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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoiseach: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — John Connolly. [67574/25]
2. To ask the Taoiseach for an update regarding the Programme for Government. — Michael Cahill. [71592/25]
3. To ask the Taoiseach for an update regarding the Programme for Government. — Séamus McGrath. [71593/25]
4. To ask the Taoiseach for an update regarding the Programme for Government. — Brendan Smith. [74525/25]
5. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Malcolm Byrne. [3638/26]
6. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [3639/26]
7. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Mark Ward. [3646/26]
8. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Darren O'Rourke. [3648/26]
9. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Peadar Tóibín. [3830/26]
10. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — David Cullinane. [4024/26]
11. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [4088/26]
12. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Ruth Coppinger. [5973/26]
13. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Paul Lawless. [5990/26]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on progress on implementation of the Programme for Government. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6013/26]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on progress on the implementation of the Programme for Government. — Paul Murphy. [6016/26]

16. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Cian O’Callaghan. [6067/26]

17. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Jennifer Whitmore. [6093/26]

18. To ask the Taoiseach for an update regarding the Programme for Government. — Rory Hearne. [6125/26]

19. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Liam Quaide. [7328/26]

20. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the Programme for Government. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [7692/26]

21. To ask the Taoiseach for an update regarding the Programme for Government. — Jennifer Whitmore. [8090/26]

22. To ask the Taoiseach for an update regarding the Programme for Government. — Conor D. McGuinness. [8196/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

29. To ask the Taoiseach which Cabinet Committee oversees agriculture and when it will meet next. — Malcolm Byrne. [5806/26]

30. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [5977/26]

31. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Paul Lawless. [5989/26]
32. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Liam Quaide. [7331/26]
33. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Darren O'Rourke. [7578/26]
34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [7693/26]
35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that oversees agriculture and the marine will next meet. — Barry Heneghan. [7698/26]
36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Jennifer Whitmore. [8091/26]
37. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Cabinet Committee that oversees agriculture. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8094/26]
38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Cabinet Committee that oversees agriculture. — Paul Murphy. [8097/26]
39. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Conor D. McGuinness. [8197/26]
40. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Ryan O'Meara. [67844/25]
41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — John Connolly. [69864/25]
42. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Aisling Dempsey. [69876/25]
43. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Erin McGreehan. [69877/25]
44. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Cathal Crowe. [74523/25]
45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [3640/26]
46. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Eoghan Kenny. [4028/26]
47. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Mark Wall. [4033/26]

48. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will meet next. — Malcolm Byrne. [5807/26]

49. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [5974/26]

50. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Cian O'Callaghan. [6068/26]

51. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on children and education will next meet. — Darren O'Rourke. [7579/26]

52. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on children and education will next meet. — Barry Heneghan. [7699/26]

53. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Jennifer Whitmore. [8093/26]

54. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8095/26]

55. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education. — Paul Murphy. [8098/26]

56. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [8270/26]

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

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

59. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the first progress report of Climate Action Plan 2025. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5896/26]

60. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the first progress report of the Climate Action Plan. — Ruth Coppinger. [5975/26]

61. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the First Progress Report of Climate Action Plan 2025. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [7898/26]

62. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the first progress report of Climate Action Plan 2025. — Shane Moynihan. [7903/26]

63. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the first progress report of Climate Action Plan 2025. — Jennifer Whitmore. [8092/26]

64. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the first progress report of the Climate Action Plan. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8096/26]

65. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the first progress report of the Climate Action Plan. — Paul Murphy. [8099/26]

66. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the First Progress Report of Climate Action Plan 2025. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [8271/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

75. To ask the Taoiseach his assessment and response to the NESC report, 'Connecting People to the Energy Transition'. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5897/26]

76. To ask the Taoiseach his response to the recent NESC report, 'Building A Virtuous Demographic Cycle'. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5898/26]

77. To ask the Taoiseach his assessment and response to the NESC report, 'Connecting People to the Energy Transition'. — Ruth Coppinger. [7830/26]

78. To ask the Taoiseach his assessment of and response to the NESC report, 'Connecting People to the Energy Transition'. — Albert Dolan. [7899/26]

79. To ask the Taoiseach his assessment of and response to the NESC report, 'Connecting People to the Energy Transition'. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [7900/26]

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

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

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

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

84. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on health will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [7694/26]

85. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on health will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [7829/26]

86. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [8272/26]

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

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

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

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

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

92. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the 44th British-Irish Council Summit in Wales. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [7695/26]

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

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

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

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

97. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the first meeting of the Delivery and Monitoring Committee for the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025-2030, which he chaired on 8 December 2025. — Barry Heneghan. [5808/26]

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

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

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

101. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on implementation of the well-being framework published by his Department. — Barry Heneghan. [5809/26]

102. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the implementation of the Well-being Framework published by his Department. — Cian O'Callaghan. [6069/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

117. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping. — Ruth Coppinger. [7831/26]

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

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

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

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

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

123. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress his Department is making in tackling child poverty. — Rory Hearne. [6126/26]

124. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress his Department is making in tackling child poverty. — Catherine Ardagh. [7895/26]

125. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress his Department is making in tackling child poverty. — Cathal Crowe. [7896/26]

126. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress his Department is making in tackling child poverty. — John Connolly. [7897/26]

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

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

129. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of the ‘Budget 2026: Spotlight on Disability’ report recently published by his Department. — Cian O’Callaghan. [6070/26]

130. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the annual World Economic Forum meeting in Davos. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6014/26]

131. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the annual World Economic Forum meeting in Davos. — Paul Murphy. [6017/26]

132. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the World Economic Forum in Davos. — Malcolm Byrne. [6111/26]

133. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at World Economic Forum in Davos. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [6112/26]

134. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the World Economic Forum in Davos. — Shay Brennan. [6113/26]

135. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at World Economic Forum in Davos. — Tony McCormack. [6114/26]

136. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an update on the work of the Cabinet offshore energy clearinghouse. — Malcolm Byrne. [6127/26]

137. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an update on the work of the Cabinet offshore energy clearinghouse. — Cathal Crowe. [7890/26]

138. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an update on the work of the Cabinet offshore energy clearinghouse. — Erin McGreehan. [7891/26]

139. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an update on the work of the Cabinet offshore energy clearinghouse. — John Connolly. [7909/26]

140. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [7332/26]

141. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [7333/26]

142. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will meet next. — Shane Moynihan. [7904/26]

143. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will meet next. — Brendan Smith. [7905/26]

144. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will meet next. — Erin McGreehan. [7907/26]

145. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will meet next. — Cormac Devlin. [7908/26]

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

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*147. To ask the Taoiseach the current unemployment rate in County Offaly compared to the national average. — Carol Nolan. [7524/26]

*148. To ask the Taoiseach whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7938/26]

*149. To ask the Taoiseach whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7956/26]

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

*150. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to set-out Ireland's position on the proposed EU Digital Simplification Omnibus; and to provide an update on Ireland's engagement on the proposals with the European Commission and at Council of Ministers and working group level. — Emer Currie. [8248/26]

*151. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she plans to visit Denmark prior to Ireland holding the presidency of the Council of EU. — Darren O'Rourke. [7376/26]

*152. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the aid Ireland is providing to Ukraine in order to assist in repairing their electricity grid. — Ciarán Ahern. [7390/26]

*153. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the location and nature of refurbishment works that were carried out at Irish Embassies in 2025; and the location and nature of refurbishment works that are scheduled to be carried out at Irish Embassies in 2026, in tabular form. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [7420/26]

*154. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when a passport will be issued for a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [7449/26]

*155. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to examine a request for a passport (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [7716/26]

*156. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total humanitarian aid provided by Ireland to conflict-affected regions in Africa in 2025; the monitoring processes to ensure funds reach intended beneficiaries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7860/26]

*157. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the Government's position on trade relations with countries involved in ongoing human rights concerns; the criteria for imposing sanctions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7861/26]

*158. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the support provided to Irish missionaries operating in developing countries; the coordination with NGO partners; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7862/26]

*159. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the annual financial contributions to UN peacekeeping missions; the involvement of Irish personnel in current operations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7863/26]

*160. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the diplomatic efforts to promote religious freedom internationally; the specific initiatives funded by Ireland in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7864/26]

*161. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7930/26]

*162. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7948/26]

*163. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether the proposed EU-India Trade Agreement includes a mobility agreement; and, if so, what this will mean for Ireland in terms of citizens from India moving to Ireland and Irish citizens moving to India; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [8149/26]

*164. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of Irish citizens who have sought assistance from the Irish embassy in South Korea in the years of 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [8294/26]

*165. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the point at which, and level at which her Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General is at in respect of the civil service pay scales; the duration for same; and the plans to revise current remuneration arrangements. — Aidan Farrelly. [8467/26]

*166. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will report on activities on the Irish Consulate General based in Munich including staffing resources. — Joe Cooney. [8502/26]

*167. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a tender was involved in the production of the video published on the Irish Foreign Ministry account (details supplied) to mark St. Brigid's Day; the number of companies that applied; the total cost of the production to date; if the script for the video was provided by the winning company or her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [8654/26]

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

*168. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the allocation of community benefit funds from wind farm projects in County Offaly in 2025; the way these funds are distributed to affected residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7559/26]

*169. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 44 of 7 October 2025, the reason the deserted wives social protection payment recipients are excluded from the SEAI scheme given they are on similar means to single parent and also pension recipients and should be able to avail of the warmer homes scheme. — Peadar Tóibín. [7741/26]

*170. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether withdrawals are anticipated from the Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund in 2026 to support electrical

waste and battery recycling infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [8747/26]

*171. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the proposed pumped hydro storage facility at Silvermines, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [7357/26]

*172. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether section 14 authorisations under the Fisheries (Consolidation) Act 1959 has ever been issued to Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) for the restocking of invasive pike greater than 85cm in length into Lough Corrib SAC during stock management operations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [7511/26]

*173. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his attention has been drawn to Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) forwarding a 2026 Corrib Catchment Stock Management Plan to key angling stakeholders, on 13 November 2025; given the specific intentions of IFI in the plan the reason his Department is still retaining the Pike Conservation Bye-Law (No. 809) 2006 and the Conservation and Prohibition on Sale of Coarse Fish Bye-Law (No. 806) 2006 on Lough Corrib SAC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [7512/26]

*174. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason his Department is retaining inland fisheries legislation that protects non-native and invasive freshwater fish in the State such as pike and roach as water bodies, given these species will not meet high EQR status for EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) purposes due to their presence, considering the recent European Court of Justice judgment on 20 November 2025 confirming that Ireland is in breach of its obligations under the EU WFD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [7513/26]

*175. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will confirm whether salmon angling stakeholders and/or salmon advocacy groups threatened legal action against his Department; if the proposed Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme (Amendment) Regulations for the 2026 season were signed off in late December 2025 as planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [7514/26]

*176. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the publication of the Western Lakes Management Plan; the reasons for its continued deferral since September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [7515/26]

*177. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will confirm that the Lough Corrib catchment will be open for Atlantic salmon harvesting by rod and line angling from 1 February 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [7517/26]

*178. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when he envisages that a permanent CEO of Inland Fisheries Ireland will be in situ; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [7518/26]

*179. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the updated timeline for the publishing of the Heads of Bill for the new Inland Fisheries (Consolidation) Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [7519/26]

*180. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the progress made on Just Transition initiatives for former peat industry workers in County Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7525/26]

*181. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reliance on gas as a backup for intermittent wind energy generation; the projected costs to Irish households for maintaining this backup infrastructure up to 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7560/26]

*182. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the contribution of onshore wind farms to reducing electricity prices for consumers in rural areas like County Offaly; if alternatives such as biomass will be prioritised to avoid over-reliance on wind; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7564/26]

