the Minister for Health the locations for each paediatric general anaesthetic dental service for special care patients. — Marie Sherlock. [4071/26]

*989. To ask the Minister for Health the locations for each adult general anaesthetic dental service for special care patients. — Marie Sherlock. [4072/26]

*990. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting since June 2025 for results from Cavan General Hospital. — Niamh Smyth. [4082/26]

*991. To ask the Minister for Health when capital approval will be granted to transition a medical facility, Radharc na Sléibhte, Carndonagh, County Donegal, from a residential model to a recovery focused crisis intervention/set down facility, supported with 24-hour staff cover, as requested by the HSE's Donegal mental health management team. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [4083/26]

*992. To ask the Minister for Health if additional services will be provided to Kenmare following the closure of dental and physiotherapy services in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4084/26]

*993. To ask the Minister for Health when an agency (details supplied) and the Medicines Management Programme will produce a Climate Action Roadmap, detailing how they will meet the latest Climate Action Mandate (including undergoing a 50% reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030); the way in which in the future they will formulate a robust and visible sustainability programme in their assessments of medicines and health technologies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [4094/26]

*994. To ask the Minister for Health her Department's plans to expand surrogacy support in Ireland to same-sex couples who are currently excluded from the State's IVF scheme; the timeline and the potential steps necessary to expand the scheme; if interim measures will be introduced by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [4095/26]

*995. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2668 of 8 September 2025, if she will clarify where responsibility lies for the potential risk to older patients from possible suboptimal medication management as well as the potential unnecessary expenditure on medications, given that both the Health Service Executive and the her Department have been made aware of these issues on a number of occasions (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [4096/26]

*996. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 252 of 3 December 2025, if a reply will be furnished from the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [4161/26]

*997. To ask the Minister for Health to consider introducing a ban on single use vapes in indoor public spaces, to coincide with proposed changes to the Public Health (Single-Use Vapes) Bill 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [4162/26]

*998. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the exceptional delays in providing home support services, to those already approved for such services in County Donegal; the steps she proposes to take to have the committed services provided immediately; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [4169/26]

*999. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE clinical nurse specialists in cognitive behavioural therapy and advanced nurse practitioner in psychotherapy posts that were filled at Swords adult mental health teams in the years of 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [4173/26]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE specialist mental health teams that are in place within the accident and emergency department of Beaumont Hospital between the hours of 6pm and 8am during the week and for the whole of the weekends. — Sorca Clarke. [4174/26]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of ambulance crews available to respond within 20 minutes of emergency department handover at Mullingar Regional Hospital in 2025, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [4175/26]

*1002. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time to see a consultant ophthalmologist at the Mater Hospital for the first time. — Sorca Clarke. [4176/26]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Health if a review will be expedited in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [4186/26]

*1004. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a place in a nursing home for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [4205/26]

*1005. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time children in Kerry wait for orthodontic treatment, the number which are waiting six months, 12 months, 18 months, two years and so on; the measures being taken to address these waiting lists, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [4208/26]

*1006. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time the most urgent cases of children in Kerry wait for orthodontic treatment; the number waiting one month, two months, three months, four months and so on; the measures being taken to address these waiting lists, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [4209/26]

*1007. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time the most urgent cases of adults in Kerry wait for orthodontic treatment; the number waiting one month, two months, three months, four months and so on; the measures being taken to address these waiting lists, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [4210/26]

*1008. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time the most urgent cases of adults in Kerry wait for orthodontic treatment; the number waiting six months, 12 months, 18 months, two years and so on; the measures being taken to address these waiting lists, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [4211/26]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Health the dental supports available for persons recovering from addiction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [4217/26]

*1010. To ask the Minister for Health the circumstances in which a person's next-of-kin would need to be consulted in relation to palliative sedation/midazolam in cases in which the person is at the hospital, clinic or nursing home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [4228/26]

*1011. To ask the Minister for Health the legislation and regulations that apply in relation to the dispensing of palliative sedation/midazolam; who should be consulted and in what circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [4229/26]

*1012. To ask the Minister for Health the funding available to patients with severe spinal canal stenosis to facilitate treatment in Northern Ireland or another EU state; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [4230/26]

*1013. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals to CAMHS in Counties Cavan and Monaghan in the years 2019 to date; the number of which were rejected, by year and by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4231/26]

