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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

1. To ask the Minister for Health the measures she will take in 2026 to reverse the trend of increasing hospital and emergency department overcrowding and hospital waiting lists; the additional acute beds, step-down beds and home-care capacity added in 2025 and planned for 2026; the steps she will take to expedite elective centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [5082/26]

2. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved psychology posts, per population, in psychiatry of later life services across each health region; to indicate the integrated health areas that currently do not have approved psychology posts, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [5414/26]

3. To ask the Minister for Health if she will remove charges for blister packs for those with a clinician-determined need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [5083/26]

4. 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. [4891/26]

5. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she will take to address the major shortfalls in school dental screening and extreme waiting times for orthodontic care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [5084/26]

6. 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 UHW will no longer provide this service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [5311/26]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

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

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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]

117. 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]

118. 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]

119. 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]

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

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

127. 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]

128. 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]

129. 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]

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

131. 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]

132. 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]

133. 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]

134. 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]

135. 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]

136. 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]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm if his proposed changes to the rent pressure zone rules will result in the majority of private rental tenants experiencing significant rent increases within a period of four years. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5324/26]

138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the assessment and modelling he and his Department have carried out in the context of the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2025 on rent levels in the private rental market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [4936/26]

139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to collect the outstanding €26 million in derelict sites levies prior to the introduction of the derelict sites charge. — Thomas Gould. [5325/26]

140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage considering the testimony of witnesses before the Oireachtas Housing Committee stating that the proposed legislation would lead to increases in rents, and no witnesses stating that they believed rents would fall because of the legislation, his plans to ensure that changes to rent pressure zones and rent control legislation will not lead to higher rents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [5108/26]

141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the expected timescale for the exemption of family residential units up to 40 square meters in back gardens; whether this will restrict the commercial rental of such units without planning permission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [5319/26]

142. 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. [5315/26]

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OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

143. 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]

144. 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]

145. 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]

146. 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]

147. 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]

148. 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]

149. 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]

150. 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]

151. 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 chúí 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]

152. 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]

153. 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]

154. 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]

155. 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]

156. 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]

157. 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]

158. 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]

159. 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]

160. 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]

161. 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]

162. 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]

163. 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]

164. 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]

165. 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]

166. 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]

167. 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]

168. 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]

169. 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]

170. 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]

171. 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]

172. 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]

173. 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]

174. 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]

175. 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]

176. 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]

177. 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]

178. 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]

179. 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]

180. 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]

181. 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]

182. 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]

183. 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]

184. 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]

185. 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]

186. 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]

187. 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]

188. 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]

189. 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]

190. 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]

191. 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]

192. 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]

193. 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]

194. 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]

195. 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]

196. 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]

197. 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]

198. 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]

199. 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]

200. 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]

201. 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]

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

203. 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]

204. 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]

205. 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]

206. 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]

207. 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]

208. 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]

209. 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]

210. 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]

211. 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]

212. 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]

213. 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]

214. 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]

215. 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]

216. 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]

217. 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 Feargháil. [5011/26]

218. 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]

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

220. 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]

221. 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]

222. 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]

223. 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]

224. 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]

225. 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]

226. 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]

227. 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]

228. 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]

229. 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]

230. 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]

231. 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]

232. 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]

233. 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]

234. 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]

235. 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]

236. 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]

237. 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]

238. 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]

239. 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]

240. 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]

241. 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]

242. 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]

243. 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]

244. 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]

245. 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]

246. 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]

247. 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]

248. 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]

249. 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]

250. 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]

251. 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]

252. 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]

253. 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]

254. 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]

255. 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]

256. 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]

257. 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]

258. 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]

259. 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]

260. 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]

261. 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]

262. 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]

263. 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]

264. 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]

265. 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]

266. 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]

267. 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]

268. 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]

269. 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]

270. 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]

271. 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]

272. 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]

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*273. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Ireland is supportive of the EU suspending the present trade agreement negotiations with the United Arab Emirates over its role in the ongoing Sudanese civil war and its link to those perpetrating a humanitarian catastrophe there, including large scale mass killings; if Ireland will advance this position at the Foreign Affairs Committee; her plans to prioritise greater EU action on the situation in Sudan when Ireland assumes the EU Presidency, including efforts to ensure the UAE disengages from the conflict; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [5145/26]

*274. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the US military planes which flew over south Tipperary on the night of the 14 January 2026 were cleared to fly over this territory; if so, what their cargo was; if they were carrying ammunitions, weapons or parts of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [5172/26]

*275. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the current travel advisory for Ecuador, with specific reference to the city of Quito given that the broad “avoid non-essential travel” warning results in Irish travellers being refused insurance coverage for transiting through Quito en route to the Galápagos Islands; if she will clarify the evidence supporting a blanket advisory for the entire country despite the UK and US providing more region-specific guidance; and the reason Irish citizens are subject to stricter advice than travellers from neighbouring jurisdictions, which places Irish travel businesses at a competitive disadvantage. — John Lahart. [5198/26]

*276. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the progress to date in advancing the legacy framework as agreed by the British and Irish Governments in September 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [5398/26]

*277. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the outcome of her recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and the political parties in Stormont; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [5399/26]

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

*278. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is aware of single use cup levy trials in Killarney and Fingal; and if his Department has plans to introduce a nationwide levy on single use cups. — Tom Brabazon. [5147/26]

*279. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason the minutes of meetings of groups (details supplied) held since September 2023, have not been made publicly available on his Department's website; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [5177/26]

*280. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the breakdown of new gas fired electricity generation in MWs which has been added to the grid in each year since 2020; the location of each of those new gas fired generators; the individual capacity of each; the gas generation capacity (if any) was decommissioned in each of those years; the additional capacity which is planned for addition in each of 2026, 2027 and 2028; and further the level of temporary emergency generation which is in place and the capacity of that; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [5205/26]

*281. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 343 of 13 January 2025, if his Department is aware that salmon and smolts are not surviving downstream migration; the discussions that have taken place between his Department and Inland Fisheries Ireland with regard to this issue; if he has concerns on whether this arrangement is compliant with EU law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [5225/26]

*282. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the estimated environmental impact of disposable vape products, particularly plastic waste; whether a ban or strict regulation is being considered as part of Ireland's climate and waste reduction commitments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [5400/26]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*283. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider the creation of a new direct route from Ongar village to Blanchardstown village; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [5129/26]