*183. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the agencies and bodies under the aegis of his Department; the contact information of each available to members of the Oireachtas as per the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circular 25/2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7760/26]

*184. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of times the Climate Action Delivery Board has met since 19 July 2024; the dates of these meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [7801/26]

*185. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current members of the Climate Action Delivery Board; the date on which each was appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [7802/26]

*186. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether the minutes of the meetings of the Climate Action Delivery Board held since 19 July 2024 will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [7803/26]

*187. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of times the Climate Action Delivery Board has reported to Government since the start of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [7804/26]

*188. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether the Climate Action Delivery Board has presented an annual progress report to the Government for 2025; if so, when that was received; when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [7805/26]

*189. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the list of Departments, the Climate Action Delivery Board has engaged with since the start of 2025; the dates of those engagements, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [7806/26]

*190. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of times the Climate Action Programme Board has met since its formation; the dates of those meetings; if he will provide the agenda of each meeting and the approved minutes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [7807/26]

*191. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7924/26]

*192. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7942/26]

*193. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to publish the recent approval agreement he made with an organisation (details supplied); the way in which this agreement will help Ireland meet binding targets for packaging recycling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [8104/26]

*194. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when he intends to publish the second whole of Government circular economy strategy; and the progress he has made in this regard since the consultation was opened in September 2025. — Roderic O’Gorman. [8105/26]

*195. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason heads 28, 29 and 30 of the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2025 that were approved by Government on 11 June 2024, and which would allow the Minister to levy environmental charges such as the plastic bag levy, on producers rather than on retailers, did not appear in the Bill when drafted and initiated in Dáil Éireann; and if he will amend the Bill in Seanad Éireann to restore those heads as previously agreed by Government. — Roderic O’Gorman. [8106/26]

*196. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the dates when he plans to commence the remaining sections of the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 2022, in tabular form. — Roderic O’Gorman. [8107/26]

*197. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will allow retrospective access to SEAI’s individual energy upgrade grants for households impacted by a company that went insolvent (details supplied) after they had paid a deposit for works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [8131/26]

*198. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether he has met with the Climate Change Advisory Council to discuss concerns that the Council has raised with him regarding the sectoral adaptation plans adopted by Government in November 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [8177/26]

*199. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his plans to reduce waiting times for BER assessments associated with SEAI grants from the current 12 months; the number of persons waiting on an assessment as of 27 January 2026; the number of applicants on an annual basis since the grant scheme commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [8268/26]

*200. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the MPA legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [8405/26]

*201. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the status of work to establish a legislative and regulatory framework for peer-to-peer energy trading and community

microgrids; the expected timeline for enabling such energy trading within the Irish electricity market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8441/26]

*202. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department plans to recognise or legislate for community system operators as referenced in EU microgrid guidance documents; the steps being taken to enable community-managed grid entities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8442/26]

*203. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the funding or grant supports which are available or planned for community-scale battery storage projects, such as those proposed for Skerries; his views on the role of such infrastructure in grid stability and decarbonization; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8443/26]

*204. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department plans to develop a national framework for community virtual microgrids and virtual power plants; the way in which Ireland's policy will align with emerging EU guidance and projects such as CityxChange; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8444/26]

*205. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the Government plans to develop standards or guidance for smart system design, integrated community energy assets and community energy marketplaces as described in EU city-scale demonstration projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8445/26]

*206. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the point at which, and level at which his Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General is at in respect of the civil service pay scales; the duration for same; and the plans to revise current remuneration arrangements. — Aidan Farrelly. [8461/26]

*207. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his attention has been drawn to concerns related to the scale of fees for environmental law judicial review cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8481/26]

*208. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his attention has been drawn to correspondence sent to his Department in relation to judicial review cases (details supplied); the actions he will take to address the concerns raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8482/26]

*209. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on whether the proposed increases in cost to take environmental law judicial review cases acts as a barrier to public participation in the planning process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8483/26]

*210. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of statutory instruments intended to transpose remaining elements of RED III; the anticipated publication and commencement timelines; and whether draft regulations will be made available to stakeholders in advance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8593/26]

*211. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the publication of Ireland's Social Climate Plan; and the drawdown of funding from the EU. — Emer Currie. [8743/26]

Chun Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*212. To ask the Minister for Defence when the aircraft maintenance technician scheme will be launched for the next intake; if she will consider aligning the timing of future competitions with the CAO and Leaving Certificate cycle in order that prospective applicants can make informed career choices at an earlier stage; whether she has assessed the impact of late competition timelines on recruitment outcomes for the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [7609/26]

*213. To ask the Minister for Defence whether she will publish a forward schedule for remaining Defence Forces competitions, similar to the CAO model, to allow prospective applicants to plan their careers in advance; the timelines and terms and conditions for the 2027 intakes no later than 30 September 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [7610/26]

*214. To ask the Minister for Defence the agencies and bodies under the aegis of her Department; the contact information of each available to members of the Oireachtas as per the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circular 25/2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7762/26]

*215. To ask the Minister for Defence whether her Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7926/26]

*216. To ask the Minister for Defence whether her Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7944/26]

*217. To ask the Minister for Defence the total number of sick days taken by staff in her Department for each of the years 2022 to 2025; the average days lost per employee for each year, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [8166/26]

*218. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of vacancies by rank currently in the Defence Forces Equitation School; the timeframe for filling each of those vacancies, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [8187/26]

*219. To ask the Minister for Defence the legal basis and operational rationale for the continued closure of the public walkway linking Renmore Road and a club (details supplied) at Renmore Barracks, Galway; whether alternative safety or perimeter security measures were considered in lieu of the large boundary fence; if a timeline exists for the reopening of the walkway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [8262/26]