*1014. To ask the Minister for Health the current WTE allocated to CAMHS in Counties Cavan and Monaghan; those positions which are vacant; the length of duration of any such vacancy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4232/26]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the concerns of pharmacists in relation to the eligibility for the free HRT scheme; the actions she will take to address this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4235/26]

*1016. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the long-term illness scheme in light of the State's commitments under the National Rare Disease Plan (details supplied); if the inclusion of many rare, genetic, and metabolic disorders which require lifelong and medically essential treatment is being considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [4259/26]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Strategic Review of the Eligibility Framework which was due to be completed in 2025 (details supplied); the expected timeline for completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [4260/26]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Health if she is satisfied that the current professional regulatory framework adequately protects the public interest where systemic or organisational ethical breaches arise within health and social care services (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [4261/26]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no statutory or regulatory mechanism within CORU that allows ethically bound health and social care professionals to report systemic or organisational breaches of professional ethics, as distinct from individual fitness-to-practise complaints; her views on whether the absence of such a mechanism places the burden of ethical responsibility entirely on individual professionals rather than organisations, thereby making speaking up professionally perilous and potentially self-sacrificing, and undermining the stated public-protection purpose of professional regulation; and the consideration that has been given to introducing a protected, independent reporting pathway for systemic ethical breaches within the professional regulatory framework. — Paul Murphy. [4262/26]

- *1020. To ask the Minister for Health further to previous Parliamentary Questions on the matter, when a person will be scheduled for a hip replacement (details supplied); and if the matter can be expedited. — John McGuinness. [4268/26]
- *1021. To ask the Minister for Health if an orthodontic treatment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and the plans to tackle the extremely long waiting lists for orthodontic treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ann Graves. [4273/26]
- *1022. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a report to include all maps and drawings on the findings and outcomes of the extensive public consultation process undertaken by the estates management section of the HSE (details supplied); the committee or entity that made the decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [4274/26]
- *1023. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a detailed cost estimate for the design, manufacture, delivery, installation and commissioning of a single-story temporary modular unit intended for use as an emergency department mental health assessment space. — Sorca Clarke. [4276/26]
- *1024. To ask the Minister for Health the total annual expenditure on emergency mental health services within hospital emergency departments in each of the past five years, by staffing, infrastructure, agency costs, and non-pay expenditure, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [4277/26]
- *1025. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of the overall mental health budget which is currently allocated to crisis assessment and intervention services. — Sorca Clarke. [4278/26]
- *1026. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent annually on agency and locum staffing to provide emergency mental health cover in hospitals, by hospital group. — Sorca Clarke. [4279/26]
- *1027. To ask the Minister for Health the funding which is currently allocated to psychiatric liaison services in emergency departments; and whether this funding is ringfenced. — Sorca Clarke. [4280/26]
- *1028. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to the health system of prolonged emergency department stays for people in mental health crisis, including security costs, extended bed occupancy, and delayed discharges. — Sorca Clarke. [4281/26]
- *1029. To ask the Minister for Health the average cost per patient of an emergency department mental health presentation compared with community-based crisis intervention. — Sorca Clarke. [4282/26]
- *1030. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated capital cost of providing a dedicated mental health emergency room in each Model 3 and Model 4 hospital. — Sorca Clarke. [4283/26]
- *1031. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitals which are currently without mental health assessment spaces and the estimated cost of bringing each into compliance with Mental Health Commission standards. — Sorca Clarke. [4284/26]

*1032. To ask the Minister for Health the number of sanctioned mental health posts in emergency and liaison services which remain unfilled and the associated underspend. — Sorca Clarke. [4285/26]

*1033. To ask the Minister for Health the projected cost of expanding child and adolescent mental health liaison services to operate on a 24/7 basis in emergency departments. — Sorca Clarke. [4286/26]

*1034. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of expanding the role of Model 2 hospitals in providing mental health crisis assessment and short-stay care. — Sorca Clarke. [4287/26]

*1035. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of the mental health budget announced in each of the past three budgets that was not spent; and the reasons for any underspend. — Sorca Clarke. [4288/26]

*1036. To ask the Minister for Health if she will clarify whether personal data held by her Department and its customer facing sections is subject to processing by artificial intelligence tools (details supplied). — Aidan Farrelly. [4304/26]

*1037. To ask the Minister for Health if she and or her officials have conducted a data protection impact assessment with regards to the use of artificial intelligence tools, and, if so, the dates on which this assessment was conducted. — Aidan Farrelly. [4309/26]