*284. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider the extension of train routes from Dublin 15 to Dublin city centre beyond Connolly Station at weekends to stops within the city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [5130/26]

*285. To ask the Minister for Transport when he will sanction the increase in payment for those in receipt of the Pre-1951 CIÉ employees' pension scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [5175/26]

*286. To ask the Minister for Transport when legislation will be introduced so that a regime of routine or random physical inspections of aircraft landing in Ireland can be introduced particularly in relation to the use of Shannon airport by the US military. — Conor Sheehan. [5211/26]

*287. To ask the Minister for Transport if the agreement reached between the CIÉ Group and the company's trade union group (details supplied) in relation to CIÉ's pension schemes means any increases will be back paid to the date of the agreement in August 2025. — Emer Currie. [5213/26]

*288. To ask the Minister for Transport the expected timeline for publication of statutory measures and the commencement of public consultation as per the agreement between the CIÉ

Group and the company's trade union (details supplied) in relation to CIÉ's pension schemes in August 2025. — Emer Currie. [5214/26]

*289. To ask the Minister for Transport the current average waiting times for driving tests, broken down by licence category, HGV, bus and other commercial categories, by test centre, for each of the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [5237/26]

*290. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he will provide a comparison between average waiting times for private car driving tests and for commercial driving tests, including HGV and bus licences; the extent to which these waiting times differ; and the reasons for any disparity. — Michael Murphy. [5238/26]

*291. To ask the Minister for Transport whether driving testers within the RSA have been reassigned from commercial driving tests to private car driving tests in order to reduce overall waiting-time averages; if so, when this practice commenced; and the impact it has had on waiting times for commercial licence applicants. — Michael Murphy. [5239/26]

*292. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of commercial driving tests (HGV and bus) conducted by the Road Safety Authority in each month of the past two years; the way in which this compares with private car tests over the same period; and if he will outline the reasons for any significant changes. — Michael Murphy. [5240/26]

*293. To ask the Minister for Transport whether any driving test centres have had periods during which no commercial driving tests were scheduled or conducted; the reasons for this; and the steps being taken to ensure available testing capacity for professional drivers is fully utilised. — Michael Murphy. [5241/26]

*294. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he has assessed the impact of prolonged waiting times for HGV and bus driving tests on labour shortages within the road haulage and public transport sectors; and if so, the findings of that assessment. — Michael Murphy. [5242/26]

*295. To ask the Minister for Transport the target waiting times that apply specifically to commercial driving tests; whether these targets are being met; and if not, the corrective measures being planned. — Michael Murphy. [5243/26]

*296. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he or his Department has had with representative bodies in the road haulage sector regarding delays in commercial driving tests; and the actions that have been agreed, arising from this engagement. — Michael Murphy. [5244/26]

*297. To ask the Minister for Transport whether consideration has been given to establishing a dedicated commercial driving test stream within the Road Safety Authority to ensure professional drivers are not disadvantaged by overall demand for private car tests; and if not, the reason. — Michael Murphy. [5245/26]

*298. To ask the Minister for Transport the oversight mechanisms in place to ensure that reported improvements in national driving-test waiting times accurately reflect waiting times across all licence categories, including commercial drivers. — Michael Murphy. [5246/26]

*299. To ask the Minister for Transport to request from the NTA, further to its work to identify the Dublin Bus routes with the greatest capacity issues, the ten most affected routes, in order, including all operators, by month since July 2025. — Emer Currie. [5249/26]

*300. To ask the Minister for Transport if the NTA are considering a bus service for the town of Tullamore under the Town Bus Programme; when a decision will be made in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5263/26]

*301. To ask the Minister for Transport the towns which have been previously been approved by the NTA for a bus service under the Town Bus Programme; the towns which now have an operational service; the number using this service daily; the cost of this service, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5264/26]

*302. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of reports that third party businesses are advertising the ability to secure Irish driving test appointments within a short number of days by bypassing the normal waiting list; the examination or investigation which has been undertaken by his Department, the Road Safety Authority or any other relevant State body into these practices; whether such services are lawful; the steps being taken to prevent any abuse of the booking system or unfair access to driving tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [5270/26]

*303. To ask the Minister for Transport to include Drogheda in the Greater Dublin Area for transport planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [5304/26]

*304. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of inbound and outbound trains stopped at Adamstown Train Station in each of the years from 2020 to 2025 inclusive, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5322/26]

*305. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated number of inbound and outbound journeys taken between Adamstown, Heuston Station and Grand Canal Dock in each of the years from 2020 to 2025 inclusive, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5323/26]

*306. To ask the Minister for Transport the rationale for allowing electric scooters to be used on public roads without mandatory high-visibility clothing, helmets, insurance or adequate lighting, given their increasing involvement in collisions with motorists and pedestrians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [5349/26]

*307. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the absence of a mandatory insurance requirement for electric scooters, particularly in cases involving injury to pedestrians or damage to property; whether he accepts that the current situation leaves injured parties without adequate redress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [5351/26]

*308. To ask the Minister for Transport if a full review of the Road Traffic (Electric Scooters) Regulations is planned, in view of safety concerns for other road users and pedestrians; the timeline for such a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [5352/26]

*309. To ask the Minister for Transport if the National Transport Agency can specify with some granularity and specifics as to what Dublin City Council were allocated €250,000.00 for under the 2026 Active Travel budget for a project entitled 'Strand Road Active Travel Trial'; and

what exactly DCC submitted to obtain this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [5382/26]

*310. To ask the Minister for Transport if the National Transport Agency can specify with some granularity and specifics as to what Dublin City Council were allocated funding for under the 2026 Active Travel budget for projects (details supplied); and what exactly DCC submitted to obtain this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [5383/26]

*311. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on planned engagement, alongside the NTA, with SPSV sectoral representatives on the issue of fixed pricing models; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [5389/26]

*312. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure a substantial increase in funding for the non-national road network for Cavan and Monaghan county councils in 2026, in view of the urgent need to upgrade and carry out repairs to roads throughout both counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [5401/26]

*313. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement to date between the local authority and his Department regarding a relief road (details supplied); the dates on which such engagements occurred; the officials involved; the outcomes or actions arising from those discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [5109/26]