*220. To ask the Minister for Defence the point at which, and level at which her Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General is at in respect of the civil service pay scales; the duration for same; and the plans to revise current remuneration arrangements. — Aidan Farrelly. [8463/26]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the review he is carrying out into the existing laws regarding the use of e-scooters and scrambler bikes with a view to further

preventing their use in an antisocial way; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7750/26]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether existing laws in relation to the antisocial use of e-scooters and scrambler bikes are sufficient to act as a deterrent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7752/26]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a break down of the funding allocated d by each county council in each of the years 2020 to date, under the CIS, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [8389/26]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a break down of the funding drawn down by each county council in each of the years 2020 to date, under the CIS, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [8391/26]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans and the implementation date for traffic light camera systems for red light breaking; the number of cameras intended for each phase of the rollout; and the locations intended for same. — Ivana Bacik. [8680/26]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans and the implementation date for camera systems on bus lanes; the number of cameras intended for each phase of the rollout; and the locations intended for same. — Ivana Bacik. [8681/26]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport whether withdrawals are anticipated from the Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund in 2026 to support the decarbonisation of the bus and coach sector, including electric vehicle charging infrastructure, fleet transition measures and supporting coach infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [8745/26]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport whether withdrawals are anticipated from the Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund in 2026 to support shared mobility infrastructure, including bike and e-bike rental stations; shared mobility hubs and electric vehicle charging infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [8746/26]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport the grants and schemes in place to fund secure bicycle parking in schools; the efforts being made by his Department to combat the theft of bicycles from schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [7356/26]

*230. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given for the installation of a new rail link between Blanchardstown and Donabate via Dublin Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [7387/26]

*231. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to a new bus route connecting Captain’s Hill in Leixlip, Dodsboro, Chapelizod and Connolly Station. — Shane Moynihan. [7389/26]

*232. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he is aware of concerns regarding potential DART service disruptions on the northside during the North City Arterial Main works from mid-February 2026; whether his Department or the National Transport Authority has considered the cumulative transport impacts of these works, including any planned DART line closures, service

reductions or weekend shutdowns, on areas including Bayside, Clontarf and Howth Road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [7392/26]

*233. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the introduction of contactless bank card payments across public transport services currently operating under the Leap Card system; the stages of implementation planned; the reasons for the length of time required to deliver this upgrade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [7393/26]

*234. To ask the Minister for Transport if anomalous aerial observation may meet the definition of a reportable occurrence where it endangers, or could endanger, an aircraft, its occupants or any other person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [7398/26]

*235. To ask the Minister for Transport the additional funding in 2026 provided by the NTA for additional Local Link routes within Mayo. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [7415/26]

*236. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 736 of 13 January 2026, if he will provide a timeline for the publication and implementation of a report by ZEVI regarding the installation of on street charging cables for homes without driveways or other privately owned spaces to charge EVs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7423/26]

*237. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to cases whereby homeowners without driveways or other privately owned spaces to charge EVs have been delayed in the installation of EV charging due to local authorities awaiting the recommendations from ZEVI; the actions he will take to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7424/26]

*238. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions he will take to engage with local authorities to prevent undue delays in homeowners, that do not have driveways or other privately owned spaces to charge EVs, being able to progress on street charging via a cable connected to their property by a cable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7425/26]

*239. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a payment made in error online for motor-tax cannot be refunded to a person in County Galway (details supplied) despite the huge financial burden being caused; whether there is another option to refund them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [7479/26]

*240. To ask the Minister for Transport the current legal powers available to An Garda Síochána to seize, detain, and dispose of scrambler bikes, quad bikes, and other off-road vehicles being used illegally in public places; the statutory basis for those powers; and whether he is satisfied that existing legislation provides Gardaí with sufficient authority to intervene proactively before serious injury or death occurs. — Ken O'Flynn. [7628/26]

*241. To ask the Minister for Transport the legislative or regulatory framework that governs the sale, importation, and use of scrambler bikes and off-road vehicles; whether he has examined the introduction of tighter controls on their sale, ownership, or age eligibility; and whether his Department is preparing any amendments to road traffic legislation to address the public safety risks posed by their misuse. — Ken O'Flynn. [7630/26]

*242. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has conducted, commissioned, or reviewed any assessment of serious injuries and fatalities involving scrambler bikes or off-road vehicles in public places over the past five years; whether such incidents are increasing; and what specific policy measures he proposes to reduce the risk of further loss of life. — Ken O’Flynn. [7631/26]

*243. To ask the Minister for Transport the total cost incurred by Iarnród Éireann in 2025 in relation to graffiti vandalism across the rail network; the number of incidents recorded; a breakdown of costs by train class and service type; and the impact these incidents had on service availability and cancellations. — Ken O’Flynn. [7640/26]

*244. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has assessed the cost to the Exchequer of graffiti vandalism on public transport services, including rolling stock taken out of service for cleaning, replacement of damaged windows, and associated operational disruption; and if he will publish any such assessments. — Ken O’Flynn. [7641/26]

*245. To ask the Minister for Transport what policy measures, if any, were introduced or updated by Iarnród Éireann in 2025 to address vandalism and graffiti on the rail network; whether his Department issued guidance or directives in this area; and if not, the reasons for same. — Ken O’Flynn. [7642/26]

*246. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has engaged with An Garda Síochána, local authorities, or transport operators on a coordinated national strategy to prevent graffiti vandalism on public transport assets; and if not, whether he will initiate such engagement given the ongoing cost to the taxpayer. — Ken O’Flynn. [7644/26]

*247. To ask the Minister for Transport the precise reason the Dublin Airport Authority did not submit a response to the formal complaint lodged (details supplied) with the United States Department of Transportation concerning the passenger cap at Dublin Airport; whether the Minister was aware in advance that no response would be submitted; and whether he accepts that the absence of a response from a State-owned body has weakened Ireland’s position in an active international aviation dispute. — Ken O’Flynn. [7649/26]

*248. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he accepts that the failure to remove the Dublin Airport passenger cap within a reasonable timeframe now presents a credible risk of retaliatory restrictions on transatlantic air services under the EU–US Open Skies Agreement; whether this risk has been formally assessed by his Department; and if so, the findings of that assessment. — Ken O’Flynn. [7650/26]

