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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*1. To ask the Taoiseach if he or any of his officials have used artificial intelligence to write speeches, produce social media content for his Department, or to issue responses to parliamentary questions, since he took office. — Peadar Tóibín. [4602/26]

*2. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department has a paid subscription with a social media company (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [4620/26]

*3. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his visit to China. — Eoin Hayes. [4736/26]

*4. To ask the Taoiseach how he ensures that all websites operated by his Department are accessible to the visually impaired. — Malcolm Byrne. [4825/26]

*5. To ask the Taoiseach if any website or other platform operated by his Department uses an AI-enabled chatbot; if there are plans to use chatbots; in what circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [4843/26]

*6. To ask the Taoiseach the total sums spent for each year from 2016 to 2025, inclusive of advertising, by his Department on social media or online platforms, including identifying separately payments to influencers on such platforms; and to set out the annual totals for that period to each specific platform, including but not limited to major platforms (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [4862/26]

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

*7. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the outcome of the most recent discussion at the EU Council in relation to support for the integrity and sovereignty of EU member states, including Denmark. — Brendan Smith. [4998/26]

*8. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she or any of her officials have used artificial intelligence to write speeches, produce social media content for her Department, or to issue responses to parliamentary questions, since she took office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [4594/26]

*9. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department has a paid subscription with a social media company (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [4612/26]

*10. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the measures being taken by the Department to advocate for the release of a person (details supplied) who faces execution in Iran; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [4730/26]

*11. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on a passport application (details supplied) given the applicants travel date is imminent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [4750/26]

*12. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade how she ensures that all websites operated by her Department are accessible to the visually impaired. — Malcolm Byrne. [4817/26]

*13. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if any website or other platform operated by her Department uses an AI-enabled chatbot; if there are plans to use chatbots; in what circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [4835/26]

*14. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total sums spent for each year from 2016 to 2025, inclusive of advertising, by her Department on social media or online platforms, including identifying separately payments to influencers on such platforms; and to set out the annual totals for that period to each specific platform, including but not limited to major platforms (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [4854/26]

*15. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the outcome of the most recent discussion at the EU Foreign Affairs Council in relation to support for the integrity and sovereignty of EU member states including Denmark; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4996/26]

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

*16. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will issue emergency funding to a hugely successful project at an OPW site (details supplied) to see the project to the end of 2026, and allow time for the project to source alternative longer term funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [4769/26]

*17. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the steps he is taking to reduce waiting times for works to be carried out under the warmer homes scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [4540/26]

*18. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding any product or services purchased from Thailand by his Department in 2025, by description and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [4556/26]

*19. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he or any of his officials have used artificial intelligence to write speeches, produce social media content for his Department, or to issue responses to parliamentary questions, since he took office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [4588/26]

*20. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has a paid subscription with a social media company (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [4606/26]

*21. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he has engaged with a company (details supplied) in relation to its energy recovery targets for the period 2022 – 2025; if so, the nature and frequency of such engagement; whether those targets have been met to date. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [4637/26]

*22. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the role of a company (details supplied) in supporting the decarbonations of Ireland's climate action targets and circular economy strategy; the contribution made to date by waste-to-energy facilities in reducing fossil fuel use and greenhouse gas emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4638/26]

*23. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of batteries recycled through the WEEE (waste electrical and electronic equipment) scheme in Ireland in each of the past three years; the number of batteries that ended up in landfill over the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4639/26]

*24. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the expansion of district heating in Ireland's energy transition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4643/26]

*25. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the role envisaged for local authorities in the expansion of district heating; whether pilot projects are in place or planned; if there are any projects planned for Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4644/26]

*26. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to review correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [4647/26]

*27. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the total SEAI budget allocated for non-domestic renewable energy supports in each of the past three years; the proportion of that budget that remained unspent; how he reconciles this underspend with the fact that the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine is rejecting approximately 75% of farmers applying for solar PV support due to budget constraints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [4656/26]

*28. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his plans to introduce a levy on single-use cups as provided for in the Circular Economy Act 2022; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [4666/26]

*29. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will provide a progress update on the Heat (Networks and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [4731/26]

*30. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if it is the Government's position that Ireland's carbon budgets to 2030 will not be met; and if so, whether this is due to insufficient implementation of Ireland's climate action plans, or if the plans themselves are considered inadequate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [4738/26]

*31. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide details of the community energy projects supported by his Department that were delivered in 2025. — Malcolm Byrne. [4790/26]

*32. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment how he ensures that all websites operated by his Department are accessible to the visually impaired. — Malcolm Byrne. [4811/26]

*33. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if any website or other platform operated by his Department uses an AI-enabled chatbot; if there are plans to use chatbots; in what circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [4829/26]

*34. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the total sums spent for each year from 2016 to 2025, inclusive of advertising, by his Department on social media or online platforms, including identifying separately payments to influencers on such platforms; and to set out the annual totals for that period to each specific platform, including but not limited to major platforms (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [4848/26]

*35. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the safeguards in place to ensure that a data centre (details supplied) will not hinder electricity and water demand for existing and future residents in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [5015/26]

*36. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the actions being taken by his Department to reduce the demand data centres are making on our national grid; the safeguards that will be in place for data centres built in the future re same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [5016/26]

Chun Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*37. To ask the Minister for Defence if her or any of her officials have used artificial intelligence to write speeches, produce social media content for her Department, or to issue responses to parliamentary questions, since she took office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [4590/26]

*38. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department has a paid subscription with a social media company (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [4608/26]

*39. To ask the Minister for Defence the measures being taken to protect State undersea cables; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [4723/26]

*40. To ask the Minister for Defence how her ensures that all websites operated by her Department are accessible to the visually impaired. — Malcolm Byrne. [4813/26]

*41. To ask the Minister for Defence if any website or other platform operated by her Department uses an AI-enabled chatbot; if there are plans to use chatbots; in what circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [4831/26]

*42. To ask the Minister for Defence the total sums spent for each year from 2016 to 2025, inclusive of advertising, by her Department on social media or online platforms, including identifying separately payments to influencers on such platforms; and to set out the annual totals for that period to each specific platform, including but not limited to major platforms (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [4850/26]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*43. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of any additional complaints from public transport providers, such as Dublin Bus, regarding the road use conduct of platform workers/drivers; if he is aware of any plans or campaigns to monitor and improve the adherence to road safety conditions of platform delivery workers/drivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [4515/26]

*44. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will consider the introduction of additional and improved services in Cavan and Monaghan (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4543/26]

*45. To ask the Minister for Transport if he or any of his officials have used artificial intelligence to write speeches, produce social media content for his Department, or to issue responses to parliamentary questions, since he took office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [4603/26]

*46. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has a paid subscription with a social media company (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [4621/26]

*47. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of recent increases in parking charges at Cork Airport; if he has engaged with the DAA regarding this increase; the rationale provided for the increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4636/26]

*48. To ask the Minister for Transport when the next review of the Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [4671/26]

*49. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will amend legislation to enable public transport repair vehicles to utilise bus lanes in the event of service disruptions to the Luas, the DART, or Dublin Bus, to facilitate faster response times. — Maeve O'Connell. [4705/26]

*50. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures being taken by his Department to meet the requirements outlined by the trans-European transport network (TEN-T) by 2040; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [4728/26]

*51. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details of new Local Link routes delivered in 2025. — Shane Moynihan. [4770/26]

*52. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details of Local Link routes that saw increased capacity in 2025. — Shane Moynihan. [4771/26]

*53. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details of Local Link routes that saw increased services in 2025. — Shane Moynihan. [4772/26]

*54. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the progress achieved in the delivery of rail projects under the Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy in 2025. — Shane Moynihan. [4773/26]

*55. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the progress achieved in the delivery of Bus Connects for Dublin in 2025. — Shane Moynihan. [4774/26]

*56. To ask the Minister for Transport how he ensures that all websites operated by his Department are accessible to the visually impaired. — Malcolm Byrne. [4826/26]

*57. To ask the Minister for Transport if any website or other platform operated by his Department uses an AI-enabled chatbot; if there are plans to use chatbots; in what circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [4844/26]

*58. To ask the Minister for Transport if the National Transport Authority can be requested to provide bus stops in Milltown, County Kerry, and make improvements to bus connectivity and frequency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [4845/26]

*59. To ask the Minister for Transport the total sums spent for each year from 2016 to 2025, inclusive of advertising, by his Department on social media or online platforms, including identifying separately payments to influencers on such platforms; and to set out the annual totals for that period to each specific platform, including but not limited to major platforms (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [4863/26]

*60. To ask the Minister for Transport following his answer to Parliamentary Question No's 589, 590, 656, 657, 659, 661, 667 to 669, 671, 672 684 and 700 of 13 January 2026, the number of notification letters sent to penalty point offenders where the driver number was not captured; and the number which relate to penalty point disqualifications. — Emer Currie. [4983/26]

*61. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question Nos 589, 590, 656, 657, 659, 661, 667 to 669, 671, 672 684 and 700 of 13 January 2026, for a breakdown of the information gathered for unmatched penalty point offences that can be used to identify the driver has been on the National Vehicle and Driver File, such as name, address or other, in tabular form. — Emer Currie. [4988/26]

*62. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of electric buses have been purchased by Bus Éireann and the NTA for national, city and town services that are not in use; the reason for this; and whether a lack of charging facilities is stopping the use of these buses. — Peadar Tóibín. [5023/26]

*63. To ask the Minister for Transport the current wait time for a driving test in the test centre in Ballina, County Mayo; the measures being taken to reduce the wait time at this location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [5085/26]

*64. To ask the Minister for Transport the current wait time for a driving test in the test centre in Castlebar, County Mayo; the measures being taken to reduce the wait time at this location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [5086/26]

*65. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for rollout of contactless ticketing on Cork fleet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [5088/26]

*66. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for leap card tap to ride capability in Cork City; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [5089/26]

*67. To ask the Minister for Transport the date for bus connects network to begin in Cork City; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [5090/26]

*68. To ask the Minister for Transport the date for publication of bus connects sustainable transport corridors in Cork City; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [5091/26]

*69. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement that has been held with Cork City and County Councils in terms of infrastructural changes needed to alleviate bus congestion now; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [5092/26]

*70. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement which has been held with his Department to progress the legislation for automatic camera enforcement at junctions and other problem areas in Cork City; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [5093/26]

*71. To ask the Minister for Transport the result of the AI camera on the 220 Bus targeting traffic infractions; if it will be done again on other routes in Cork City; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [5094/26]

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

*72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the current position regarding the primary medical certificate; the changes that have been made to the scheme; if any further changes are proposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [4795/26]

*73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on whether it is appropriate that Revenue officials would attend and interrogate stall holders at Christmas craft fairs in County Tipperary before Christmas; if this is official Government policy to interrogate stall holders at Christmas craft fairs; if it is a policy that supports our arts, heritage and culture and the future of our traditional crafts; if it risks losing traditional crafts as crafters will have no avenue to share their crafts with the public without being penalised by Revenue; if these actions are likely to be repeated going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4567/26]

*74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he or any of his officials have used artificial intelligence to write speeches, produce social media content for his Department, or to issue responses to parliamentary questions, since he took office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [4593/26]