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

*314. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total corporation tax collected from non-resident investment funds investing in Irish property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5181/26]

*315. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary to Question No. 227 of 18 December 2025, if he is concerned by the very low level of tax being paid by legal structures profiting from Irish property (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5182/26]

*316. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the progress of all property funds reaching a target of 60% leverage limit on the ratio of property funds' total debt to their total assets and 60% will be reached by the five year time limit; the current level of leverage in Irish property funds; the leverage level of the top 10% of most leveraged funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5183/26]

*317. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide an update on the pursuit of reciprocity with other European jurisdictions in relation the macroprudential policy framework for Irish property funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5184/26]

*318. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to specify which Minister brought the memos to Cabinet to approve allocations to World Bank programme IDA 18, IDA 19, and IDA 20 respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5185/26]

*319. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 817 of 13 January 2026, to provide details on the outcome of the 209 compliance interventions

completed on qualifying companies in 2024, and the 155 compliance interventions completed in 2025; the number of compliance interventions each year prior since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5202/26]

*320. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 818 of 13 January 2026, to outline the rationale for not providing information on the categories of SPE/S.110 companies given that this information is required on the registration form for these vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5203/26]

*321. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 824 of 13 January 2026, to provide a comprehensive list of all ‘limited scope’ double taxation agreements that go alongside Tax Information Exchange Agreements (TIEA) or standalone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5204/26]

*322. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on the legislation to dissolve NAMA; the total assets still under management by NAMA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5250/26]

*323. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if the NTMA, under the new long-term investment strategy for FIF and ICNF, can invest in Irish sovereign debt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5251/26]

*324. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance when Ireland first concluded any form of tax information exchange agreements with Jersey; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5252/26]

*325. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide details contained in table 11 of returns (details supplied) excluding all aircraft leasing companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5253/26]

*326. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide additional information in relation to the growing negative VAT yield of special purpose vehicles contained in table 11 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5254/26]

*327. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider exempting carers allowance and carer’s benefit from income tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [5288/26]

*328. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide estimates from the Revenue Commissioner for 2026 in respect of the amount of revenue vis-a-vis adjustments to tax credits impacting on carers allowance and carers benefit claimants respectively, that they estimate will be raised as a result of the new data sharing arrangements in place between Revenue and the Department of Social Protection since 1 January, 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [5289/26]

*329. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of PAYE taxpayers who are in receipt of the carers’ allowance and carers’ benefit respectively, who have had their tax credits adjusted arising from the new data sharing arrangements in place between the Revenue Commissioners and the Department of Social Protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [5290/26]

*330. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total number of rent tax credit claims made in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [5328/26]

*331. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of taxpayer units who have self-assessed with Revenue as non-domiciled in 2023; the total number of taxpayer units with non-domiciled status that are resident or ordinarily resident in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5330/26]

*332. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of taxpayer units who have self-assessed with Revenue as non-domiciled in 2023 but are resident or ordinarily resident in the State that declare as Irish nationals in the Form 11 submitted to Revenue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5331/26]

*333. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total number of people that have had their non-domicile status reviewed and ultimately revoked each year since 2016, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5345/26]

*334. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to clarify the way in which Irish banks are classified for the purposes of corporation tax by ownership in (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5346/26]

*335. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is aware that homes at a location (details supplied) now cannot be sold to mortgaged buyers due to mortgage lenders not allowing drawdown on properties where the home insurance does not include flood cover, cover which is not being provided by insurance companies; if so, the steps he is taking to remedy the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [5375/26]

*336. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the procedural change between the Revenue Commissioners and social welfare in terms of sharing information in relation to carers; the number of letters that have been issued informing people that they have an outstanding tax liability; the average tax liability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5377/26]

*337. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the proposals to address the taxation anomalies that affect cross-Border workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [5395/26]

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

*338. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [5207/26]

*339. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the statutory, administrative, or policy basis under which public bodies are required to report on procurement contracts with a value in excess of €10 million, including reference to any relevant legislation, Government decisions, circulars, or provisions of the Public Spending Code (details supplied). — Albert Dolan. [5353/26]

*340. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to clarify when and by whom the €10 million threshold for reporting on procurement contracts was established; whether this threshold is specified in the Public Spending Code itself or in associated guidance; and whether it is mandatory or discretionary in nature. — Albert Dolan. [5354/26]

*341. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether his Department is monitoring the auto-enrolment scheme as a major public expenditure programme; and whether it is subject to the Public Spending Code, including periodic value-for-money reviews. — Michael Murphy. [5402/26]

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

*342. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the actions he is taking to reduce the wait time for employment visa renewals. — Thomas Gould. [5127/26]

*343. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if an agency under his purview to reconsider reversing its remote working policy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [5132/26]

*344. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of jobs which have been created in County Kerry by Enterprise Ireland during each of the past 10 years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [5230/26]

*345. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of jobs which have been created in County Kerry by the IDA during each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [5231/26]

*346. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment Enterprise Ireland plans to create new jobs in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [5232/26]

*347. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the IDA's plans to create new jobs in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [5233/26]

*348. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment Enterprise Ireland's approach to ensuring some level of digital sovereignty for Ireland and the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [5235/26]

*349. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment in view of the prevalence of the internet, digital communications and social media in society, the measures planned by his Department to foster a more secure digital environment; if legislative measures are required and if so when such legislation will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [5390/26]

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

*350. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to engage with the family of child (details supplied) who cannot access a special class for academic year 2026-2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [5125/26]

*351. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will intervene to ensure that students sitting their Leaving Certificate exams through Irish in 2026 will not be disadvantaged with respect to bonus points due to an administrative decision taken by the State Examinations Commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [5131/26]

*352. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in Kildare north who have not yet received a confirmed first year secondary school place for September 2026; the breakdown of these figures, by school planning area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [5133/26]

*353. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of outstanding first year applications for September 2026 for schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [5134/26]

*354. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which her Department is using the data generated through the apply to school pilot to identify capacity shortfalls in Kildare north; the actions being taken on foot of this data; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [5135/26]

*355. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of students currently on waiting lists for secondary schools in areas of Kildare north for September 2026 (details supplied); the criteria being used to manage these waiting lists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [5136/26]

*356. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the level of engagement her Department has had with the boards of management of secondary schools in areas of Kildare north regarding enrolment pressures for September 2026 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [5137/26]