*249. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the heads of Bill intended to address the Dublin Airport passenger cap; the date on which the Heads of Bill will be brought to Government for approval; the expected timeline for publication of the Bill; and the earliest realistic date by which the cap will be legally removed. — Ken O’Flynn. [7651/26]

*250. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he considers it appropriate that operational decisions by the Irish Aviation Authority and delays within the planning system have, in effect, created a de facto national aviation policy limiting Ireland’s international connectivity; and whether the Government intends to assert direct legislative control to protect Ireland’s strategic transport and economic interests. — Ken O’Flynn. [7653/26]

*251. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider changes to the criteria for the refunding of motor tax in circumstances where the cost of repairing a motor vehicle is uneconomical and costs more than the vehicle is worth, while the motor tax paid has a substantial period left before it expires. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [7681/26]

*252. To ask the Minister for Transport the criteria to be applied in determining the proposed locations of cameras in Dublin urban areas under the National Safety Camera Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maeve O'Connell. [7748/26]

*253. To ask the Minister for Transport the agencies and bodies under the aegis of his Department; the contact information of each available to members of the Oireachtas as per the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circular 25/2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7775/26]

*254. To ask the Minister for Transport if a bus from Dublin 15 to Dublin Airport (N8 Route) has now been put back further to 2027. — Paul Donnelly. [7799/26]

*255. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of reports that some CIÉ pensioners are surviving on €8 thousand a year as they have not received a pension increase in over eighteen years (details supplied); the most recent work his Department has carried out to progress these agreed pension increases for CIÉ pensioners; when will these agreed pension increases be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [7810/26]

*256. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department is currently undertaking a review of the guidelines pertaining to the installation of EV chargers to private properties; the expected timeline in which this review will be completed; the timeframe for relevant legislation to be put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [7814/26]

*257. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the National Transport Authority to examine the possibility of rerouting the Bray to Greystones railway line, by tunnel if necessary, to improve connectivity between Dublin and Rosslare Europort; and if funding might be available under the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) policy which is the EU's core strategy for creating a unified, high-quality, multimodal network of railways, roads, inland waterways, and shipping routes by 2050. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7815/26]

*258. To ask the Minister for Transport the total cost of a review (details supplied), including all consultancy fees and Departmental expenditure; if a value for money report was produced by his officials following the review. — Aidan Farrelly. [7818/26]

*259. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of recommendations made in a review (details supplied); the number of recommendations that have been implemented; the number that are in the progress of being implemented; and the number that were rejected. — Aidan Farrelly. [7819/26]

*260. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 651 of 13 January 2026, if the RSAA will provide the number of MR cases received from the UK and NI each year from 2022 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [7910/26]

*261. To ask the Minister for Transport when cameras to capture motorists breaking red lights will be introduced. — Tom Brabazon. [7913/26]

*262. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7939/26]

*263. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7957/26]

*264. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new drivers which have been hired by Bus Éireann to cover routes in Cork city in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7958/26]

*265. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new drivers which have been hired by Bus Eireann to cover routes in Cork city in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7959/26]

*266. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new drivers which have been hired by Bus Eireann to cover routes in Cork city in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7960/26]

*267. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new which drivers have been hired by Bus Eireann to cover routes in Cork city in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7961/26]

*268. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new drivers which have been hired by Bus Eireann to cover routes in Cork city in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7962/26]

*269. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new drivers which have been hired by Bus Eireann to cover routes in Cork city in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7963/26]

*270. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new drivers which have been hired by Bus Éireann to cover routes serving Cork county in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7964/26]

*271. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new drivers which have been hired by Bus Éireann to cover routes serving Cork county in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7965/26]

*272. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new drivers which have been hired by Bus Éireann to cover routes serving Cork county in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7966/26]

*273. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new drivers which have been hired by Bus Éireann to cover routes serving Cork county in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7967/26]

*274. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new drivers which have been hired by Bus Éireann to cover routes serving Cork county in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7968/26]

*275. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new drivers which have been hired by Bus Éireann to cover routes serving Cork county in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7969/26]

*276. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new drivers which have been hired by Iarnród Éireann to serve routes in Cork county in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7970/26]

*277. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new drivers which have been hired by Iarnród Éireann to serve routes in Cork county in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7971/26]

*278. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new drivers which have been hired by Iarnród Éireann to serve routes in Cork county in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7972/26]

*279. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new drivers which have been hired by Iarnród Éireann to serve routes in Cork county in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7973/26]

*280. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new drivers which have been hired by Iarnród Éireann to serve routes in Cork county in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7974/26]

*281. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new drivers which have been hired by Iarnród Éireann to serve routes in Cork county in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7975/26]

*282. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new staff members which have been recruited by Iarnród Éireann based in Iarnród Éireann stations in County Cork in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7976/26]

*283. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new staff members which have been recruited by Iarnród Éireann based in Iarnród Éireann stations in County Cork in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7977/26]

*284. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new staff members which have been recruited by Iarnród Éireann based in Iarnród Éireann stations in County Cork in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7978/26]

*285. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new staff members which have been recruited by Iarnród Éireann based in Iarnród Éireann stations in County Cork in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7979/26]

*286. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new staff members which have been recruited by Iarnród Éireann based in Iarnród Éireann stations in County Cork in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7980/26]

*287. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new staff members which have been recruited by Iarnród Éireann based in Iarnród Éireann stations in County Cork in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7981/26]

*288. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new fleets that has been purchased by Iarnród Éireann to serve rail routes in County Cork in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7982/26]

*289. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new fleets that has been purchased by Iarnród Éireann to serve rail routes in County Cork in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7983/26]

*290. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new fleets that has been purchased by Iarnród Éireann to serve rail routes in County Cork in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7984/26]

*291. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new fleets that has been purchased by Iarnród Éireann to serve rail routes in County Cork in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7985/26]

*292. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new fleets that has been purchased by Iarnród Éireann to serve rail routes in County Cork in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7986/26]