*75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has a paid subscription with a social media company (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [4611/26]

*76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his view on abolishing the eight-year deemed disposal rule in the capital gains tax system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [4789/26]

*77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the financial and other supports that are available to small community groups in meeting the cost of insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [4792/26]

*78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance how he ensures that all websites operated by his Department are accessible to the visually impaired. — Malcolm Byrne. [4816/26]

*79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if any website or other platform operated by his Department uses an AI-enabled chatbot; if there are plans to use chatbots; in what circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [4834/26]

*80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total sums spent for each year from 2016 to 2025, inclusive of advertising, by his Department on social media or online platforms, including identifying separately payments to influencers on such platforms; and to set out the annual totals for that period to each specific platform, including but not limited to major platforms (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [4853/26]

*81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider a case (details supplied) where a person has been refused the mortgage interest tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [4971/26]

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

*82. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the position regarding any product or services purchased from Thailand by his Department in 2025, by description and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [4557/26]

*83. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he or any of his officials have used artificial intelligence to write speeches, produce social media content for his Department, or to issue responses to parliamentary questions, since he took office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [4599/26]

*84. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department has a paid subscription with a social media company (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [4617/26]

*85. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether his Department has received any request from the Department of Agriculture; Food and the Marine to increase the allocation in response to oversubscription for TAMS 3 solar PV; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [4659/26]

*86. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will issue emergency funding to a project at an OPW site (details supplied) to see the project to the end of 2026, and allow time for the project to source alternative longer term funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [4768/26]

*87. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation how he ensures that all websites operated by his Department are accessible to the visually impaired. — Malcolm Byrne. [4822/26]

*88. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if any website or other platform operated by his Department uses an AI-enabled chatbot; if there are plans to use chatbots; in what circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [4840/26]

*89. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total sums spent for each year from 2016 to 2025, inclusive of advertising, by his Department on social media or online platforms, including identifying separately payments to influencers on such platforms; and to set out the annual totals for that period to each specific platform, including but not limited to major platforms (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [4859/26]

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

*90. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he or any of his officials have used artificial intelligence to write speeches, produce social media content for his Department, or to issue responses to parliamentary questions, since he took office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [4592/26]

*91. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has a paid subscription with a social media company (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [4610/26]

*92. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the status of a general employment permit renewal application in respect of a person (details supplied); when a decision will issue in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4799/26]

*93. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment how he ensures that all websites operated by his Department are accessible to the visually impaired. — Malcolm Byrne. [4815/26]

*94. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if any website or other platform operated by his Department uses an AI-enabled chatbot; if there are plans to use chatbots; in what circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [4833/26]

*95. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the total sums spent for each year from 2016 to 2025, inclusive of advertising, by his Department on social media or online platforms, including identifying separately payments to influencers on such platforms; and to set out the annual totals for that period to each specific platform, including but not limited to major platforms (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [4852/26]

*96. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the budget for the Health and Safety Authority for the years 2020 to 2025, inclusive; the number of inspections carried out by the HSA in each of those years; the number of staff in place to carry out such inspections in each year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [5081/26]

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

*97. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the cost of the temporary special school in Castleblayney, County Monaghan to date; the additional cost of the temporary portacabins; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [4634/26]

*98. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a site has been located for a permanent special school in Castleblayney, County Monaghan; if proposed sites have been considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [4635/26]

*99. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the rationale for the removal of sailing as an eligible activity for the additional assessment component of the leaving certificate physical education curriculum; if she will review this decision in light of sport's national significance, and youth participation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [4514/26]

*100. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a decision will be made on application for additional funding for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4565/26]

*101. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she or any of her officials have used artificial intelligence to write speeches, produce social media content for her Department, or to issue responses to parliamentary questions, since she took office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [4591/26]

*102. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has a paid subscription with a social media company (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [4609/26]

*103. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 345 of 11 June 2024, the reason there has been a delay of almost four years for the delivery of the approved extension to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [4628/26]

*104. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there is a contingency fund available for schools whose enrolment increases by more than 20% within a single academic year in relation to the Capitation Grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [4629/26]

*105. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason schools are paid capitation on the previous enrolment from 18 months ago (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [4630/26]

*106. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will expedite the transition to September 2025 enrolment figures for a school (details supplied) to immediately prevent a deficit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [4631/26]

*107. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the case of a person (details supplied) regarding pension schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [4649/26]

*108. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question Nos 1200 and 1201 of 13 January 2026, if he will explain the reason a report is being insisted on, when a letter from the CDNT has always sufficed in the past; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [4704/26]

*109. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if provision will be made similar to section 3 of the Local Government (No 2) Act 2003 to oblige educational training boards to engage with

Oireachtas members in a similar manner as local authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4707/26]

*110. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reasons an additional ASD special class was not sanctioned in a post-primary school (details supplied); the criteria applied in determining that the class could not be sanctioned at this time; whether the availability of a modest capital grant to facilitate the fit-out of an additional classroom was considered as part of this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [4708/26]

*111. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to review correspondence (details supplied); if she will address the funding concerns outlined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [4722/26]

*112. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures being taken by her Department to upgrade the BER ratings of all school buildings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [4727/26]

*113. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if consideration will be given to the request for changes to the system of calculating capitation payments in respect of primary schools with particular reference to increased enrolments as outlined in correspondence (details supplied) highlighting the pressures on a school with a considerable increase in enrolment and no additional capitation for that cohort of pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4749/26]

*114. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the proposals if any she has to amend the system for calculating capitation payments taking into account the additional pressures on schools where there have been increases in enrolments but no additional payments; if she accepts that the present system needs to be updated considering population increase and population movement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4751/26]

*115. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the details of new school buildings completed in 2025. — Ryan O'Meara. [4760/26]

*116. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the details of school extensions completed in 2025. — Ryan O'Meara. [4761/26]

*117. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for a list of the routes added to the school transport scheme in 2025 for primary, secondary and special schools. — Ryan O'Meara. [4762/26]

*118. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if any existing school transport scheme routes (primary, secondary and special schools) saw increased capacity in 2025; and if so, if she will provide the details of same. — Ryan O'Meara. [4763/26]

*119. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of new special classes which were delivered 2025, by county. — Ryan O'Meara. [4764/26]

*120. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of new special class places that were delivered in 2025, by county. — Ryan O'Meara. [4765/26]

*121. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if new special schools were delivered in 2025; and the details of same. — Ryan O'Meara. [4766/26]

*122. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of new special school places that were delivered in 2025, by county. — Ryan O'Meara. [4767/26]

*123. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth how she ensures that all websites operated by her Department are accessible to the visually impaired. — Malcolm Byrne. [4814/26]

*124. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if any website or other platform operated by her Department uses an AI-enabled chatbot; if there are plans to use chatbots; in what circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [4832/26]

*125. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total sums spent for each year from 2016 to 2025, inclusive of advertising, by her Department on social media or online platforms, including identifying separately payments to influencers on such platforms; and to set out the annual totals for that period to each specific platform, including but not limited to major platforms (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [4851/26]

*126. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a request to open two additional special classes will be sanctioned by the NCSE for a school (details supplied); when the next tranche of sanctioned schools will be announced; if she will ensure that the information will be communicated to parents and schools in the first instance, and not Government Teachtaí Dála; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [4973/26]

*127. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a request to open two additional special classes will be sanctioned by the NCSE for a school (details supplied); when the next tranche of sanctioned schools will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [4974/26]

*128. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update regarding a new campus and new buildings for a school (details supplied), given the school has been operating out of temporary buildings and prefabs for 18 years; the reason for the delay in the completion of a new campus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [5012/26]

*129. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a plan is in place to re-open the sensory room in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [5013/26]

*130. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department would consider replacing the current, failing pre-fabricated building units in a school (details supplied), with a fit-for-purpose temporary structure as an interim emergency measure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [5014/26]

*131. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps her Department is taking to reduce the number on waiting lists for second-level education in north Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [5017/26]

*132. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a list of locations for the construction of new school buildings, excluding extensions, for existing schools for the year 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5024/26]

*133. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a list of all new extensions to existing school buildings for the year 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5025/26]

*134. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to list the locations of the construction of new school buildings, excluding extensions to existing schools for the year 2026, on a county-by-county breakdown, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5078/26]

*135. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a list of all new extensions to existing school buildings for the year 2026, on a county-by-county breakdown, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5079/26]

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

*136. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he or any of his officials have used artificial intelligence to write speeches, produce social media content for his Department, or to issue responses to parliamentary questions, since he took office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [4589/26]

*137. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department has a paid subscription with a social media company (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [4607/26]

*138. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he plans to assess the success of the implementation of a ban on social media for under 16s in Australia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4712/26]

*139. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his views on whether a ban on the use of social media for under 16s could be implemented in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4713/26]

*140. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to what extent a proposed ban on the use of social media by under 16s has been assessed by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4714/26]

*141. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding any work ongoing within his Department that seeks to improve the level of protection for children online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4716/26]

*142. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide details of new sports and physical recreation facilities delivered by his Department in 2025. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4783/26]

*143. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps that Monaghan County Council should take to secure funding for a swimming pool in Carrickmacross; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4797/26]

*144. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will outline the supports available through his Department, and bodies under its aegis, such as Sport Ireland, to support darts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4798/26]

*145. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport how he ensures that all websites operated by his Department are accessible to the visually impaired. — Malcolm Byrne. [4812/26]

*146. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if any website or other platform operated by his Department uses an AI-enabled chatbot; if there are plans to use chatbots; in what circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [4830/26]

*147. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total sums spent for each year from 2016 to 2025, inclusive of advertising, by his Department on social media or online platforms, including identifying separately payments to influencers on such platforms; and to set out the annual totals for that period to each specific platform, including but not limited to major platforms (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [4849/26]

*148. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his views on the lack of payment options in a sport Ireland campus (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [4970/26]

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

*149. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the eligibility criteria for the vacant property refurbishment grant, in light of concerns that limiting eligibility to individuals, is impeding town-centre housing delivery; his views on whether the exclusion of companies, developers and other delivery bodies is preventing the refurbishment of vacant over-the-shop and mixed-use properties; the steps he will take to ensure the scheme aligns with the realities of town-centre regeneration; and if he will consider expanding eligibility to maximise the number of properties brought back into use under the Town Centre First policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [4532/26]

*150. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures being taken to support households who are above the income threshold for social housing but remain unable to afford secure housing in the private market; if he will confirm whether a review of income thresholds is underway; if he will detail plans to expand cost-rental and affordable purchase schemes to address the affordability gap for middle-income earners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [4534/26]

*151. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the rationale for the application of social housing income thresholds which result in applicants being removed from local authority housing waiting lists when they exceed the threshold by a marginal amount; whether he will review these thresholds, particularly in cases involving persons with disabilities who have specific accommodation needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [4535/26]

*152. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he is aware of cases where individuals have been deemed ineligible for social housing supports despite being unable to access the Housing Assistance Payment, due to a lack of suitable rental accommodation; the measures in place to address such situations; if he will consider introducing flexibility or discretion for local authorities in the application of income thresholds in exceptional circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [4536/26]