*357. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the long-term plan to address sustained enrolment pressure in Celbridge and Maynooth; the projected demand for secondary school places over the next five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [5138/26]

*358. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the supports or guidance being provided to families in Kildare north who have not yet received a secondary school place for September 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [5139/26]

*359. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the change in policy with respect to the system of bonus points for writing post-primary exams in Irish; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [5142/26]

*360. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige an bhféadfadh sí sainiú a dhéanamh ar na cúrsaí atá dírithe ar an gcóras oideachais lán-Ghaeilge agus Gaeltachta i ngach institiúid oiliúna

múinteoirí, agus ar na modúil atá dírithe ar an oideachas lán-Ghaeilge agus Gaeltachta i gcúrsa ar bith i ngach institiúid oiliúna múinteoirí; agus a shainiú cé acu an bhfuil na modúil sin éigeantach nó roghnach sna cúrsaí lena mbaineann. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [5191/26]

*361. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when NCSE will issue a decision to a school (details supplied) in County Donegal regarding an SNA allocation appeal and respond to correspondence sent to her raising serious concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5197/26]

*362. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the new school building project for a school (details supplied) will be published on eTenders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [5199/26]

*363. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a person (details supplied) will get a place in an autism class; the reason their school was refused a special needs autism class, while a new temporary modular building was installed and one classroom is vacant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ann Graves. [5212/26]

*364. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No's 1139 1140, 1141, 1142, 1143 of 13 January 2026, the legislative basis for the deadline; the commitment which can be offered where the needs of a child changes after 1 October; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [5265/26]

*365. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on a new permanent school building (details supplied), including tender progress, anticipated construction start date, and interim accommodation arrangements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [5266/26]

*366. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average class size at primary and post primary level for each county between the years 2020 to 2025, in tabular form; whether further reductions are planned within the lifetime of the Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [5267/26]

*367. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 843 of 23 July 2024 (details supplied), the number of primary school teachers in each county in 2025-2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [5329/26]

*368. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the case of a child with additional needs in Dublin 9 (details supplied) not having an appropriate school place; if she will liaise with the NCSE in relation to same; if she will provide an update on this case and advise on the next steps for the child; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [5335/26]

*369. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a letter of eligibility for an ASD special class placement has been refused by the National Council for Special Education in respect of a child (details supplied); whether she will consider issuing the letter on an exceptional basis in this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [5347/26]

*370. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she is aware of the urgent need for the establishment of a second ASD special class at a school (details supplied); the reason approval has not been granted notwithstanding the school's stated capacity, preparedness and

engagement with the National Council for Special Education; the current position regarding this request; whether a decision will be made as a matter of urgency to facilitate staffing and planning for the 2026–2027 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [5348/26]

*371. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has had any engagement with the Department of Children, Disability and Equality regarding increased childcare provision using school sites; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5357/26]

*372. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No.1179 of 13 January 2026, the reason the standardised school year was not applied in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [5372/26]

*373. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the efforts which will be made in 2026 to ensure that new contracts for the school transport scheme will be issued without delay after the expiry of the current term in June; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [5381/26]

*374. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the provision of additional accommodation at a school (details supplied) will be progressed without further delay in view of the recent establishment of additional classes and no additional accommodation provided to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [5391/26]

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

*375. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the Eircom superannuation fund will be in action to allow for the 2.5% pension increase approved in July of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [5110/26]

*376. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when increases in pensions for former Eircom workers will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [5121/26]

*377. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the reason a centre in Dublin city centre was not given the funding they requested to stay in their current premises (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [5215/26]

*378. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is considering adopting similar restrictions to those in Australia, for the use of social media by those under 16 years-of-age; if his Department is carrying out any research in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [5236/26]

*379. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the engagement his Department has had with Kilkenny County Council regarding its experience in acquiring land for the development of new playing pitches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5259/26]

*380. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the engagement his Department has had with Carlow County Council regarding their experience of acquiring land for

the development of new playing pitches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5260/26]

*381. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures he is taking to support sport and sports clubs in County Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5272/26]

*382. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures he is taking to support sport and sports clubs in County Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5273/26]

*383. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the status of the introduction of a culture card for youths when they turn 18 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5274/26]

*384. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is aware that four local authorities have unanimously called on him to have a national commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Catalpa Rescue of six Fenian prisoners languishing in prison in Fremantle in Western Australia in 1876; if this will be considered by Government; if he has had contact with Australian authorities in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [5320/26]

*385. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the reason pension increases agreed by An Post for its pensioners in September 2025 have not yet been paid; whether these increases are awaiting Ministerial approval; when he plans to sign the necessary sanction to allow payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [5371/26]

*386. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 273 of 14 December 2025, the progress to date in implementing measures to reduce the access of children under the age of 16 years to social media; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [5385/26]

*387. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 480 of 9 December 2025, in view of the prevalence of the internet, digital communications and social media in society, the progress to date in implementing measures to foster a more secure digital environment; if legislative measures are required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [5386/26]

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

*388. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the maximum number of housing units that can be built in Dublin City centre based on current land use capacity calculations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [5321/26]

*389. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the updated guidelines will be incorporated into the forthcoming National Planning Statement; if he will specify when that statement is expected to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [73124/25]

*390. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when town councils will be re-established, especially in towns with larger populations in Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [68478/25]

*391. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of when the regulations/guidelines for large wind turbines will be published; if the guidelines will include noise regulations that are compatible with the World Health Organization standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [72815/25]

*392. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount each council has spent on tourism in 2023, 2024 and 2025; the amount they have budgeted for 2026, by council, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [1756/26]

*393. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide more detail on the small wastewater element of Action 15, Enable Developer-led Infrastructure, within the Government's new infrastructure plan, Accelerating Infrastructure Report and Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [70763/25]

*394. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on any planned improvements to current regulations or planning guidelines to make it easier for sports clubs to develop and upgrade their facilities; the actions being taken to address the planning obstacles faced by clubs in Dublin Bay North in particular; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [4097/26]