*293. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new fleets that has been purchased by Iarnród Éireann to serve rail routes in County Cork in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7987/26]

*294. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount Iarnród Éireann have spent on security services nationwide in each of the years, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7988/26]

*295. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new buses purchased by Bus Éireann to serve routes in Cork city in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7989/26]

*296. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new buses purchased by Bus Éireann to serve routes in Cork city in each of the years 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7990/26]

*297. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new buses purchased by Bus Éireann to serve routes in Cork county in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7991/26]

*298. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration is being given to new bus shelters at location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7992/26]

*299. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding a project (details supplied) as of January 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7993/26]

*300. To ask the Minister for Transport when catering services will return to the Limerick to Dublin Heuston route of Iarnród Éireann following the suspension of catering service during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7994/26]

*301. To ask the Minister for Transport when catering services will return to the Sligo to Dublin Connolly route of Iarnród Éireann following the suspension of catering service during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7995/26]

*302. To ask the Minister for Transport when catering services will return to the Westport to Dublin Heuston route of Iarnród Éireann following the suspension of catering service during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7996/26]

*303. To ask the Minister for Transport when catering services will return to the Tralee to Dublin Heuston route of Iarnród Éireann following the suspension of catering service during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7997/26]

*304. To ask the Minister for Transport when will catering services return to the Waterford to Dublin Heuston route of Iarnród Éireann following the suspension of catering service during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7999/26]

*305. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with Iarnród Éireann regarding the reintroduction of catering services on the Limerick to Dublin Heuston route as of January 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8000/26]

*306. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with Iarnród Éireann regarding the reintroduction of catering services on the Sligo to Dublin Connolly route as of January 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8001/26]

*307. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with Iarnród Éireann regarding the reintroduction of catering services on the Westport to Dublin Heuston route as of January 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8002/26]

*308. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with Iarnród Éireann regarding the reintroduction of catering services on the Galway to Dublin Heuston route as of January 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8003/26]

*309. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with Iarnród Éireann regarding the reintroduction of catering services on the Tralee to Dublin Heuston route as of January 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [8005/26]

*310. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with Iarnród Éireann regarding the reintroduction of catering services on the Waterford to Dublin Heuston route as of January 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [8006/26]

*311. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with Bus Éireann in relation to reducing fares on Bus Éireann routes as of January 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [8007/26]

*312. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with Iarnród Éireann in relation to reducing fares on InterCity routes as of January 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [8008/26]

*313. To ask the Minister for Transport if feasibility studies have been conducted on the reopening of Avoca train station in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8009/26]

*314. To ask the Minister for Transport if feasibility studies have been conducted on the reopening of Glenealy train station in county Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8010/26]

*315. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department have any plans to extend Leap Card capability to Charleville train station as part of the Cork Commuter network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8011/26]

*316. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department have any plans to extend Leap Card capability to Millstreet train station as part of the Cork Commuter network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8012/26]

*317. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department have any plans to extend Leap Card capability to Banteer train station as part of the Cork Commuter network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8013/26]

*318. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update as of January 2026, on repair and resurfacing works for the N20 between Mallow and Charleville; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8014/26]

*319. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the progress to pass the legislation to allow for the use of the hard shoulder as a priority bus lane on the M4 and other key motorways; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [8021/26]

*320. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the reduction of driving test waiting times in County Cork as of January 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8024/26]

*321. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the reduction of theory test waiting times in County Cork as of January 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8025/26]

*322. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the increase on driving testers employed in County Cork as of January 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8026/26]

*323. To ask the Minister for Transport for outline the most recent data available on driving test waiting times as of January 2026 in Mallow, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8027/26]

*324. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with Iarnród Éireann to increase the capacity of the Iarnród Éireann service from Mallow to Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8028/26]

*325. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update as of January 2026 on the repair works on the N72 Mallow to Killarney Road; when works will be concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8029/26]

*326. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to increase capacity of Bus Éireann service on the route of Mallow to Cork city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8030/26]

*327. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on actions his Department or the RSA are taking in order to reduce the backlog in waiting times for drivers who are booking a re-test as of January 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8031/26]

*328. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the introduction of next gen ticketing on the Cork fleet for bus services as of January 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8032/26]

*329. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update as of January 2026 on the Mallow-to-Dungarvan Greenway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8033/26]

*330. To ask the Minister for Transport the number and value of fines levied by the National Transport Authority on bus, Luas and rail services for contract breaches, by each service provider during 2025, in tabular form; the steps that he is taking to improve services for public transport users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [8054/26]

*331. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of public bodies, including local authorities, State departments and semi-State organisations, that have jurisdiction or authority for transport matters across County Dublin. — Maeve O'Connell. [8066/26]

*332. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will amend the public service obligation contract with Iarnród Éireann to end the requirement for Iarnród Éireann to provide service updates on a social media platform (details supplied). — Roderic O'Gorman. [8086/26]

*333. To ask the Minister for Transport the discussions his Department has had with agencies under its remit over their usage of a social media platform (details supplied). — Roderic O'Gorman. [8087/26]

*334. To ask the Minister for Transport the agencies under his remit which regularly use a social media platform (details supplied) for communicating with the public. — Roderic O'Gorman. [8088/26]

*335. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the lack of direct public bus services serving the Clonshaugh Road area of Dublin Bay North, including the withdrawal of previous routes that once entered the estate; the assessment his Department or the National Transport Authority has made of the impact this has on residents, particularly older people, families and those attending hospital appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8114/26]

*336. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on a bus route (details supplied), including the original planned commencement timeline; the reasons for its delay; the current projected start date, the steps which are being taken to prioritise its delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8115/26]

*337. To ask the Minister for Transport if he considers the current bus provision serving Clonshaugh and Moatview to be adequate, given persistent overcrowding and the frequent non

appearance of a route (details supplied); the action which is being taken by his Department or the National Transport Authority to address reliability on this route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8116/26]

*338. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department or the National Transport Authority has considered extending existing bus routes including a route (details supplied), either as an interim or permanent measure, to address the lack of direct public transport in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8117/26]