*1038. To ask the Minister for Health further to the response to Parliamentary Question No. 958 of 18 November 2025, the number of babies which have been born alive after abortion procedures in cases where neither major congenital anomaly nor extreme prematurity (22 weeks or earlier) were involved; the protocols, actions or interventions which were followed to protect the baby's life and health; the audits or other oversights which have been conducted on these cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4313/26]

*1039. To ask the Minister for Health further to the response to Parliamentary Question No. 958 of 18 November 2025, to provide a copy of the established national guidance documents mentioned as being followed when a baby is born showing signs of life after abortion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4314/26]

*1040. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant dermatologists based at Tallaght University Hospital as of 12 January 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [4317/26]

*1041. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in CHO7 awaiting home help services as of 12 January 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [4318/26]

*1042. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric nephrologist based at CHI Crumlin in 2024 and 2025 in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [4319/26]

*1043. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that presented to the accident and emergency department at CHI Crumlin over each day of the recent Christmas-new year period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [4320/26]

- *1044. To ask the Minister for Health if she will add inflammatory bowel disease to the list of conditions for inclusion in the long-term illness scheme; if she will describe the criteria deployed under the terms of the Health Act 1970 to include a condition within the ambit of the scheme; if she will agree that the typical experience of patients with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis allows for these conditions to meet the criteria of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [4327/26]
- *1045. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm if HSE Dublin and North East health region is the new name for CH09; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [4337/26]
- *1046. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm the areas covered by HSE Dublin and North East health region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [4338/26]
- *1047. To ask the Minister for Health an update on the approval status of the drug givinostat; if officials from her Department have been in contact with their counterparts in the North to examine the possibility of children with Duchenne muscular dystrophy accessing treatment in the North as an interim measure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [4348/26]
- *1048. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to remove the income threshold for access to a medical card for persons over 70 years-of-age in order to ensure universal access; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [4349/26]
- *1049. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to extending the special leave with pay scheme and that some form of long-term support will be put in place for these workers, particularly given that approximately 166 employees of the HSE are affected by long-Covid since 2020 as a result of working on the frontline during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [4350/26]
- *1050. To ask the Minister for Health the reason CervicalCheck does not inform a patient which HPV type or the number of HPV types which were found in a patient that tests positive for HPV viruses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [4371/26]
- *1051. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to expand CervicalCheck screening to include genotyping to identify the specific strains of HPV; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [4372/26]
- *1052. To ask the Minister for Health if she has confidence that CervicalCheck screening covers all high-risk HPV types; how often an evidence review takes place into testing and risk in order to inform screening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [4373/26]
- *1053. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the Loughlinstown primary healthcare centre capital project, located on Loughlinstown Drive, County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [4381/26]
- *1054. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be announced for phase II of the national rehabilitation hospital development on Rochestown Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin, under the HSE capital projects plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [4383/26]

*1055. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has considered the introduction of targeted glaucoma screening measures for individuals with a family history of glaucoma, given the significantly increased risk faced by first-degree relatives; whether international best practice in this area has been examined with a view to informing policy in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [4395/26]

*1056. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); the arrangements that are in place to ensure patients can access their dental records and continuity of care in such circumstances; if any guidance is available to patients who have paid for treatment that was not completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [4401/26]

*1057. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is considering making ryeqo available in Ireland for women suffering with endometriosis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [4403/26]

*1058. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the protocols around a person within the healthcare system on suicide watch; if the family are notified when a person is on suicide watch; and to provide clarity on an inquest involving a patient (details supplied). — Sorca Clarke. [4459/26]

*1059. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to maintain continuity of care following recent changes to maternity services in hospitals; if consultants previously delivering private maternity services have a duty of care to patients under their supervision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [4471/26]

*1060. To ask the Minister for Health to review the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [4478/26]

*1061. To ask the Minister for Health the current numbers of approved and actual/in post WTE staff grade and senior grade clinicians working in children's services across Longford and Westmeath CDNT, PC, CAMHs/ YAMHs, broken down by community healthcare networks by discipline (details supplied), in tabular form;; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [4485/26]

*1062. To ask the Minister for Health the current number on priority and routine waiting lists, across each care group awaiting initial assessment; the longest waiter per discipline; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [4486/26]