*395. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Housing, Local Government and Heritage an bhfuil sé sásta na dréacht-treoirlínte don phleanáil sa Ghaeltacht a bhí geallta aige le foilsiú roimh an Nollaig seo a fhoilsiú ionas go mbeidh an pobal in ann comhairle a thabhairt maidir leo sula gcríochnóidh an tAire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta an ráiteas náisiúnta pleanála don Ghaeltacht sa bhliain 2027, agus an raibh aon chómhra aige leis an Aire sin maidir le ráiteas a fhoilsiú níos luaithe ná 2027 i gcomhthéacs an ghéarchéim titíochta sa Ghaeltacht. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [68525/25]

*396. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [5116/26]

*397. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current estimated delivery timeframes for sub-phases of Phase 3 of the Ulster Canal project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5118/26]

*398. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the apartment and duplex defects remediation scheme; how retrospective costs will be handled; and the eligibility criteria. — Paul Murphy. [5143/26]

*399. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify in relation to the designation of heavily modified water bodies for Ireland's third cycle river basin management plan, if the proposal appeared is to remove the requirement to achieve GES Good Ecological Status and instead aim for GEP Good Ecological Potential; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [5150/26]

*400. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to address defective concrete blocks in Rush and Lusk; the timeline for when the remediation scheme will be extended to these areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [5179/26]

*401. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current income limits that apply for social housing applicants in counties Cavan and Monaghan; whether he will amend those limits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5186/26]

*402. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority homes, by new builds and acquisitions delivered in County Monaghan in each year 2020-2025 inclusive; the estimated delivery for 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5187/26]

*403. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority homes, by new builds and acquisitions delivered in County Cavan in each year 2020-2025 inclusive; the estimated delivery for 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5188/26]

*404. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority affordable homes delivered in County Monaghan in each year 2020-2025 inclusive; the estimated delivery for 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5189/26]

*405. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority affordable homes delivered in County Cavan in each year 2020-2025 inclusive; the estimated delivery for 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5190/26]

*406. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if steps will be taken to preserve the heritage of thatched cottages (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5194/26]

*407. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to proceed with the public plaza and theatre, on the Áras Phádraig site in Killarney town under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund; if he will give favourable consideration to one and two bedroom apartments that are urgently required in Killarney; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [5234/26]

*408. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current status of the amendment Bill relating to the defective concrete blocks grant scheme; to clarify when the Amendment Bill is expected to be enacted; the way in which the amended scheme will be administered; the role of local authorities; whether any interim administrative arrangements are being considered pending its commencement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [5255/26]

*409. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will put be an immediate moratorium on any wind turbine projects until updated wind energy regulations are established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [5271/26]

*410. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if additional funding will be made available to Carlow County Council in 2026 for housing adaptation grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5286/26]

*411. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if additional funding will be made available to Kilkenny County Council in 2026 for housing adaptation grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5287/26]

*412. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the initiatives being taken to support affordable housing in County Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5291/26]

*413. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the initiatives being taken to support affordable housing in County Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5292/26]

*414. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social and affordable homes delivered in Kilkenny in 2023, 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5293/26]

*415. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social and affordable homes delivered in County Carlow in 2023, 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5294/26]

*416. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant properties in Kilkenny County Council stock at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5295/26]

*417. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant properties in Carlow County Council housing stock at the moment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5296/26]

*418. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current uptake of the first home scheme in County Kilkenny; the steps being taken to increase awareness and access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5297/26]

*419. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current uptake of the first home scheme in County Carlow; the steps being taken to increase awareness and access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5299/26]

*420. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on a new fire station for Kilkenny city; the timeline for when it will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5300/26]

*421. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on Croí Cónaithe schemes broken down per county, by application numbers, application volume, drawdown numbers and drawdown volume, on a year on year basis since its inception, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5301/26]

*422. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when income eligibility limits for local authority housing in Carlow and Kilkenny will be increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5302/26]

*423. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the proposals and associated targets to deliver age-friendly housing in counties Carlow and Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5303/26]

*424. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current status of the drafting of the regulations and statutory instruments required to implement the Government’s revised rent control and rental sector reforms due to commence on 1 March 2026; the number of such instruments required; the stage each has reached within his Department; the remaining steps necessary before publication; and the timeline by which he expects all required regulations to be laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas. — Ken O’Flynn. [5313/26]

*425. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has conducted, commissioned, or relied upon any economic, rental supply, or market impact analysis in advance of implementing the revised rent control framework scheduled to commence on 1 March 2026; if so, the nature of that analysis, the bodies involved, whether the findings will be published; and if no such analysis has been undertaken, the reasons for proceeding with significant regulatory changes in the absence of published modelling on rental supply, affordability, and landlord behaviour. — Ken O’Flynn. [5314/26]

*426. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason a pensioner (details supplied) has not received essential repair works to their home; if he will prioritise these emergency works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [5336/26]

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

*427. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a domiciliary care allowance review for a mother in respect of their daughter (details supplied) has been lodged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [5124/26]

*428. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if supports will be given to a person who narrowly missed out on the main PRSI changes in January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5209/26]

*429. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department plans to bring forward proposals on a cost of disability payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [5219/26]

*430. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the proposals to extend a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [5394/26]

*431. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide a detailed breakdown of the full establishment costs of the auto-enrolment retirement savings system, including but not limited to legislative development, ICT systems, procurement, branding, public communications, and staffing costs; the projected total Exchequer cost over the first five and ten years of operation.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [5403/26]

*432. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether any assessment has been carried out of the all-in economic cost of an individual auto-enrolment account, including indirect and non-member-borne costs funded by the Exchequer; if so, to publish same.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [5404/26]

*433. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the analysis which underpins public comparisons between the headline annual management charge of the auto-enrolment scheme and the charges applicable to individual private pension products; and whether such comparisons include regulatory, governance, and administrative costs borne by the State. — Michael Murphy. [5405/26]

*434. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether he is satisfied that public commentary comparing auto-enrolment charges with private PRSAs reflects a like-for-like comparison of total costs; and if not, the steps which are being taken to ensure accuracy and transparency in public communications. — Michael Murphy. [5406/26]

*435. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the projected annual operating costs of the National Automatic Enrolment Retirement Savings Authority, including staffing, governance, compliance, and outsourced services; and to confirm the way in which these costs will be funded. — Michael Murphy. [5407/26]

*436. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the oversight mechanisms which are in place to ensure that National Automatic Enrolment Retirement Savings Authority delivers value for money over time; and whether periodic independent cost and performance reviews are planned. — Michael Murphy. [5408/26]