*153. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it is a matter for local authorities to apply for funding for constructed wetlands or will Uisce Eireann announce which smaller towns, population centres and villages will get their wastewater treatment issues resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [4564/26]

*154. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he or any of his officials have used artificial intelligence to write speeches, produce social media content for his Department, or to issue responses to parliamentary questions, since he took office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [4597/26]

*155. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has a paid subscription with a social media company (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [4615/26]

*156. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the rates per square metre under the defective concrete blocks grant scheme have not been reviewed since the introduction of the enhanced scheme in 2023, despite significant construction cost inflation; if he will commit to an immediate review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [4664/26]

*157. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports currently available to first-time buyers purchasing second-hand homes; if there are any plans to introduce additional supports for this cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [4665/26]

*158. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures being taken by the Department to mitigate the anticipated issues arising from the new rent reforms for families renting properties owned by people on the fair deal scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [4726/26]

*159. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how he ensures that all websites operated by his Department are accessible to the visually impaired. — Malcolm Byrne. [4820/26]

*160. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if any website or other platform operated by his Department uses an AI-enabled chatbot; if there are plans to use chatbots; in what circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [4838/26]

*161. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total sums spent for each year from 2016 to 2025, inclusive of advertising, by his Department on social media or online platforms, including identifying separately payments to influencers on such platforms; and to set out the annual totals for that period to each specific platform, including but not limited to major platforms (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [4857/26]

*162. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if ECCE/early years childcare and education services that are 100% State funded and effectively not operating for profit are liable for commercial rates; if so, if his Department will provide or subsidise commercial rates for ECCE services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [4935/26]

*163. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to detail his plans to develop and support a co-operative housing sector in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [5098/26]

*164. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will commit to a referendum on the right to housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [5099/26]

*165. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider implementing a Livret A-style state. — Rory Hearne. [5100/26]

*166. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will introduce a winter eviction ban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [5101/26]

*167. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to detail his plans to build public construction capacity to ensure Ireland has the workers needed to deliver a housing savings scheme in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [5102/26]

*168. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when his Department plans to draw down on the EU funding for housing made available through the EU Affordable Housing Plan; his plans for the funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [5103/26]

*169. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to detail the way in which affordable housing will be prioritised under Ireland's EU presidency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [5104/26]

*170. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will declassify the vacant property grant issued for rental properties as an affordable housing measure so that it is not counted in statistics published affordable housing delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [5105/26]

*171. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to detail his plans to lower cost rental rents, so that they are actually affordable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [5106/26]

*172. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to detail his plans to lower the price of affordable purchase homes, so that they are actually affordable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [5107/26]

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

*173. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he or any of his officials have used artificial intelligence to write speeches, produce social media content for his Department, or to issue responses to parliamentary questions, since he took office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [4601/26]

*174. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has a paid subscription with a social media company (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [4619/26]

*175. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of employees in County Carlow registered with My Future Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [4622/26]

*176. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of employees in County Kilkenny registered with My Future Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [4623/26]

*177. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the eligibility criteria for jobseeker's benefit or allowances, as they exclude many young people from welfare payments who are well deserving, as in the case of a person (details supplied). — Ann Graves. [4626/26]

*178. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures being taken by the Department to develop a charter of rights for so called critical or front line workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [4725/26]

*179. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total amount paid to survivors of clerical abuse and number of survivors compensated by the State; how much of that amount was contributed by religious institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [4732/26]

*180. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason no social welfare inspector or community welfare officer is available in the Castlerea office, County Roscommon; if and when these positions will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [4784/26]

*181. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a community welfare officer could be assigned to attend the Castlerea office, County Roscommon, one day per week to meet with local people in need of this service for appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [4785/26]

*182. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how he ensures that all websites operated by his Department are accessible to the visually impaired. — Malcolm Byrne. [4824/26]

*183. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if any website or other platform operated by his Department uses an AI-enabled chatbot; if there are plans to use chatbots; in what circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [4842/26]

*184. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total sums spent for each year from 2016 to 2025, inclusive of advertising, by his Department on social media or online platforms, including identifying separately payments to influencers on such platforms; and to set out the annual totals for that period to each specific platform, including but not limited to major platforms (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [4861/26]

*185. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on the extension of the homeowner's once-off payment in respect of 2025 mortgage interest payments; if he will consider a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [4972/26]

*186. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will intervene to reinstate the disability allowance for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5080/26]

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

*187. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Irish immigration residence permissions issued to students pursuing educational courses in the State in each of the past five years, by type of educational course, university, or English language school, by country of origin, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4537/26]

*188. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Irish immigration residence permissions issued to students pursuing educational courses which have been terminated in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4538/26]

*189. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of incidences of students holding an immigration stamp 2 permission that have been found to be in breach of the restrictions on working hours (20 hours per week during term time) for each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4539/26]

*190. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if consideration is being given to the introduction of a single Garda vetting application process which would be sufficient proof of an individual passing the process for any applications sought within a specific time period or for individual sectors such as sports clubs or educational facilities; the reasoning behind the need for another vetting procedure for an individual seeking entry to an organisation that has recently passed the process for a similar organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [4541/26]

*191. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he or any of his officials have used artificial intelligence to write speeches, produce social media content for his Department, or to issue responses to parliamentary questions, since he took office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [4598/26]

*192. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of the barrier that court fees may have on individuals seeking to engage in litigation especially in cases of constitutional importance; if his Department is undertaking any work to review these fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [4663/26]

*193. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the implementation of Recommendation 1.12 of the Garda Inspectorate report on Transnational Organised Crime 2024 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [4685/26]

*194. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he intends to introduce legislation which would ensure that responsibility for the prosecution of offences would be removed from the Gardaí so that all Court proceedings would be conducted by legal professionals as recommended in the report on the operation of bail in Ireland entitled 'An Assessment of the Efficacy of Bail Laws in Ireland' (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4689/26]

*195. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of each the 15 recommendations in the report on the operation of bail in Ireland entitled 'An Assessment of the Efficacy of Bail Laws in Ireland' (details supplied); if he accepts the recommendation; the

status of work to implement the recommendation; the timeframe envisaged to implement the recommendation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4690/26]

*196. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of immigrants that have been admitted to the State since 2016 who have identified as Native American, broken down by immigrant category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [4733/26]

*197. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures the Department is taking to implement child maintenance enforcement reforms, in particular for self-employed parents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [4734/26]

*198. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures being taken by the Department to monitor and tackle femicide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [4735/26]

*199. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of new domestic violence refuge places delivered in 2025, and to provide a county-by-county breakdown of same. — Tom Brabazon. [4786/26]

*200. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if new Garda stations were opened in 2025; and if he will provide details of same. — Tom Brabazon. [4787/26]

*201. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if Garda stations were reopened in 2025, having previously closed; and if he will provide details of the same. — Tom Brabazon. [4788/26]

*202. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration how he ensures that all websites operated by his Department are accessible to the visually impaired. — Malcolm Byrne. [4821/26]

*203. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if any website or other platform operated by his Department uses an AI-enabled chatbot; if there are plans to use chatbots; in what circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [4839/26]

*204. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total sums spent for each year from 2016 to 2025, inclusive of advertising, by his Department on social media or online platforms, including identifying separately payments to influencers on such platforms; and to set out the annual totals for that period to each specific platform, including but not limited to major platforms (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [4858/26]

*205. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration following his answer to Parliamentary Question No. 1718 of 13 January 2026, the number of notification letters sent to disqualified drivers in 2024. — Emer Currie. [4984/26]

*206. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration following his answer to Parliamentary Question No. 1718 of 13 January 2026, the number of disqualified drivers that could not be notified by letter in 2024. — Emer Currie. [4985/26]

*207. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration following his answer to Parliamentary Question No. 1718 of 13 January 2026, the number of notification letters that were sent to penalty point offenders in 2024. — Emer Currie. [4986/26]

*208. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration following his answer to Parliamentary Question No. 1718 of 13 January 2026, the number of penalty point offenders that could not be notified by letter in 2024. — Emer Currie. [4987/26]

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

*209. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the formal coordination mechanisms that exist between his Department, SEAI, and the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment to ensure renewable-energy funding is deployed efficiently across sectors; whether any assessment has been carried out on the potential benefits of reallocating or pooling funding to meet the exceptionally high demand from farmers for solar PV; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [4657/26]

*210. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has assessed the emissions-reduction potential lost due to the rejection of the majority of TAMS 3 solar PV applications; whether he has requested that the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to increase its approval rate in light of Ireland's projected shortfall in meeting 2030 climate targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [4658/26]

*211. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department has conducted any value-for-money analysis comparing the cost of increasing solar PV approvals under TAMS 3, with the potential cost of EU non-compliance fines for missed climate targets; and if not, whether such an analysis will now be undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [4660/26]

*212. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is satisfied that current Government policy is coherent in circumstances where SEAI struggles to allocate its renewable-energy budget while his Department rejects the majority of farmers seeking to install solar PV; and whether he will direct the relevant Ministers to develop a unified national strategy for on-farm renewable energy deployment. — Paul Lawless. [4661/26]

*213. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he or any of his officials have used artificial intelligence to write speeches, produce social media content for his Department, or to issue responses to parliamentary questions, since he took office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [4586/26]

*214. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has a paid subscription with a social media company (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [4604/26]

*215. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to the announcement of approximately €23.5 million in forestry premium payments issued in 2026, the amount of funding payments made to farmers; the amount of payments made to other applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [4645/26]

*216. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to the announcement of approximately €23.5 million in forestry premium payments issued in 2026, the amount of funding

payments made in respect of plantations of native woodlands; the amount of payments made in respect of non-native plantations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [4646/26]

*217. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the rationale for limiting approvals for TAMS 3 solar PV applications to approximately 25% of eligible applicants in tranche 9; the specific budgetary, administrative, or policy constraints that determined this cap; the evidence base used to justify rejecting the majority of farmers who sought to invest in renewable energy despite Government commitments to increase on-farm renewable generation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [4650/26]

*218. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of solar PV applications received, deemed eligible, and approved under each TAMS 3 tranche to date; the total funding allocated for solar PV under TAMS 3; the total funding actually drawn down; and whether his Department has assessed the cost-effectiveness of increasing the approval rate given the high level of unmet farmer demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [4651/26]

*219. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has conducted any assessment of the climate-mitigation impact of rejecting approximately 75% of farmers applying for solar PV support; if not, to explain how the current approval policy aligns with Ireland's legally binding 2030 emissions-reduction targets and the risk of EU non-compliance penalties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [4652/26]

*220. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the justification for using nitrates derogation status as a negative scoring criterion for solar PV applications under TAMS 3; whether the Department has assessed the impact of this criterion on dairy farmers who have significantly higher electricity demand and therefore greater renewable-energy potential; whether the Department will review this scoring system to ensure it aligns with the objective of maximising emissions reductions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [4653/26]

*221. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a breakdown of solar PV approvals, by farm enterprise type, dairy, beef, tillage, mixed and so on; whether the Department has evaluated whether the current scoring system disproportionately disadvantages full-time dairy farmers relative to lower-energy-use enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [4654/26]