*339. To ask the Minister for Transport the regulatory and oversight arrangements in place for the issuing of International driving permits in Ireland; whether his Department has received complaints regarding delays, turnaround times or a lack of transparency in the processing of applications; the engagement, his Department has had with the issuing authority regarding service standards and communication with applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8118/26]

*340. To ask the Minister for Transport the total cost, from its initial stages to implementation, of the local hackney pilot scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [8147/26]

*341. To ask the Minister for Transport to address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if discussions have taken place between his Department at the DAA regarding this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [8152/26]

*342. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of sick days taken by staff in his Department for each of the years 2022 to 2025; the average days lost per employee for each year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [8164/26]

*343. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider amending policy or guidance to explicitly prioritise vehicle actuated temporary traffic signals as the default traffic management solution, except where clearly demonstrated to be impractical or unsafe (details supplied). — Michael Murphy. [8230/26]

*344. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the case of a person (details supplied) who is currently awaiting the exchange of an Australian driver licence for an Irish licence through the NDSL; the current processing timelines for such exchanges; if consideration can be given to expediting this application in view of the individual's circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8312/26]

*345. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will liaise with TFI to ensure that, in areas where there is a growing population and a busy bus service (details supplied), consideration will be given to introducing smaller bus services for more vulnerable members of the community which go directly to towns rather than having multiple busy stops which are at capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [8317/26]

*346. To ask the Minister for Transport when the roads budget 2026 will be announced; if he will provide additional funding for Counties Wicklow and Wexford, noting that these counties road conditions have deteriorated significantly; if he will allocate funding according to the condition of road rather than kilometre of road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [8333/26]

*347. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is considering an extension to the 10 year rule for SPSV vehicles; his views on a one year extension, meaning that taxis registered in 2014 could not operate longer than those registered in 2015 and 2016 (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [8356/26]

*348. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of texts which were received by Iarnród Éireann's anti-social behaviour text service in 2024 and in 2025; the follow up actions that were carried out in each instance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [8363/26]

*349. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of texts received by Iarnród Éireann's anti-social behaviour text service in 2024 and in 2025; the number of times Gardaí were deployed in response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [8364/26]

*350. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are smoke alarms fitted on public bus services in the county; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [8365/26]

*351. To ask the Minister for Transport the percentage of the 2025 capital budget allocation for his Department that was actually spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [8373/26]

*352. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown of the funding allocated to each county council in each of the years 2020 to date for roads, broken down by scheme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [8386/26]

*353. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown of the funding drawn down to each county council in each of the years 2020 to date for roads, broken down by scheme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [8387/26]

*354. To ask the Minister for Transport when a driving licence (details supplied) will be returned to a person, in view of the fact they have been waiting over 12 months for the return of same from the NDLS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [8414/26]

*355. To ask the Minister for Transport the total amount of active travel funding allocated by the National Transport Authority; the total amount of active travel funding drawn down by each local authority; the percentage of the annual allocation drawn down; the cumulative allocation and cumulative drawdown over the period for each local authority, for each year from the commencement of the Active Travel Programme to the end of 2025; and the reasons where material variances arise between allocations and drawdowns, in tabular form. — Albert Dolan. [8426/26]

*356. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of active travel funding reallocated or withdrawn from each local authority; the recipient local authority or authorities of such reallocated funding; the stage of project development at which the original allocation was withdrawn for each year from the commencement of the Active Travel Programme to end-2025; and the criteria applied by the National Transport Authority when deciding to reallocate funding. — Albert Dolan. [8427/26]

*357. To ask the Minister for Transport the formal performance metrics used by the National Transport Authority to assess local authority delivery of active travel projects, including but not

limited to (details supplied); and whether any internal comparative assessments, benchmarking, or rankings of local authorities are maintained, whether formally or informally, in respect of over €1 billion in allocations of public expenditure. — Albert Dolan. [8428/26]

*358. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will review road design guidelines, as some estates and communities are encountering exit turning circles that are too small to be practical. — Maeve O’Connell. [8447/26]

*359. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will make it mandatory for cyclists and e-scooter users to wear helmets and high visibility clothing in an effort to improve road safety and reduce accidents. — Maeve O’Connell. [8448/26]

*360. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department are investigating the way in which to address road accident black spots and increase road safety. — Maeve O’Connell. [8449/26]

*361. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road accidents, per local authority area, in tabular form. — Maeve O’Connell. [8450/26]

*362. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will introduce a road safety theory test requirement for users of electric bikes and electric scooters given the higher speeds these vehicles are capable of. — Maeve O’Connell. [8451/26]

*363. To ask the Minister for Transport the criteria the National Transport Authority uses to assess funding applications. — Maeve O’Connell. [8453/26]

*364. To ask the Minister for Transport the criteria the National Transport Authority uses to assess additional funding requests for projects that have exceeded their initial budgets. — Maeve O’Connell. [8454/26]

*365. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department collects data on the amount of accidents and injuries caused by e-scooters and e-bikes. — Maeve O’Connell. [8455/26]

*366. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department is considering enabling cyclists to turn left at red traffic lights. — Maeve O’Connell. [8456/26]

*367. To ask the Minister for Transport the point at which, and level at which his Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General is at in respect of the civil service pay scales; the duration for same; and the plans to revise current remuneration arrangements. — Aidan Farrelly. [8476/26]

*368. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) with Irish Rail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [8531/26]

*369. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road safety improvement schemes funded in County Wexford from 2022 to date in 2026, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [8555/26]

*370. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can support the expansion of the disabled parking permit scheme to include “flight risk” diagnoses where specialised equipment is required. — Shay Brennan. [9232/26]

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

*371. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated cost if the stamp duty on first-time house buyers on houses valued at less than €370,000 was scrapped based on 2025 figures. — Darren O'Rourke. [7383/26]

*372. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated yield if the stamp duty increased to 5% on the portion of houses that were sold in excess of €1 million based on 2025 figures. — Darren O'Rourke. [7384/26]