*437. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide details of all major contracts awarded in respect of the auto-enrolment scheme to date, including service providers, contract duration, estimated lifetime cost, and performance oversight arrangements. — Michael Murphy. [5409/26]

*438. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether lifecycle cost modelling was undertaken prior to entering into long-term outsourcing contracts associated with Auto-Enrolment; and if so, whether that modelling will be made available to the Oireachtas. — Michael Murphy. [5410/26]

*439. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the assessment which has been made of the long-term financial exposure of the Exchequer arising from the auto-enrolment scheme, including risks related to cost overruns, lower-than-expected participation, or higher-than-expected administrative costs. — Michael Murphy. [5411/26]

*440. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether his Department has identified circumstances in which the auto-enrolment scheme could require additional Exchequer subvention beyond current projections; and the safeguards in place to prevent this. — Michael Murphy. [5412/26]

*441. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will outline what happens to a person's auto-enrolment pension contributions in the event that they pass away before the age of 65; the arrangements in place to ensure that these funds are properly assigned to the person's estate or next of kin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [5416/26]

*442. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if participation in the new auto-enrolment pension system will have any impact, positive or negative, on a person's future entitlement to the full State Pension (Contributory) once they reach pension age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [5417/26]

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

*443. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of women remanded to Mountjoy female prison with consent to bail from 2021 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [5173/26]

*444. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of women remanded to Limerick female prison with consent to bail in 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [5174/26]

*445. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of family reunification applications that were granted in 2025, broken down by whether the sponsor was, a person with refugee status or a person eligible for subsidiary protection; and the average number of family members granted permission, per successful family reunification application in each category. — Paul Murphy. [5600/26]

*446. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the proportion of family reunification grants made under the International Protection Act 2015 in 2025 where the sponsor was a minor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [5607/26]

*447. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of family reunification applications that were granted in 2025; to provide a breakdown of those grants according to whether the sponsor was a person with refugee status or a person eligible for subsidiary protection; and the average number of family members granted permission per successful family reunification application in each category. — Marie Sherlock. [5829/26]

*448. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of family reunification applications that were granted in 2025; the breakdown of those grants according to whether the sponsor was a person with refugee status or a person eligible for subsidiary protection; and the average number of family members granted permission per successful family reunification application in each category, in tabular form. — Sinéad Gibney. [5114/26]

*449. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the actions that have been initiated by his Department to implement the recommendation following the decision at the conference of a representative body to seek legislative change (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [5126/26]

*450. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to an asylum application (details supplied); if the experiences outlined in the application can be assessed; if his attention has been drawn to the support from their school and wider community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [5140/26]

*451. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to an asylum application (details supplied); if the experiences outlined in the application

can be assessed; if his attention has been drawn to the support from their school and wider community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [5141/26]

*452. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current average processing times for short stay 'C' visas from submission to decision; the number of applications which were made in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025; the number granted in each year; his plans to assign more officials to the processing of C visas to reduce processing times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [5144/26]

*453. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prisoners currently detained in locations where there is in-cell sanitation but not any privacy guard between the toilet facility and the rest of the cell; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [5154/26]

*454. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of inmates in prisons or places of detention in Ireland that are currently required to sleep on the floor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [5155/26]

*455. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of inmates in prisons or places of detention in Ireland who are currently on restricted regimes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [5156/26]

*456. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in relation to places of places of detention and prisons in Ireland, the position regarding the number of prisoners that are currently detained in their cells on a solitary basis for more than 22 hours per day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [5157/26]

*457. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of convictions against persons in custody of the State for conduct while in the custody of the State in each of the years 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [5158/26]

*458. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of disciplinary procedures initiated against prisoners, also known as P19s in 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [5159/26]

*459. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps he plans to take in response to the issues raised in the Inspection of Prisons Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [5160/26]

*460. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the current prison population in Ireland, in comparison to the average daily population in 2023, 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [5161/26]

*461. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the average cost of keeping a person in prison custody in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025; if an explanation for any discrepancy in these statistics will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [5162/26]

*462. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the prisons and detention services in Ireland, reflecting in each instance the capacity, the number of persons detained, the

number of staff assigned, the minimum number of staff on duty at any given time, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [5163/26]

*463. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the annual cost of keeping a person in custody in each of the prisons and detention centres in the country, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [5164/26]

*464. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prisoners in Ireland that are currently kept in cells without in-cell sanitation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [5168/26]

*465. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the number of cells in operation today in both prisons and places of detention in Ireland that do not have in-cell sanitation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [5169/26]

*466. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider introducing a policy whereby applications for citizenship made by members of the same family could be processed and approved simultaneously, in order to avoid delays in decision-making across related applications. — Paula Butterly. [5170/26]

*467. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of family reunification applications that were granted in 2025; to provide a breakdown of those grants according to whether the sponsor is a person with refugee status or a person eligible for subsidiary protection; and the average number of family members granted permission per successful family reunification application in each category. — Gary Gannon. [5176/26]

*468. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he proposes to allocate additional resources or make any legislative changes to address the lengthy waiting times within the garda vetting process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5210/26]

*469. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 494 and 493 of 11 December 2025, when he intends to publish and enact legislation to reform this process (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [5216/26]

*470. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason for the delay in short stay visa applications (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [5217/26]

*471. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current plans to reduce the delay in short visa application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [5218/26]

*472. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons who arrived in the State through refugee family reunification in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025; the breakdown of persons, by age and by eligibility category, that is, spouses, minor children, parents of minor children, and siblings of minor children for each year. — Roderic O’Gorman. [5222/26]

*473. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 267 of 10 December 2026, if he has approved the draft Circuit Court Rules (Donor Assisted Human Reproduction) 2025 and the equivalent District Court Rules, which would allow for the commencement of section 232 of the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Act 2024; if not, the timeline he is working towards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [5229/26]

*474. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of complaints made by residents of a hotel (details supplied) to his Department in relation to their treatment at the accommodation centre in 2024 and 2025 respectively; if he will provide information on the broad nature of the complaints made; the number of complaints where investigations were undertaken, found in favour of the complainant/resident; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [5305/26]

*475. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department's contract with a hotel (details supplied) for accommodation services which was commenced in February 2024, will not be renewed on expiry in February 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [5306/26]