*222. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average processing time for solar PV applications under TAMS 3; the number of applications currently pending; and the steps being taken to reduce delays given the time-sensitive nature of renewable-energy investments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [4655/26]

*223. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to increase supports for fishermen and women and the fishing industry after the disastrous quota negotiations recently (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [4662/26]

*224. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which the Food Safety Authority of Ireland became aware that beef from Brazil treated with oestradiol was available on the Irish market in December 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [4667/26]

*225. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has been engaging with authorities in Northern Ireland regarding a matter (details supplied). — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [4668/26]

*226. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has been engaging with UK authorities regarding a matter (details supplied). — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [4669/26]

*227. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of veterinary practices that have registered with his Department as retailers to enable them to dispense prescription items not issued by them. — Maeve O’Connell. [4758/26]

*228. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide details of pier projects that were delivered by his Department in 2025, in particular piers that were extended or redeveloped. — Cormac Devlin. [4791/26]

*229. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how he ensures that all websites operated by his Department are accessible to the visually impaired. — Malcolm Byrne. [4809/26]

*230. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if any website or other platform operated by his Department uses an AI-enabled chatbot; if there are plans to use chatbots; in what circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [4827/26]

*231. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total sums spent for each year from 2016 to 2025, inclusive of advertising, by his Department on social media or online platforms, including identifying separately payments to influencers on such platforms; and to set out the annual totals for that period to each specific platform, including but not limited to major platforms (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [4846/26]

*232. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the basis on which funding ceilings for TAMS 3 solar PV were set; whether he will consider revising the allocation given the strong climate-mitigation case for expanding solar PV uptake on farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [5476/26]

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

*233. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current number of people aged 65 years or younger residing in nursing-homes. — Liam Quaide. [4544/26]

*234. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she or any of her officials have used artificial intelligence to write speeches, produce social media content for her Department, or to issue responses to parliamentary questions, since she took office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [4587/26]

*235. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has a paid subscription with a social media company (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [4605/26]

*236. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if a centre will remain open and in use, after a new respite centre opens (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [4632/26]

*237. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the cost of a centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [4633/26]

*238. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware that some ECCE providers have received commercial rates bills (details supplied), despite believing that ECCE-only services were exempt; the way in which she plans to assist these ECCE only providers with their commercial rates bill and arrears, as many of them may be forced to close at a time when there is a gross lack of childcare facilities in the country. — Willie O’Dea. [4692/26]

*239. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider facilitating a meeting with an organisation regarding their concerns related to the National Guardian ad Litem Service (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4695/26]

*240. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on the appropriateness of both TUSLA and the National Guardian ad Litem Service falling under the same Government Department, particularly in cases whereby the service is critical of the actions of TUSLA or similar cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4696/26]

*241. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding safeguards that are being put in place to ensure there are conflict resolution mechanisms between TUSLA and the National Guardian ad Litem Service in situations where there is dispute between services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4697/26]

*242. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on whether the proposed staffing levels for the National Guardian ad Litem Service will be sufficient to deal with the level of demand for this support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4698/26]

*243. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the recruitment process for the National Guardian ad Litem Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4699/26]

*244. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the proposed staffing arrangements for the new National Guardian ad Litem Service, by role and grade; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4700/26]

*245. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the National Guardian ad Litem Service; and the timeline for when it will be fully operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4701/26]

*246. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason a home (details supplied) is not included in the redress scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [4706/26]

*247. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to cases whereby pregnant women are not given adequate job protection in advance of taking maternity leave (details supplied); if this is under review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4739/26]

*248. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the protections in place for pregnant women who believe they have been made redundant in advance of maternity leave as a means of removing them from company payroll; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4740/26]

*249. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the work that is ongoing within her Department to ensure fair treatment for pregnant women in terms of maternity leave, sick leave and appropriate working conditions, regardless of their position within a company; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4741/26]

*250. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on the adequacy of existing regulations in relation to the fair treatment of pregnant women in the workplace; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4742/26]

*251. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on the way Ireland compares to other EU countries in terms of the level of employment protection given to pregnant women in advance of taking maternity leave; her views on whether the existing protections are sufficient; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4743/26]

*252. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the UK law, the Protection from Redundancy (Pregnancy and Family Leave) Act 2023, that ensures strong protection for employees that apply for maternity leave (details supplied); her views on whether comparable Irish laws are equally strong in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4744/26]

*253. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the French law, under the French Labour Code (Article L1225-4) that ensures strong protection for employees that apply for maternity leave (details supplied); her views on whether that comparable Irish laws are equally strong in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4745/26]

*254. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the German law, under the Maternity Protection Act (MuSchG) that ensures strong protection for employees that apply for maternity leave (details supplied); her views on whether comparable Irish laws are equally strong in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4746/26]

*255. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the Dutch law, the Dutch Civil Code (Article 7:670(2) that ensures strong protection for employees that apply for maternity leave (details supplied); her views on whether comparable Irish laws are equally strong in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4747/26]

*256. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any review of existing laws and regulations related to the fair treatment of pregnant women in the

workplace and maternity leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4748/26]

*257. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide details of new family resource centres delivered in 2025. — Aisling Dempsey. [4775/26]

*258. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if new providers entered core funding in 2025; and details of same. — Aisling Dempsey. [4776/26]

*259. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if any providers returned to core funding, having previously left, in 2025; and the details of same. — Aisling Dempsey. [4777/26]

*260. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality how she ensures that all websites operated by her Department are accessible to the visually impaired. — Malcolm Byrne. [4810/26]

*261. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if any website or other platform operated by her Department uses an AI-enabled chatbot; if there are plans to use chatbots; in what circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [4828/26]

*262. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total sums spent for each year from 2016 to 2025, inclusive of advertising, by her Department on social media or online platforms, including identifying separately payments to influencers on such platforms; and to set out the annual totals for that period to each specific platform, including but not limited to major platforms (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [4847/26]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*263. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the report published by the Online Health Taskforce in December 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4709/26]

*264. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the implementation of the recommendations of the report published by the Online Health Taskforce in December 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4710/26]

*265. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the implementation of any recommendations related to protecting children online as part of the report published by the Online Health Taskforce in December 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4711/26]

*266. To ask the Minister for Health when a person will be given a date for a marriage of convenience interview (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [5087/26]

*267. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2608 of 29 July 2025, if a county-by-county, or CHO area breakdown can be provided on these figures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [4513/26]

*268. To ask the Minister for Health if measures will be introduced to increase the provision of places in dental schools in view of the shortage of dentists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4516/26]

*269. To ask the Minister for Health if measures will be introduced to ensure the availability of more places for Irish students in dental schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4517/26]

*270. To ask the Minister for Health if she will include enhanced flu vaccines for older people in the procurement process for the next flu season, as recommended by the NIAC; and if she will clarify whether both types of enhanced flu vaccine routinely available in other European countries, including adjuvated and high dose vaccines, will be considered for inclusion in this tender. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [4519/26]

*271. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will request that the NIAC update its recommendation on enhanced influenza vaccination for older persons, given the large number of hospitalisations for flu this season, and the fact the existing recommendation has not been updated since 2021. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [4520/26]

*272. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to introduce a formal compassionate use programme in Ireland for orphan drugs, in light of the fact that several EU Member States already have such programmes allowing patients early access to potentially life-saving treatments prior to full market authorisation; when such a programme will be established to ensure patients in Ireland are not disadvantaged compared with other EU countries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [4522/26]

*273. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the criteria for medical card eligibility to allow for an audiology-only medical card, or similar entitlement, for individuals with congenital deafness who face unavoidable and lifelong costs for essential hearing aids; if she will consider removing or modifying means-testing in cases where the medical need is permanent and non-discretionary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [4523/26]

*274. To ask the Minister for Health the actions being taken to reduce the current reliance on locum consultants, given that 16.5% of consultant posts are filled on a locum basis; the reason for delays in advertising and filling permanent posts, including where advance notice of retirements is available; her assessment of the impact of high locum use on continuity of care, service development, and smaller hospitals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [4524/26]

*275. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to improve supports for people with food allergies in public settings; the plans to develop a national allergy strategy; and the actions being considered to enhance emergency preparedness, staff training and access to treatments such as anaphylaxis kits and oral immunotherapy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [4525/26]

*276. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the newly published paper, ‘Ireland’s Future Health and Social Care Workforce’, will guide long-term workforce planning across the health and social care sectors; the way its evidence-based projections will support the delivery of Programme for Government commitments and Sláintecare 2025+; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [4526/26]

*277. To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline her Department's approach to supporting quality and consistency in community-based counselling and psychotherapy services, including workforce development; whether her Department recognises the role of national quality initiatives such as the Community Therapy Ireland Badge of Excellence in promoting professional, person-centred practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [4527/26]

*278. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the expected workforce shortfalls identified in the ESRI-informed modelling; the proposed actions, particularly the expansion of domestic education and training capacity, which will ensure Ireland can meet the health needs of a growing and ageing population over the next 15 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [4528/26]

*279. To ask the Minister for Health to set out how the cross-Government approach, including collaboration with the Departments of Further and Higher Education, Children, Disability and Equality, and Education and Youth, will support the recruitment, retention and development of a sustainable health and social care workforce aligned with WHO workforce planning principles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [4529/26]

*280. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide any research or Departmental analysis on the health and wellbeing benefits associated with remote working, including reduced stress, increased physical activity and lower mortality risk; whether these findings will inform future public health planning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [4530/26]

*281. To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline the Government's position on ensuring equitable access to orphan medicines given the current restrictions and the consequences for those affected; if she will provide timelines for the publication and funding of the new National Rare Disease Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [4531/26]

*282. To ask the Minister for Health the number of service-users living in residential mental health services in Lauriston, Midleton and O'Dwyer's Road, Midleton; the investment in both houses; and for an update on works to replace the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton. — Liam Quaide. [4545/26]

*283. To ask the Minister for Health the number of net new additional acute hospital beds (excluding any replacement beds) that have been constructed in the years 2023, 2024, and 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [4555/26]

*284. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional consultant posts which have been approved for Kerry General Hospital in each of the years of 2023, 2024 and 2025, by year, by speciality, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [4558/26]

*285. To ask the Minister for Health the locations where HSE employed audiologists by grade are based within primary care services as of 12 January 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [4559/26]

*286. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times to see a consultant neurologist at Cork University Hospital for the first time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [4560/26]

*287. To ask the Minister for Health if she or any of her officials have used artificial intelligence to write speeches, produce social media content for her Department, or to issue responses to parliamentary questions, since she took office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [4596/26]

*288. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has a paid subscription with a social media company (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [4614/26]

*289. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the work of the NSAC to consider the further expansion of cancer screening programmes; when the BreastCheck and BowelScreen programmes will be extended to persons over 70 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [4627/26]

*290. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department is considering introducing legislation to regulate or restrict the sale of nitrous oxide, particularly to prevent the sale of such substances to persons under the age of 18; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [4640/26]

*291. To ask the Minister for Health the current legal status of nitrous oxide in Ireland; the legislation under which its sale, possession, or use is regulated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [4641/26]

*292. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has launched any public information campaigns to raise awareness of the use of nitrous oxide, particularly within schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [4642/26]

*293. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider covering the cost of the medical supervision required to prescribe and manage HRT treatment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ann Graves. [4648/26]