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

*1063. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason TrustEd applications were invited and processed before final PEL requirements were published and costed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [4429/26]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when full PEL details will be published; if he will provide the details of the cost structure for schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [4430/26]

- *1065. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if further TrustEd rounds will be paused until all remaining regulatory elements are fully finalised and transparent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [4431/26]
- *1066. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which ongoing TrustEd staffing ratios will be verified between inspections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [4507/26]
- *1067. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if TrustEd includes restrictions or checks on employing Stamp 2 English-language students as teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [4510/26]
- *1068. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the checks that exist to ensure ELT schools employ suitably qualified staff and do not rely on student-visa holders to undercut wages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [4511/26]
- *1069. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on SUSI grant income thresholds (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [3597/26]
- *1070. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to list the roles within public or semi-State organisations under his Department that are excluded from the single public service pension scheme; the number of people employed in those roles, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [3619/26]
- *1071. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a detailed breakdown of how the €4.55 billion investment in research and innovation will be spent year-by-year; how progress will be measured; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [3717/26]
- *1072. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a detailed breakdown of how the €4.55 billion investment in research and innovation will be spent year-by-year; how progress will be measured; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [3718/26]
- *1073. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for a list of all capital projects underway; the campus and the timelines in each case, in tabular form. — Jen Cummins. [3718/26]
- *1074. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how transparency, international competitiveness and peer review excellence will be ensured across disciplines in Taighde Éireann and be monitored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [3719/26]
- *1075. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how effective PATH and other programmes have been in improving participation among under-represented groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [3720/26]
- *1076. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount his Department has spent on advertising abroad aimed at encouraging Irish citizens to

return home, broken down by year for 2024, 2025, and to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [3791/26]

*1077. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether he will legislate to ensure that personal assistants in third level institutes and education training boards are given permanent contracts for their services to disabled students. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3818/26]

*1078. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on commitments made in advance of the 2024 General Election regarding the abolition of third-level student fees; if he will clarify comments made on 14 November 2024 during an engagement with a student at Dublin City University in which he stated that he would abolish such fees; and the actions, if any, he now proposes to take in light of the additional cost of approximately €500 incurred by students and parents in the 2025 academic year. — Ken O’Flynn. [3838/26]

*1079. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the average time it took from phase one to completion for each apprenticeship, by trade in Cavan in each of the years 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [3843/26]

*1080. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans for capital investment in further education facilities in Kildare in each of the years 2026 and 2027, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [3844/26]

*1081. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans for new apprenticeships to be offered in County Wicklow; the timeframe to have them up and running; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [3845/26]

*1082. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the average time it took from phase one to completion for each apprenticeship, by trade in Sligo in each of the years 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [3846/26]

*1083. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of applicants for SUSI who were refused; the reasons for refusal; the number of applicants approved, in each of the years 2020 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [3883/26]

*1084. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether his Department’s current systems can identify the number of students enrolled in each individual English language education provider at present; if so, whether it can be published in an anonymised format (details supplied) to avoid identifying individual organisations and to ensure that no commercially sensitive information is disclosed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [4166/26]

*1085. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to urgently intervene in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [4188/26]

*1086. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason there is no 2026 springboard courses available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [4216/26]

*1087. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports available for students undertaking part time higher and further education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [4219/26]

*1088. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of Irish-based community media and community-led media organisations that have been successful applicants under the Erasmus+ and Horizon Europe programmes in each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025; the total value of funding awarded to such organisations under each programme in each of those years; and to outline any observable trends in participation or success rates, including any changes in programme priorities or application volumes, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4294/26]

*1089. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of people currently availing of training apprenticeships, by apprenticeship programme; the number of people currently eligible to undertake the next stage of their apprenticeship who are not currently in an apprenticeship programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [4365/26]

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

*1090. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the funding allocated under his Department's programmes and schemes, by county for each year 2020 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [3321/26]

*1091. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the position regarding a scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [3583/26]

*1092. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to list the roles within public or semi-State organisations under his Department that are excluded from the single public service pension scheme; the number of people employed in those roles, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [3624/26]

*1093. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide an up-to-date contact list for queries from Oireachtas members to agencies under his Department, in tabular form. — Ciarán Ahern. [3878/26]

*1094. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will provide an update on the progress in publishing the next rural development policy plan; the estimated timeframe for its release; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [4165/26]

*1095. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if CLÁR funding can be drawn down by rural communities to help pay for the extension of a graveyard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [4301/26]