*476. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of injuries sustained by members of An Garda Síochána in the course of their duties in each of the years 2021 to 2025, inclusive; to specify, for each year, the number of those injuries which arose from assaults on Gardaí; and the policy measures currently in place within his Department to reduce assaults on members of the force. — Ken O'Flynn. [5316/26]

*477. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of convictions secured for assaulting a member of An Garda Síochána under section 19 of the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act 1994 and related offences in each of the years 2021 to 2025, inclusive; and the range of sentences imposed in those cases. — Ken O'Flynn. [5317/26]

*478. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way in which organisations can apply for funding under the Community Safety Fund; the names of projects in south Dublin City that received funding under the Community Safety Fund in 2024 and 2025; and the amount received per project, in tabular form. — Pat Buckley. [5326/26]

*479. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number granted refugee status or subsidiary protection, by gender who were given the right to bring their spouse to Ireland in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5337/26]

*480. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number granted refugee status or subsidiary protection, by gender who were given the right to bring their children to Ireland in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5338/26]

*481. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of employment visas granted in each of the past ten years, broken down by country of origin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5339/26]

*482. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number granted citizenship in each of the past ten years broken down by the previous status of those granted

citizenship, including whether previously granted refugee status; student visas, work visa, EU citizen and so on, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5340/26]

*483. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number granted citizenship in each of the past ten years, broken down by country of origin, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5341/26]

*484. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number granted refugee status or subsidiary protection in each of the past ten years, broken down by country of origin, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5342/26]

*485. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of people waiting decisions in the international protection system in employment, broken down by category of employment, in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5343/26]

*486. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the breakdown of those waiting for decisions in the international protection system who are in employment, the number who are in employment which pays the minimum wage; the number in employment that pays between the minimum wage and the average industrial wage; the number that are in employment that pays above the average industrial wage in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5344/26]

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

*487. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the timeline for publishing the heads of bill for the fisheries (amendment) Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [5122/26]

*488. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps being taken to secure a fair and equitable share of a quota (details supplied), and that fishers receive an appropriate and increased allocation within any final arrangement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [5171/26]

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

*489. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to make the new Guardian ad Litem service completely independent from Tusla; the consultation she and her Department have undertaken to establish this new system; the investigative work done into the service demand; if there will be a waiting list for the service; if she and her Department are willing to engage with the Independent Guardian ad Litem Agency in relation to the establishment of this service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [5120/26]

*490. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to formally establish the Sligo-Leitrim autism support service on a permanent basis, given that the current pilot is due to conclude in March 2026; to provide sustained funding for a minimum of two autism support

officers for the Sligo-Leitrim area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [5148/26]

*491. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when an assessment will take place for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5178/26]

*492. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if capital funding is available to family resource centres to purchase a new premises where they have outgrown their current premises; if there are any options for such funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5180/26]

*493. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the progress made since the formation of this Government on each Programme for Government commitment relating to childcare, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [5206/26]

*494. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the review of the ECCE programme will be completed; when it will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [5220/26]

*495. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider greater flexibility for entry dates for the ECCE programme, particularly if a child has only missed an entry date by a short period of time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [5221/26]

*496. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the changes in eligibility and points of entry since the ECCE commenced and the Programme for Government commitment to evaluate options to amend the ECCE eligibility criteria.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [5257/26]

*497. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the engagements her Department has had with the Department of Justice; Home Affairs and Migration regarding the prevalence of juvenile crime; if any initiatives are intended by her Department in relation to the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5327/26]

*498. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department plans to open State-led facilities in the Kildare area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [5332/26]

*499. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has had any engagement with the Department of Education and Youth regarding increased childcare and early years provision on school sites; if this has been considered regarding increasing capacity, specifically in areas where there is a lack of options for parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5355/26]

*500. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of a lack of available, affordable and appropriate childcare placements in the Lucan, County Dublin area; the efforts underway to increase options and capacity to ensure childcare services are available to young people who require them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5356/26]

*501. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the immediate steps her Department will take to reduce the waiting times for children to be reviewed for an assessment of need, in light of the statutory requirement under the Disability Act 2005 that assessments of need be completed within six months of application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [5376/26]

*502. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the rationale for establishing a new Guardian ad Litem National Service, given that the current system provides independent representation for children without waiting lists; the way she will ensure the independence of Guardians ad Litem where both Tusla and the new service will be accountable to the same Department and Minister; whether she will reconsider the design of the service to ensure it remains child-centred, informed by the expertise of practising Guardians ad Litem, and consistent with Ireland's obligations under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [5392/26]

*503. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps she is taking to address the barriers faced by parents and lifelong carers of adults with significant intellectual disabilities who are required to seek decision-making representative orders under the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015; in particular the requirement for such carers to apply to the Circuit Court for permission to make the application, and the impact of the current means test and associated legal costs; and if she will make provision for parents or full-time carers to be recognised as exempted persons for the purposes of these applications. — John Lahart. [5413/26]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*504. To ask the Minister for Health the actions, other than a single point of access initiative that she is pursuing to address the crisis in primary care services for young people; the staffing benchmarks she is committing to as part of these plans; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [5415/26]

*505. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the current protocols in place for cases in which a patient presents at an accident and emergency department and reports suspected drink-spiking; the reason hospitals do not carry out toxicology testing in these cases, even when requested by patients and families; if she will commit to establishing a clear national pathway across hospitals supported by appropriate clinical protocols; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [69104/25]

*506. To ask the Minister for Health if it can be ensured that the medical card income limits rise in line with social welfare/pension increases, to ensure that said increases do not result in the loss of medical cards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [2857/26]

*507. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an overview of new initiatives and services to be rolled out at Ennis General Hospital in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [4961/26]

*508. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the most recent statistics on mental health outcomes among the Traveller community, including prevalence of depression, anxiety, psychosis, self-harm and suicide rates etc; the way in which these outcomes compare to the general population, broken down by age and gender; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [4907/26]

*509. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a vascular surgery appointment in Merlin Park Galway as this has been rescheduled multiple times, most recently from January 2026 to August 2026 despite the urgency of the appointment and the promise of no more cancellations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [5111/26]

*510. To ask the Minister for Health to intervene in the case of a person (details supplied) to ensure that they can access vital medicines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [5112/26]