*294. To ask the Minister for Health if she will address the concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [4683/26]

*295. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the introduction of a grant scheme for the purchase of generators for individuals who require constant electricity supply for medical reasons. — Séamus McGrath. [4687/26]

*296. To ask the Minister for Health if a position in a primary care centre (details supplied) will be replaced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [4688/26]

*297. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing in all child and adolescent and adult eating disorder teams as of the end of year 2025, per WTE funded and per WTE filled, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [4691/26]

*298. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1024 of 12 November 2025, if a substantive response has been issued by the HSE; when the person (details supplied) will complete their treatment at Cappagh Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4693/26]

*299. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 692 of 18 December 2025, to outline the process and criteria to be used to ensure an equitable distribution

across the HSE where posts and funding are allocated; where the five WTE posts have been allocated to; how this funding adds incremental value to the HSE breastfeeding action plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [4702/26]

*300. To ask the Minister for Health her views on an issue (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [4703/26]

*301. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff at the Central Mental Hospital, Portrane, by grade, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [4718/26]

*302. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant posts in the Central Mental Hospital, Portrane, by grade, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [4719/26]

*303. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people awaiting transfer from prison to the Central Mental Hospital, Portrane, by prison and gender, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [4720/26]

*304. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for a transfer from prison to the Central Mental Hospital, Portrane; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [4721/26]

*305. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to warn young people of the dangers of “chroming”; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [4724/26]

*306. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken by her Department to review the preparations taken by the HSE in advance of the flu season; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [4729/26]

*307. To ask the Minister for Health considering the ongoing difficulties recruiting a consultant ophthalmologist in south Tipperary if children in south Tipperary will be given access to a voucher/reimbursement scheme to allow them to access eye appointments and glasses privately to avoid long-term damage to their eyes (details supplied); if not, the reason the HSE is being permitted to continue failing children in south Tipperary with regard to their eye care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4737/26]

*308. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to correspondence sent to her by an organisation (details supplied); the actions she will take to address the contents therein; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4752/26]

*309. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider facilitating a meeting with an organisation (details supplied) to discuss the concerns raised with her in relation to the recall of baby formula; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4753/26]

*310. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the procedure whereby a recall of baby formula is communicated to parents, media outlets and other relevant organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4754/26]

*311. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the timeline as to when she was made aware of the largescale baby formula recall (details supplied); the procedure that was followed in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4755/26]

*312. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the safeguards that are in place to minimise the impact of a largescale baby formula recall (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4756/26]

*313. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any engagement she has had with the Irish suppliers of baby formula involved in the mass recall to ensure a minimal impact to families and infants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [4757/26]

*314. To ask the Minister for Health if urgent dental treatment can be provided by the HSE dental services in Donegal for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [4759/26]

*315. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in each of Cavan and Monaghan awaiting a CT in Cavan Hospital for a period of 0-3 months, 3-6 months, 6-12 months and 12 months+; and if the requisite steps could be taken to ensure that a CT scanner is put in place in Monaghan Hospital. — Matt Carthy. [4793/26]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe in which it is expected that an MRI scanner will be located at Monaghan Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4794/26]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a primary medical certificate application for a person in County Kildare (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [4796/26]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health to address matters raised in correspondence (detailed supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [4800/26]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health the amount collected by all public hospitals in respect of car parking charges for visitors and patients in each of the years from 2020 to 2025, in tabular form; and the amount collected by contracted companies to run and manage car parking facilities at each hospital for the same time period. — Pádraig Rice. [4801/26]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the car parking fees charged at each public hospital, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [4802/26]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health if any actions have been taken with respect to the surgeons identified in the Independent Audit on Hip Surgery Thresholds for Children with Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip, for whom there were concerns about the necessity of the surgeries they performed on children; if all of these surgeons are still carrying out surgeries in Children's Health Ireland (CHI) sites or the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (NOHC); if any of them continue to serve on medical boards in CHI or NOHC; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [4803/26]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health if the appropriateness of pelvic osteotomy procedures carried out on children in private healthcare facilities will also be included in the external expert panel established following the publication of an independent medical audit (details supplied); if she has identified the private hospitals in which these surgeries took place during the period between January 2010 and March 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [4804/26]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health if she has requested data on the number of children who underwent pelvic osteotomy procedures in a private healthcare facility (details supplied); if she has been provided with a list; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [4805/26]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health if the appropriateness of pelvic osteotomy procedures carried out on children in a hospital will also be included in the external expert panel established following the publication of an independent medical audit (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [4806/26]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health if the appropriateness of pelvic osteotomy procedures carried out on children in other public hospitals will also be included in the external expert panel established following the publication of an independent medical audit (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [4807/26]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health if planning permission is required for beds to be delivered in Cork University Hospital in 2026 (details supplied); if so, the status of said planning permission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [4808/26]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health how she ensures that all websites operated by her Department are accessible to the visually impaired. — Malcolm Byrne. [4819/26]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health if any website or other platform operated by her Department uses an AI-enabled chatbot; if there are plans to use chatbots; in what circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [4837/26]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health the total sums spent for each year from 2016 to 2025, inclusive of advertising, by her Department on social media or online platforms, including identifying separately payments to influencers on such platforms; and to set out the annual totals for that period to each specific platform, including but not limited to major platforms (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [4856/26]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds in Thomastown for respite for dementia patients at present; the number of beds that will be available for respite for dementia patients when the new building is open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [4877/26]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health if targeted recruitment incentives are being considered for RGNs in community settings, particularly in high pressure areas including Dublin Mid-West; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [4991/26]

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

*332. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if measures will be introduced to ensure the availability of more places for Irish students in dental schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4518/26]

*333. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he or any of his officials have used artificial intelligence to write speeches, produce social

media content for his Department, or to issue responses to parliamentary questions, since he took office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [4595/26]

*334. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has a paid subscription with a social media company (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [4613/26]

*335. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline the eligibility rules for SUSI grant support for students undertaking undergraduate or postgraduate study in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [4625/26]

*336. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how he ensures that all websites operated by his Department are accessible to the visually impaired. — Malcolm Byrne. [4818/26]

*337. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if any website or other platform operated by his Department uses an AI-enabled chatbot; if there are plans to use chatbots; in what circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [4836/26]

*338. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total sums spent for each year from 2016 to 2025, inclusive of advertising, by his Department on social media or online platforms, including identifying separately payments to influencers on such platforms; and to set out the annual totals for that period to each specific platform, including but not limited to major platforms (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [4855/26]

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

*339. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the funding provided for the refurbishment of Mayfield Library under the Library Capital Programme 2023-2027. — Thomas Gould. [4561/26]

*340. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the capital funding provided to Cork City Council in each of the past five years for the refurbishment of Mayfield Library. — Thomas Gould. [4562/26]

*341. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he or any of his officials have used artificial intelligence to write speeches, produce social media content for his Department, or to issue responses to parliamentary questions, since he took office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [4600/26]

*342. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if his Department has a paid subscription with a social media company (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [4618/26]

*343. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht given the success of the Leader Programme 2023 -2027, if he will allocate additional funding to the development partnerships/company's; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [4674/26]

*344. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if new playgrounds were delivered by his Department in 2025; and if he will provide details of same. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [4778/26]

*345. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if new build community centres were delivered by his Department in 2025; if he will provide details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [4779/26]

*346. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide details of refurbishments completed under the Community Centres Investment Fund in 2025. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [4780/26]

*347. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide details of projects delivered under the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme in 2025. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [4781/26]

*348. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if new libraries were delivered in 2025; and if he will provide details of same. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [4782/26]

*349. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht how he ensures that all websites operated by his Department are accessible to the visually impaired. — Malcolm Byrne. [4823/26]

*350. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if any website or other platform operated by his Department uses an AI-enabled chatbot; if there are plans to use chatbots; in what circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [4841/26]

*351. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the total sums spent for each year from 2016 to 2025, inclusive of advertising, by his Department on social media or online platforms, including identifying separately payments to influencers on such platforms; and to set out the annual totals for that period to each specific platform, including but not limited to major platforms (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [4860/26]

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gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 22 Eanáir, 2026
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 22 JANUARY, 2026**

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

1. To ask the Minister for Health the status of developing and implementing a single point of access for children’s disability, mental health and primary care services to ensure timely access to appropriate supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [4955/26]

2. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting periods faced by people in counties Cavan and Monaghan to access cancer treatment, by number waiting and length of time; and the longest period a person waited for treatment in 2025. — Cathy Bennett. [5034/26]

3. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a new psychiatric unit at Cavan Hospital; the timeframe within which it is expected to be delivered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4900/26]

4. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the development of the new primary care centre at Gorey, County Wexford. — Malcolm Byrne. [4437/26]

5. To ask the Minister for Health if she will legislate to end the three day wait for abortion services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [4679/26]

6. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the rapid response vehicle at Roscommon ambulance base is no longer available on a 24/7 basis as promised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [4433/26]

7. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of all planned and approved capital works for Mallow General Hospital; the nature and scope of each project; the current stage each project is at, including planning, design, tender or construction; the expected timelines for delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [4138/26]

8. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the planned redevelopment of the emergency department at Beaumont Hospital, including the current status of the design and planning stages and projected timeline for tendering and construction; to confirm that the project remains a priority within the HSE capital plan; the expected opening date of the new emergency department; the expected opening date of the proposed 95 bed block; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [5027/26]

9. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the Assisted Human Reproduction Act 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [4878/26]

10. To ask the Minister for Health the current rejection rate for referrals to CAMHS; and the action she is taking to reduce rejections and ensure timely access to care. — Sorca Clarke. [4906/26]

11. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is concerned about the number of biopsies carried out on children diagnosed with DMG and DIPG; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [4680/26]

12. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the waiting lists in Galway University Hospital, which are the highest in the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [4965/26]

13. To ask the Minister for Health her response to the Mental Health Commission's recent report on the use of restrictive practices in approved centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [4979/26]

14. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times she has visited Our Lady's Hospital Navan since she took office. — Peadar Tóibín. [3835/26]

15. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the Finglas primary care centre; the progress to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [4880/26]

16. To ask the Minister for Health if a value-for-money assessment has been undertaken on the leasing of primary care centres in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [3473/26]

17. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she has taken improve resourcing for the National Gender Service since the decision in December to close wait lists due to resourcing issues; if she, a Minister of State, and/or senior Department officials have met with the National Gender Service following their decision to close their wait list; to clarify that the National Gender Service is currently accepting new referrals as per HSE comments stating they do not have the authority to close that list; the other actions her Department is undertaking to improve the model of care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [4912/26]

18. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made on whether the community access support team will be renewed for an additional, year; if the programme will be expanded; and if central funding will be provided to support the programme. — Maurice Quinlivan. [4441/26]

19. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has plans to open more primary care centres in north Kildare, specifically in the town of Leixlip, which has a rising population; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [5019/26]

20. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the primary care centre for Dundalk; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [4896/26]

21. To ask the Minister for Health if she will report on the possible site selection for a community nursing unit in Roscrea; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [4892/26]

22. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of Athletic Rehabilitation Therapy Ireland (ARTI), and the thirteen-year delay in progressing regulation of the profession through CORU; the reasons for this delay; the actions taken by her Department to advance the process; whether she will meet with representatives of ARTI; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [5026/26]

23. To ask the Minister for Health if she will report on the increase in presentations at University Hospital Limerick; the number of patients being treated on hospital trolleys and in hospital corridors; and the immediate steps being taken to address this increase. — Maurice Quinlivan. [4440/26]

24. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration can be given to providing a funded scheme for blister packs for vulnerable and/or incapacitated patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [5051/26]

25. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of children on the waiting list for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services; the average waiting time for an initial appointment, with a breakdown of waiting list figures, by county; and the number of children who have been waiting longer than 6, 12 months and 24 months for assessment or treatment. — Paul Lawless. [72983/25]

26. To ask the Minister for Health the actions her Department has undertaken to regulate the parent companies of nursing home operators in Ireland and to bring them under the remit of HIQA which the Minister of State recognised as a systemic flaw in the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health on the 18 June 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [4909/26]

27. To ask the Minister for Health the additional services that will be provided for older people's care in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [5031/26]

28. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has plans to open more primary care centres in north Kildare, specifically in the town of Maynooth, which has a rising population; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [5020/26]

29. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time it takes for an ambulance response to reach a patient after a 999 call in each county in the State; if she will provide a county by county breakdown on the time, starting with the county with the longest average wait time, to the county with the lowest; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [3836/26]

30. To ask the Minister for Health if she will report on the 24-hour mental health triage supports in emergency departments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [4897/26]

31. To ask the Minister for Health the NDP provision for the health sector for 2026-2030; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [4980/26]

32. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given to the establishment of mental health emergency rooms separate to general hospital emergency departments for people experiencing a mental health crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [3671/26]

33. To ask the Minister for Health the measures her Department is taking to reduce hospital waiting lists in public hospitals across the IHA-4 HSE Area Midlands, in light of the most recently published national hospital waiting list figures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [4957/26]

34. To ask the Minister for Health when the strategic review of general practice will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [4992/26]

35. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the national linear accelerators (linac) replacement programme, including details of replacement plans outside Dublin. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [4990/26]

36. To ask the Minister for Health the action that will be taken to address home help waiting lists in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5072/26]

37. To ask the Minister for Health the role being played by community hospitals in Macroom and Millstreet in alleviating pressure on acute hospitals through step-down care; and

whether all available beds in these facilities are being utilised to support delayed discharges from acute settings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [4137/26]

38. To ask the Minister for Health the level of mental health staffing in the midlands region, and whether additional resources will be allocated in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [4915/26]

39. To ask the Minister for Health to expand cancer screening services in Ireland by introducing multigene next generation sequencing to allow for earlier diagnosis and better treatment outcomes for citizens; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [4902/26]

40. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently without access to a general practitioner in the Wicklow–Wexford area and across the State, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [3417/26]

41. To ask the Minister for Health the current situation with transferring the Coombe Maternity Hospital to the St. James’s Hospital campus in James’s Street, Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [4446/26]

42. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of vacant posts across the health service, by staff group; whether she accepts that recruitment and employment ceilings are undermining safe staffing and service delivery; the outcome she is pursuing in the WRC process with health unions; and when she will publish a time-bound plan to fill vacancies and expand staffing in frontline areas. — David Cullinane. [5077/26]

43. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the pause on mid-urethral sling surgery for stress urinary incontinence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [4879/26]

44. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional posts being allocated to mental health services under the HSE National Service Plan for 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [5030/26]

45. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to address recruitment and retention challenges within dental services, particularly in the HSE Public Dental Service; the way in which the Department intends to ensure that workforce capacity will meet public demand for dental care into the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [5037/26]

46. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place for delivering more surgical hubs to provide elective care across the regions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [4981/26]

47. To ask the Minister for Health for a full review and expansion of the current free HRT scheme to ensure medications for individuals who are HRT contraindicated are included; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [5050/26]

48. To ask the Minister for Health the action that will be taken to address audiology waiting lists in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5071/26]

49. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new WTE posts per discipline identified for Longford/Westmeath per CHN with the additional funding announced by the Minister for Health in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [4487/26]

50. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that Saint Anne's ward in Saint Vincent's nursing unit in Mountmellick, County Laois is kept in use when the new wing is open to allow for the capacity of the hospital to go from 58 to 83; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [4438/26]

51. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical, dental, nursing, midwife and health and social care positions currently vacant in St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [4434/26]

52. To ask the Minister for Health if she will report on the provision of orthodontal services in the north-east region; the reasons for delays in accessing services; and her proposals to ensure adequate service levels. — Matt Carthy. [4899/26]

53. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a programme or plan in place to address the general practitioner shortage in the Wicklow–Wexford area and throughout the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [3418/26]

54. To ask the Minister for Health the reason ostomy products are not included on the long-term illness scheme; if ostomy products were ever considered for the long term illness scheme; if so, when; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [3641/26]

55. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for children seeking an appointment with Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in Balbriggan; the measures being taken to reduce these waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [5053/26]

56. To ask the Minister for Health the action being taken on foot of the recent "Ireland's Future Health and Social Care Workforce" report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [4969/26]

57. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a full update on plans to increase hospital bed capacity in Cork city. — Séamus McGrath. [4682/26]

58. To ask the Minister for Health the capital allocation for the Finglas primary care centre to date; in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [4881/26]

59. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children referred by the HSE to private approved centres for psychiatric assessment and treatment in each of the years 2024 and 2025; to provide a breakdown of the data, by age, gender, reason for admission, admission status (voluntary or involuntary), and length of stay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [4975/26]

60. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in recruiting additional dentists and improving public dental services in Cavan and Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4882/26]

61. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the progress of the provision of a primary health centre in Dundalk; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [3642/26]

62. To ask the Minister for Health the number of students expected to avail of the next phase of the Laura Brennan HPV Vaccine Catch-Up Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [4885/26]

63. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that she is taking to increase the number of HSE community nursing home dementia beds which have decreased by 12% between 2020 and 2024, to increase community dementia respite beds, and to build capacity to address forecasting suggesting that the number of people with the condition in Ireland will more than double by 2050; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [4911/26]

64. To ask the Minister for Health when a national diabetes strategy will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [4890/26]

65. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she is taking to ensure that the HSE commences allogeneic haematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) surgery to avert the need for families to travel abroad; the date when that repatriation of treatment will take place; the precise supports available for children and families travelling to Britain for paediatric haematopoietic stem cell transplant until such services are available in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [4908/26]

66. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the proposed new primary health care centre for Rowlagh; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [4136/26]

67. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the ongoing issue of chronic dentist understaffing in Cork and Kerry, and the significant impact this is having on access to dental services for the public; when the oral health policy will be fully implemented, particularly in relation to addressing staffing shortages with a view to improving delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4484/26]

68. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the provision of the new daycare centre which has been promised to be located adjacent to Abbeyleix nursing unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [4439/26]

69. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the redevelopment of Galway University Hospital; and the current stage of planning and approval, any changes to the project scope or costs; and the anticipated timeline for delivery. — Albert Dolan. [5008/26]

70. To ask the Minister for Health the medium support accommodation options available in Tallaght, or more broadly within the Dublin 24 area, for individuals living with severe epilepsy. — John Lahart. [5069/26]

71. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the current and capital spend on the MedLIS project to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [3354/26]

72. To ask the Minister for Health to address the urgent need for additional beds in UHK, to alleviate overcrowding in the accident and emergency department and the trolley crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [4553/26]

73. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the construction of the new surgical hub in Swords; the expected capacity of the facility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [4886/26]

74. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a full update on the new 83 bed paediatric wing at Cork University Hospital; and the estimated timeline for construction and completion. — Séamus McGrath. [4681/26]

75. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on works at a site (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [5002/26]

76. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons for the continued delay in expanding the National Newborn Bloodspot Screening Programme to include spinal muscular atrophy (SMA); if screening for SMA will commence this year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [4901/26]

77. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to expand resources in mental health services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [5036/26]

78. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to increase medical card income limits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [4993/26]

79. To ask the Minister for Health if she will commit to examining mental health crisis centres as an alternative to emergency departments; the funding required, capital and current, to open mental health assessment rooms in every existing emergency department, to fully fund the liaison psychiatry and self-harm and suicide related ideation models of care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [5076/26]

80. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the status of the Swords surgical hub; the current projected opening date; the progress made to date on staffing, resourcing, and commissioning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [5052/26]

81. To ask the Minister for Health the measures which are being taken to support first responders to ensure that they are fully equipped, and have the means to respond to incidents and accidents as quickly as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [4997/26]

82. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on Midleton community nursing unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [5040/26]

83. To ask the Minister for Health the measures in place to ensure that children with complex and predictable medical needs who experience repeated hospital admissions have pre-planned care pathways in acute hospitals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [4994/26]

84. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the merits of amending the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018 to remove the loophole that allows advertising by alcohol companies to

advertise 0.0% versions of their products on TV, radio and sporting events; if her Department has carried out any research into this proposal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3351/26]

85. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on Midleton primary care centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [5039/26]

86. To ask the Minister for Health the number of positions currently approved for advertisement within primary care services in Laois, per year, from 2020 to date, for occupational therapists and speech and language therapists respectively; the dates on which each of these positions were approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [4964/26]

87. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the new emergency department at Beaumont Hospital. — Tom Brabazon. [4883/26]

88. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the movement of CH01 into the new Dublin-Northeast Health Region, which includes Cavan and Monaghan; and the parameters for meeting that timeframe. — David Maxwell. [63658/25]

89. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the recent study by the health and welfare division of a trade union (details supplied) which found that over two thirds of health workers are actively considering leaving their role; the measures she is taking to address this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [4676/26]

90. To ask the Minister for Health her plans with regard to the provision of new acute beds and projects in acute hospitals through the regions, including theatres and emergency departments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [4982/26]

91. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the development of a building (details supplied); when it is expected to be handed over; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [4904/26]

92. To ask the Minister for Health the measures she is taking to improve treatment for mental health amongst children and adolescents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [4675/26]

93. To ask the Minister for Health the barriers identified by her Department in recruiting RGNs in community settings; the steps being taken to address these; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [4978/26]

94. To ask the Minister for Health the steps her Department is taking to ensure RGN posts in community settings are being adequately filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [4977/26]

95. To ask the Minister for Health the status of planned primary care centres in County Offaly, and the expected timelines for their delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [4914/26]

96. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to expand GP services in Kilkenny and Carlow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [4435/26]

97. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in advancing a building project at a healthcare facility (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4548/26]

98. To ask the Minister for Health when the rapid response vehicle at Roscommon ambulance base in County Roscommon will be restored on a 24/7 basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [4432/26]

99. To ask the Minister for Health when the facilitator to scope the statutory public inquiry into spina bifida and complex scoliosis services will be appointed; when draft terms of reference will be brought to Government and published; the interim actions being taken now to ensure no child is left waiting years for spinal care while the inquiry is established; the way in which families and advocacy groups are being engaged with now and will be formally engaged throughout the process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [5075/26]