*511. To ask the Minister for Health the current available capacity for patients of Midlands Regional Hospital Tullamore awaiting joint replacements to be referred to the NTPF for treatment; if the hospital is actively seeking referrals where clinically appropriate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [5113/26]

*512. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of service provision issues with a private mental health company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [5115/26]

*513. To ask the Minister for Health if a current employment will be made permanent for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5119/26]

*514. To ask the Minister for Health whether compensation payments are being offered to victims of the 2021 cyberattack on HSE systems; if all eligible recipients have been contacted; if further recipients are to be contacted; the qualifying criteria for payments; the overall structure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [5123/26]

*515. To ask the Minister for Health if hospitals are providing up-to-date and accurate information regarding a medical condition (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [5146/26]

*516. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE continues to pay private home help contractors when a patient is in hospital temporarily; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [5149/26]

*517. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans for Sligo Airport to become the base for the new HEMS helicopter, given the vital importance of this service to the region following the departure of the S-92 and the AW189; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [5151/26]

*518. To ask the Minister for Health the financial supports which are in place for the drug and alcohol task forces in relation to the implementation of the pension auto-enrolment scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5153/26]

*519. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the provision of a primary health centre in Castleblayney, County Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5195/26]

*520. To ask the Minister for Health when the 19-bed dementia unit in Heather House will open. — Thomas Gould. [5196/26]

*521. To ask the Minister for Health the funding supports there are from the HSE for cancer support services and hospice groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [5200/26]

*522. To ask the Minister for Health the number of step-down beds that have been provided in County Clare, by site in each of the years since 2020, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [5223/26]

*523. To ask the Minister for Health the safe number of trolleys permitted in University Hospital Limerick's emergency department to comply with fire safety regulations (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [5224/26]

*524. To ask the Minister for Health if any advice or guidance has been provided to pharmacists with respect to the pause on changes to phased dispensing control mechanisms; if so, to provide a copy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [5226/26]

*525. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she is taking to address the concerns raised with respect to monitored dosage systems, or blister packs, as a result of changes agreed under the Community Pharmacy Agreement; if she intends to amend previously agreed changes in phased dispensing control mechanisms during the current pause; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [5227/26]

*526. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been brought to an issue related to changes under the Community Pharmacy Agreement (details supplied); if an instruction was issued to pharmacists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [5228/26]

*527. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently examine the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [5248/26]

*528. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of all planned and approved capital works for St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny; 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. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [5261/26]

*529. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of all planned and approved capital works for University Hospital Waterford; 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. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [5262/26]

*530. To ask the Minister for Health the current national procedures governing the handover of patients from National Ambulance Service crews to hospital emergency departments; whether ambulances are required to remain at hospital sites until handover and transfer of clinical responsibility is formally completed, including where delays are prolonged; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [5268/26]

*531. To ask the Minister for Health whether ambulances awaiting delayed patient handover at hospital emergency departments are considered unavailable for emergency callouts during that period; whether any policy or operational protocol exists to allow for crew substitution or redeployment of the ambulance while handover is completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [5269/26]

*532. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that will be taken to address home help waiting lists in County Kilkenny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5275/26]

*533. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a full update on plans to increase hospital bed capacity in Carlow and Kilkenny. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5276/26]

*534. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in recruiting additional dentists and improving public dental services in Carlow and Kilkenny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5277/26]

*535. To ask the Minister for Health when a national diabetes strategy will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5278/26]

*536. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on Tullow primary care centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5279/26]

*537. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on Graiguenamanagh primary care centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5280/26]

*538. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on GP services and Mullinavat health centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5281/26]

*539. To ask the Minister for Health the status of planned primary care centres in County Carlow; the expected timelines for their delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5282/26]

*540. To ask the Minister for Health the status of planned primary care centres in County Kilkenny; the expected timelines for their delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5283/26]

*541. 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 Kilkenny in 2026, in particular at St. Luke’s Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5284/26]

*542. 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 Carlow in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5285/26]

*543. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount paid to date under the south Kerry CAMHS compensation scheme administered by the State Claims Agency; the number of claimants paid; the overall cost to the State for the most recent reporting period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [5307/26]

*544. To ask the Minister for Health to immediately publish the north Kerry CAMHS lookback review; if agreement has been reached with all north Kerry victims/families, in regard to compensation, counselling, and all other entitlements; the number of cases that have been settled in north Kerry; the number who have received their payments; the number of outstanding claims; the length of time the remaining victims/families will have to wait before they receive their compensation; the total amount of compensation paid to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [5309/26]

*545. To ask the Minister for Health if agreement has been reached with all south Kerry CAMHS victims/families, in regard to compensation, counselling, and all other entitlements; the number of cases that have been settled in south Kerry; the number who have received the payments; the number of outstanding claims; the length of time the remaining victims/families will have to wait before they receive the compensation; the total amount of compensation paid to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [5310/26]

*546. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the pathfinder service for Carlow and Kilkenny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [5312/26]

*547. To ask the Minister for Health if the provision of a new service will be considered (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [5378/26]

*548. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the old health clinic at Tinahely, County Wicklow; the number of years remaining on any lease; the plans for the disposal of the property; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [5379/26]

*549. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Strategic Review of General Practice; to provide a firm timeline for completion of the Strategic Review; the reason for the delay in its completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [5380/26]

*550. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether the marketing, packaging and prominent retail display of vapes and snuff products are designed to attract children and young people; if she will introduce legislation requiring these products to be kept out of sight in retail outlets, similar to tobacco products; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [5396/26]

*551. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE National Service Plan 2026 is only committing to 134 additional net new acute hospital beds, which is a significant drop on the HSE National Service Plan 2025 commitment for an additional 297 acute beds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [4913/26]

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

*552. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update regarding construction of student units at Atlantic Technological University (Sligo Campus); when it is expected that the first units will be available for students to take up residence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [5333/26]

*553. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of year one speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, dietician, psychology and social work, enrolments at each institute at undergraduate and graduate level for each year 2024 and 2025; and the number of places which will be available in these disciplines in September 2026, in tabular form. — Mark Wall. [5397/26]

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

*554. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when the dormant accounts funding scheme will open for 2026, and how groups can avail of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [5201/26]

*555. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if more funding will be made available for the library capital programme. — Conor D. McGuinness. [5334/26]

*556. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if funding will be provided in respect of the provision of services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [5373/26]