100. To ask the Minister for Health the latest expected completion date and opening date for the new Children's Hospital; the number of claims in dispute before the Courts; and whether she will commit to publishing a monthly public progress report detailing the schedule, risks, costs and claims until opening. — David Cullinane. [5074/26]

101. To ask the Minister for Health the alternative arrangements being developed by the HSE to ensure continuity of coronial post-mortem services for the south-east region from January 2026, given that consultant pathologists at University Hospital Waterford will no longer provide this service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [1396/26]

102. To ask the Minister for Health the immediate contingency arrangements now in place for children awaiting community ophthalmology services in south Tipperary, in circumstances where recruitment of a consultant community ophthalmologist has repeatedly failed and the previous postholder has retired; if weekend clinics, private provision, cross-HSE-area referrals, temporary contracting, or emergency outsourcing are currently being utilised; to explain how it is acceptable that 1,449 children under four years of age are on a waiting list, with some waiting since 2021; when children referred in 2023, including named cases already supplied to the Department, will receive appointments; the urgent intervention she will now direct to ensure children are not left without timely eye care. — Michael Murphy. [1396/26]

103. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the increase in the provision of community nursing home beds in County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [4895/26]

104. To ask the Minister for Health to address the urgent need for major investment in the public dental schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [4554/26]

105. To ask the Minister for Health whether she plans to bring forward proposals for the reestablishment of the sub-committee on mental health; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [4905/26]

106. To ask the Minister for Health to address concerns that Pathfinder services for older people are being withdrawn in certain locations (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [4989/26]

107. To ask the Minister for Health if she will invest in new equipment to radically increase access to deep brain stimulation for preventive and routine treatment of neurological conditions, such as early onset Parkinson's; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [5073/26]

108. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any research her Department has carried out into making the flu vaccine free for all to encourage greater uptake; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3352/26]

109. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an overview of medical card contracts her Department has with general practitioners in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [4958/26]

110. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the accessibility of the drug givinostat for patients with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. — John Lahart. [5070/26]

111. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the current overcrowding issues at Cork University Hospital, particularly in the emergency department; the immediate measures she plans to implement to alleviate pressure on the hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4483/26]

112. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has considered the establishment of a permanent ambulance base in Ballymote, County Sligo, given its central location in south Sligo and the potential to significantly reduce emergency response times in the region; if not, the reasons for this; whether the proposal could be given full consideration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [4443/26]

113. To ask the Minister for Health the dental service capacity and access, including DTSS participation, claims activity and waiting lists for dental, orthodontic, and dental surgery services in both counties Cavan and Monaghan; and the percentage of WTE posts currently vacant in each. — Cathy Bennett. [5035/26]

114. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on acute mental health services in Wexford General Hospital; the plans in place for improvement of the service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [4999/26]

115. To ask the Minister for Health if she will meet with an organisation (details supplied) to discuss their serious and ongoing concerns about the service at Letterkenny University Hospital to people from Donegal living with type 1 diabetes. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [3632/26]

116. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which her Department currently engages with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in the areas where mental health and disability services intersect, to ensure coordinated and consistent support for individuals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [4956/26]

117. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children referred by the HSE to private adult approved centres for psychiatric assessment and treatment in each of the years 2024 and 2025; to provide a breakdown of this data, by age, gender, reason for admission, admission status (voluntary or involuntary), and length of stay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [4976/26]

118. To ask the Minister for Health if she will report on the work of the Diabetes Policy and Services Review Group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [4889/26]

119. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the follow-up for hip dysplasia patients at CHI arising out of the 2025 review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [3353/26]

120. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the new critical care unit at Beaumont Hospital. — Tom Brabazon. [4884/26]

121. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be allocated by her Department for the development of the new renal dialysis unit at Sligo University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [4442/26]

122. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to address the large number of children who have missed dental examinations through the HSE school dental screening programme in recent years; whether the future delivery of children's dental services will rely on outsourcing to private clinics; the way in which she will ensure that any new approach provides timely, equitable and safe dental care for children, particularly those already missed by the system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [5038/26]

123. To ask the Minister for Health the actions being taken to increase GP capacity in rural Ireland; whether a dedicated rural GP strategy is in place; and if she will provide details of any timelines or targets. — Albert Dolan. [5009/26]

124. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the elective hospital in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [3472/26]

125. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on new services that will be provided by the Health Service Executive in County Clare in 2026, in particular at Ennis General Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [4959/26]

126. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the proposal to recruit nine mental health service co-ordinator posts to support access to, and delivery of, mental health services for Travellers, in each community health area, as proposed in the National Traveller Health Action Plan 2022-2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [4894/26]

127. To ask the Minister for Health for an overview of the recently announced €3 million investment in mental health research; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [4968/26]

128. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full cost to the Exchequer of the special leave with pay for health and social care workers unfit for work post-Covid-19, if it were to continue until all affected staff had retired; the number affected and timeline until retirement, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [69981/25]

129. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses in Dublin mid-west; the number of vacancies for public health nurses: if P1, P2 and P3 developmental checks are being carried out at all health centres in Dublin mid-west; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [4135/26]

130. To ask the Minister for Health the plans for the soon to be vacated children's hospitals at Temple Street and in Drimnagh; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [4445/26]

131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if additional funding will be made available to local authorities in 2026 for housing adaptation grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [4932/26]

132. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he is taking to address the lack of affordable housing in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [3349/26]

133. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department is tracking the progression of commenced housing units through the construction pipeline, including build-out timelines and completion rates; and how this information is being used to identify and remove bottlenecks after commencement. — Martin Daly. [5000/26]

134. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline his Department's support for local authorities to tackle coastal erosion. — Malcolm Byrne. [4418/26]

135. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has engaged in any consultation processes with approved housing bodies and local authorities in advance of legislation removing blanket pet bans. — Maeve O'Connell. [4416/26]

136. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention had been drawn to his Department's involvement in the production of the housing-related video published by an organisation (details supplied) prior to speaking to the Oireachtas Housing Committee on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [5063/26]

137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the powers local authorities have to pursue developers who do not finish housing estates in terms of lighting and roadways and footpaths; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [4921/26]

138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to allow for modular housing and low-cost sites, to address the urgent housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [4551/26]

139. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta cén dul chun cinn atá déanta ag a Roinn chun déileáil leis na fadhbanna tithíochta ar leith atá i gceantair Ghaeltachta (tobar na teanga náisiúnta): an easpa suíomhanna seirbhísithe, gan an infheistíocht chuí á déanamh sna bonneagair uisce, séarachais agus leictreachais, agus nach bhfuil aon phlean cuimsitheach tithíochta Gaeltachta ann; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [4444/26]

140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update made on the Programme for Government commitment to earmark certain cost rental units for key local workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [4872/26]

141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an overview of the National Development Plan sectoral plan for housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [5059/26]

142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the Land Development Agency's plans in Dundalk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [4927/26]

143. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the initiatives being taken to support affordable housing in north Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [4875/26]

144. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when Sligo County Council will receive its 2026 funding allocation to enable the reopening of the urgently needed housing adaptation grant scheme, which has been paused for several months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [4424/26]

145. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to review the house price and income thresholds of the local authority home loan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [4926/26]

146. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of social housing acquisitions in 2024 and 2025, by acquisition type, including tenant-in-situ, vacant homeless acquisition, housing first, older persons, and so on. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4944/26]

147. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there has been any resolution to a social housing project in the Athy area suspended due to cost overruns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [4864/26]

148. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to allow for more one-off houses to be built to tackle the housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [4552/26]

149. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in view of the inadequate income eligibility limits for social housing in Cavan and Monaghan, if he will have these income limits increased without further delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4547/26]

150. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average timeframe for An Coimisiún Pleanála to determine planning applications remitted by the High Court; the number of such cases currently awaiting decision; the proportion refused to date; the measures being taken to reduce delays and improve certainty in these cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [5029/26]

151. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current status of the modular housing guidelines; when publication is expected; and whether local authorities will receive direction on their implementation. — Albert Dolan. [5044/26]

152. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social and affordable homes delivered in Waterford in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [5046/26]

153. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the Housing Activation Office became operational; its current staffing and remit; the key targets and priority actions set for Q1 2026; the role it is playing in supporting large scale housing delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [5028/26]

154. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he will take following recent 2025 data indicating house price rises of 7.9% in Maynooth, 9.15% in Celbridge and 11.8% in Naas; the measures he will take to improve affordability in these areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [4950/26]

155. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department monitors the average length of time a home-builder must wait for planning permission; the steps his Department is taking to reduce the wait time for planning decisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [3833/26]

156. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an overview of the additional affordability and activation supports he plans in coming years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [4923/26]

157. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on establishing the national forum and network for local authority staff to effectively tackle dereliction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [3729/26]

158. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his efforts to tackle dereliction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [3672/26]

159. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason victims of the defective concrete product scandals are treated so differently by the remediation/redress schemes available to homeowners in the east and west coasts of Ireland; and his plans to change this. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [3635/26]

160. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the mechanisms in place for engagement between his Department and local authorities to identify and resolve obstacles to housing delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [4949/26]

161. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the revised defective concrete blocks scheme will provide retrospective reimbursement to homeowners in Fingal who have already completed restoration or remediation works prior to the council’s inclusion in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [5055/26]

162. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a breakdown of the number of properties which have availed of the planning exemption for change of use from commercial to residential, in 2025, by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [5022/26]

163. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to his reply on the operation of the first home scheme; his views on whether the current county-by-county price ceilings are creating significant distortions in housing delivery, particularly where counties such as Tipperary have substantially lower ceilings than neighbouring local authority areas; if he will give a policy direction to the First Home Scheme DAC to move towards a simplified

tiered model, with one ceiling for Dublin and Cork and a second ceiling for all other counties; the way in which such an approach could better support equitable private housing delivery and affordability across the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [1455/26]

164. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the Voids Return Programme will open for 2026; the total funding to be made available; and whether the €11,000 average cap will remain in place. — Thomas Gould. [3474/26]

165. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he is considering any additional measures to alleviate concerns of landlords and tenants in advance of the introduction of rental reforms for new tenancies, which is prompting some landlords to consider leaving the market, leaving tenants without a place to live; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [5007/26]

166. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the Starter Homes Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [4866/26]

167. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will issue an order to allow the cutting of turf at bogs locations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [3673/26]

168. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he is taking to support local authorities to tackle vacancy and dereliction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [5043/26]

169. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of social housing tenants in Galway city and county experiencing housing maintenance issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [4966/26]

170. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the provision of allocated housing for those that work in frontline public sector jobs including teachers, nurses and members of An Garda Síochána; if this is under review within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3346/26]

171. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the ongoing work in his Department to update the national planning statement on wind energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [3730/26]

172. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline any policies that his Department has in relation to in-fill housing in local authority estates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [4920/26]

173. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current uptake of the first home scheme in County Offaly; the steps being taken to increase awareness and access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [4948/26]

174. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the supply of affordable purchase properties and plans to reform the Affordable Purchase Fund. — Séamus McGrath. [4549/26]

175. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the planning guidelines for solar farms as detailed in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [3348/26]

176. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason for the delay in getting housing developments started on State-owned lands in Dublin 8 and 12 (details supplied); the timeframe for commencement of building work; and the number of homes expected to be built on each site. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [4426/26]

177. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the ongoing contact that is taking place, and planned, with local authorities in relation to monitoring housing targets on a monthly basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [4933/26]

178. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions he is taking to address vacancy and dereliction across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [4868/26]

179. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he is taking to ensure that the formal transfer of responsibility for private water and wastewater system is sped up; to outline the process through which this takes place; if there is dedicated staffing/engineers in each local authority to carry out these duties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [5042/26]

180. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures being taken to ensure thatch cottages remain part of our rural vernacular by supporting thatch cottage owners who face prohibitive insurance premiums; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [4946/26]

181. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he will take to support rightsizing during 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [4873/26]

182. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider extending the operation of the fresh start principle to separated or divorced partners seeking to buyout their former partner from the family home with the assistance of the local authority mortgage. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4942/26]

183. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will amend the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2025 to continue rent control between tenancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [4678/26]

184. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when updated wind farm regulations will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [4947/26]

185. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage number of vacant homes in Dublin, by local authority; the steps being taken to reduce the number of vacant homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [4142/26]

186. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider the re-instatement of the provision of new heating boilers under the local authority housing

adaptation grants for older people and disabled people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [5048/26]

187. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the initiative to allow builders and private developers to construct wastewater treatment facilities for smaller housing developments; when the new regulations will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [5018/26]

188. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider financial support for unfinished housing estates, in terms of lighting and so on, where the bond is not paid, the developer is not still operating and homeowners are being left in limbo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [4922/26]

189. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new build social homes currently in the pipeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [5010/26]

190. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with particular reference to arrangements involving the OCCU in partnership with South Dublin County Council, the statutory basis for the use by local authorities of third-party agencies, either on a stand-alone basis or in partnership with local authorities, in the delivery and management of cost-rental tenancies; to outline the governance and accountability arrangements applying to such bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [5067/26]

191. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht an dtabharfaidh sé sonraí faoi na teagmhálacha is déanaí a bhí aige leis an Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht maidir le Treoirlínte Pleanála Gaeltachta; agus an bhfuil amchlár cinnte i gceist maidir lena bhfoilsíú. — Conor D. McGuinness. [68473/25]

192. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the review of the 2001 planning guidelines for local authorities on early learning and childcare settings, in order to increase childcare supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [4871/26]

193. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage given the low number of affordable purchase homes available in Dublin North-West, his plans to scale up the delivery of affordable homes in areas that are in dire need; his plans in Dublin North-West in this respect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [5061/26]

194. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can confirm that capital funding will be made available in the 2026 to 2030 National Development Plan to construct a new fire station for the fire services in Rathdowney, County Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [4421/26]

195. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to address serious concerns regarding the proposed short-term letting regulations; the rationale for the retrospective planning requirements being proposed; the criteria and costs associated with retrospective planning applications; the manner in which hosts' personal data will be stored and used by local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [4425/26]

196. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he has examined the use of compulsory sales orders, whereby local authorities could compel the sale of vacant or derelict properties, as a means of activating dormant assets and supporting regeneration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [3420/26]

197. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the data for the local authority new build housing output for quarter four 2025 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [4938/26]

198. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will take any interim action to request local authorities and approved housing bodies to prevent the continuation of any blanket pet bans in advance of upcoming legislation. — Maeve O'Connell. [4417/26]

199. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to engage with the pillar banks and the first home scheme to develop a support for first-time buyers seeking to purchase and renovate derelict or long-term vacant properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [4925/26]

200. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of funding allocated to Cork County Council for housing maintenance; and if the Minister will outline any additional allocations planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [4140/26]

201. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress made in delivering affordable purchase and cost-rental housing in Cork; the number of schemes approved and commenced to date; and if additional sites or funding streams are being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [4139/26]

202. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will commit to providing funding for an updated fire station in Glencolmcille, County Donegal; the timeline for when it will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5054/26]

203. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on his Department's involvement in attempts to deliver the legally required volume of affordable homes in the Poolbeg West SDZ. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4941/26]

204. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the social housing income thresholds to ensure those in need of social housing support are not unfairly excluded. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4940/26]

205. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify whether he accepts that current income eligibility and salary-bracket limits may be excluding many middle-income workers in Dublin from accessing cost-rental homes, despite their inability to afford market rents; the measures being considered to revise cost-rental caps and income thresholds in high-cost urban areas, including Dublin, to support the long-term delivery and financial sustainability of approved housing body-provided housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [5068/26]

206. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reforms he is making to cut delays and improve delivery times for social housing projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [5011/26]

207. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the sites availing of the single stage approval in the Dublin City Council area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [4870/26]

208. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to review upwards the social housing qualifying income limits. — Séamus McGrath. [4550/26]

209. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is assessing the broadening of the single stage approval process for further housing developments, such as student accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [5005/26]

210. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide additional funding to local authorities to stop the raising of rents for social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [4677/26]

211. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the consistent monthly increases in homeless figures; if steps are being taken to increase the availability of emergency accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [4422/26]

212. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when victims and survivors of domestic abuse will be able to transfer from one local authority to another, and save their time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [4937/26]

213. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions he will take to ensure that the process for applying for a vacant property refurbishment grant is as streamlined as possible to encourage an increase in the level of uptake; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [3345/26]

214. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether, in light of representations from the construction sector, including concerns raised by an organisation (details supplied), he accepts that lower first home scheme price ceilings in counties such as Tipperary are actively discouraging private housing delivery, as developers face higher construction costs without corresponding scheme support; the assessment that has been undertaken of the impact of price ceilings on housing supply, particularly in regional and Border counties; if the six-monthly review process adequately reflects real construction costs and market conditions, rather than solely historic purchase data; the changes he plans to pursue, to ensure the scheme supports housing delivery on an equal footing across all regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [1456/26]

215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines have influenced the positions adopted by local authorities during development plan reviews across the country; if he can provide examples where relevant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4494/26]

216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount provided to Galway City Council under the local authority affordable purchase scheme in 2025; the number of units provided with this money; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [4939/26]

217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to report on any engagement he has with Dublin Zoo as the Minister responsible for the National Park and Wildlife Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [4917/26]

218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homes commenced in Waterford in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [5047/26]

219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the attention of he and his Department has been drawn to the growing crisis of mould and damp in private rental and social homes; the actions his Department is taking to combat the serious mental and physical harms of mould and damp in homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [5062/26]

220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to detail what he is doing to expand financing for housing given the change to state aid rules under the new EU Affordable Housing Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [5065/26]

221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to prevent evictions into homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [5064/26]

222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline plans for housing activation measures that will provide infrastructure necessary for home building. — Malcolm Byrne. [4419/26]

223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the social housing passport between local authorities; when this will be rolled out; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [4141/26]

224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage given the recent large discoveries in the Baltinglass Hillfort Complex of the largest nucleated settlement in prehistoric Ireland and Britain, the steps his Department is taking to fund further research and bring this archaeological history to a wider audience; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [4934/26]

225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that representatives from his Department are in attendance at the next meeting of the working group that consists of the BPF, IPAV and the Banking and Insurance Defective Block Focus Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5041/26]

226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the allocation for the 2026 social housing acquisition programme in Longford, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [3760/26]

227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of stock audits undertaken; and his views on whether social housing provision will now be found compliant by the European Committee of Social Rights. — Thomas Gould. [3475/26]

228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures being taken by his Department to ensure the remediation of developer provided infrastructure for water and wastewater services, particularly in rural areas where no wastewater treatment plants currently exist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [4952/26]

229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding allocated to Kilkenny County Council for tenant-in-situ in 2025; the amount of this which was spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [4250/26]

230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his priorities for affordable housing in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [4867/26]

231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that there are still no plans to deliver affordable housing projects in County Donegal; and the way in which his Department can work with Donegal County Council to address this serious failure. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [3634/26]

232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on new dwelling completions for 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [5060/26]

233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he will take to boost overall housing supply during 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [4874/26]

234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of new Traveller-specific homes delivered in 2025; and the number to be delivered in 2026. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4943/26]

235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when income eligibility limits for local authority housing in Cavan and Monaghan will be increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4546/26]

236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to introduce legislation to enable local authorities to take in charge properties that have been left derelict for a specified period in a more timely manner than is currently permitted, with a view to increasing the availability of housing stock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [4542/26]

237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider standardising certain policies in county development plans across all local authorities so that there are clear and fair definitions of what constitutes a local/rural person for the purpose of building a one-off rural dwelling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [4954/26]

238. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the progress of work to update policy direction and guidance in respect of rural housing, initially in the form of a section 28 guideline which is being reviewed and prepared as a national planning statement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [4931/26]

239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the issue of older adult homelessness in Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [4967/26]

240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to review the local authority home loan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [4869/26]

241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm the draw down of funding by Cork County Council under the tenant-in-situ scheme for 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [5049/26]

242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures his Department is taking to ensure a greater number of social housing units are purpose built to meet the needs of tenants with special needs or intellectual disabilities; the specific plans or initiatives aimed at improving accessibility and accommodation options for this group of tenants within the social housing sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4493/26]

243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on preparations to devise new wind energy guidelines for planning authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [4953/26]

244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the development of revised planning guidelines for wind turbines. — Natasha Newsome Drennan. [1805/26]

245. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has met with senior officials in An Coimisiún Pleanála since he took office; and the number of times he has met with these officials. — Peadar Tóibín. [3832/26]

246. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the estimated delivery timeframes for sub-phases of phase three of the Ulster canal project. — Matt Carthy. [4929/26]

247. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the delivery of local democracy taskforce report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [4888/26]

248. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the failure of the developers (details supplied) to deliver on key obligations and commitments, including the promised town centre and bridge, and the affordable housing requirements attached to LIHAF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5004/26]

249. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding allocated to Carlow County Council for tenant-in-situ in 2025; the amount of this which was spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [4251/26]

250. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of former IPAS residents who are currently accommodated under the housing assistance payment scheme, for each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [68150/25]

251. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to establish planning guidelines for solar energy developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [4945/26]

252. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update of the expansion of the ready to build scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [4887/26]

253. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions he will take to ensure that the projected rise in housing completions to 37,000 in 2026 is achieved, given that output is conditional on progress in delivering enabling infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [4951/26]

254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to report on any engagement he has had with the National Park and Wildlife Service in relation to matters in Dublin Zoo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [4916/26]

255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has considered the integration of microgrids into the planning requirements for new housing developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [5056/26]

256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reports, analysis or other information his Department has received in relation to the impact of the accommodation recognition scheme on the private rental market; the engagements he has had with other Government Departments, State agencies or any other third party in respect of this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4930/26]

257. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the construction of a new fire station for Rathdowney, County Laois is included in his Department’s list of works to upgrade fire stations around the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [4420/26]

258. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on which county councils have rezoned land for housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [4928/26]

259. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on work being carried out by his Department to ensure decent conditions in emergency accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [4865/26]

260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when his Department will announce the next tranche of URDF funding; if his Department will consider increasing the

amount given to north Kildare, considering the increasing in housing built in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [5021/26]

261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the proposals and associated targets to deliver age-friendly housing in counties Cavan and Monaghan. — Cathy Bennett. [5057/26]