*373. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether tenants in cost rental accommodation are eligible to claim the rent tax credit; if not, the basis for their exclusion; if such tenants remain eligible to claim income tax relief on qualifying medical expenses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [7395/26]

*374. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to explain the policy reasoning behind applying a higher-than-normal rate of capital gains tax to exchange-traded funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [7581/26]

*375. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the amounts in dividend payments made to the State in each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, by commercial semi-State companies and non-commercial semi-State companies, by year and by company, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [7605/26]

*376. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of DT1 forms submitted each year since 2016; the total estimated market value at time of disposition for each year; the total revenue raised by the discretionary trust tax both in the form of the initial 6% charge and annual 1% charge, in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [7613/26]

*377. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to his stated intention to introduce additional regulation of high-cost credit and consumer lending, the specific categories of lending he proposes to regulate, including online retail credit, premium finance arrangements, and other non-bank consumer credit providers; and the policy objectives such regulation is intended to achieve. — Ken O'Flynn. [7623/26]

*378. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department or the Central Bank has assessed the scale and growth of high-cost and unregulated consumer lending in the State over the past five years; the number of providers operating in this space; and the estimated number of consumers currently accessing such credit. — Ken O'Flynn. [7624/26]

*379. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether he accepts that a significant proportion of consumers who access high-cost or unregulated credit do so due to exclusion from mainstream banking; whether any socio-economic analysis has been undertaken on the profile of such borrowers; and how proposed regulatory measures will prevent vulnerable consumers being exposed to exploitative lending practices. — Ken O'Flynn. [7625/26]

*380. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the regulatory proposals he has signalled will include statutory caps on total credit cost or effective annual percentage rates for both regulated and currently unregulated consumer lending; and if not, the justification for permitting high interest rates in circumstances where borrowers have limited or no alternative access to credit. — Ken O'Flynn. [7626/26]

*381. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the timeline by which he expects draft legislative or regulatory proposals on high-cost credit to be brought forward; whether public consultation or impact assessment will form part of this process; and how consumer protection outcomes will be measured once any new regulatory framework is introduced. — Ken O’Flynn. [7627/26]

*382. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on reforming the current capital acquisitions tax (CAT) thresholds (details supplied) which continue to create significant inequality and discrimination within the Irish tax system. — Ann Graves. [7719/26]

*383. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether he approved, or intends to approve, any policy direction arising from the current public consultation on the modernisation of withholding taxes (eWHT), including Professional Services Withholding Tax and Relevant Contracts Tax, that would require businesses to provide payment or financial data to the Revenue Commissioners on a real-time or near-real-time basis; whether any decision has been taken in principle on expanding such mechanisms beyond existing PSWT and RCT arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [7722/26]

*384. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether a regulatory impact assessment or cost-benefit analysis has been carried out, or is planned, in respect of proposals contained or implied within the consultation on the modernisation of withholding taxes, particularly regarding the potential requirement for businesses to integrate their financial or accounting systems electronically with the Revenue Commissioners; whether such analysis includes estimated compliance costs for small and medium-sized enterprises; and if he will publish any such analysis. — Ken O’Flynn. [7723/26]

*385. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether any proposed move toward continuous or real-time reporting or withholding under a modernised withholding tax regime would require primary legislation approved by the Houses of the Oireachtas; whether he will confirm that no expansion of withholding tax mechanisms beyond their current statutory scope will occur without such legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [7724/26]

*386. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the consideration that has been given to data protection, commercial confidentiality, and system liability issues arising from proposals to increase the frequency and automation of data exchanges between businesses and the Revenue Commissioners under the proposed eWHT framework; whether these considerations have been assessed at policy level within his Department; and if he will outline the governance safeguards envisaged. — Ken O’Flynn. [7725/26]

*387. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the agencies and bodies under the aegis of his Department; the contact information of each available to members of the Oireachtas as per the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circular 25/2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7765/26]

*388. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is aware that the Revenue Commissioners phone line for the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme (01 7383671) is extremely difficult to access, with the line restricted to 9.30am-1.30pm; if he will provide current call handling statistics; the steps he will take to ensure that applicants receive timely support under this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [7841/26]

*389. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the tax relief options available for family-run businesses in agriculture; the impact assessments of recent budget changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7866/26]

*390. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7929/26]

*391. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7947/26]

*392. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 124 of 28 May 2025, which source of data the Revenue Commissioners used to estimate the cost of reducing VAT on bicycles in his reply. — Roderic O’Gorman. [8109/26]

*393. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the amount the State has paid in own resources tax for unrecycled plastic packaging; and if he will co-operate with the Minister of State for the Circular Economy to explore options to reduce this cost, by increasing the quantity of plastic packaging recycled, or by reducing the quantity of plastic packaging placed on the market in Ireland. — Roderic O’Gorman. [8113/26]

*394. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance Ireland’s position on EU excise equalisation proposals relating to RYO products, given the concerns of border county retailers over the potential of increased prices to fuel both cross-border retail leakage and further increases in illicit trade in RYO products on top of the existing high rates of illicit trade as set-out in the Revenue 2025 survey. — Emer Currie. [8251/26]

*395. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on the disposal of the MV Matthew by Revenue; the full costs to date for the storage and upkeep of this vessel; and to provide a timeline for the completion of its disposal. — Séamus McGrath. [8267/26]

*396. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will review or extend the current Revenue deadlines in view of a case (details supplied) to allow National Governing Sports Bodies and other volunteer-led organisations sufficient time to assess roles, seek guidance, and implement changes in a compliant and sustainable manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [8305/26]

*397. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is aware that many pensioners who recently received their 2026 tax-free certificates have noted that the Revenue Commissioners have calculated their State pension payments on the basis of 54-weeks’ income (53-weeks plus a bonus week in December 2026), despite the 2026 calendar year containing only 52 weekly payment dates, or 53 including the announced bonus week; if he will clarify the basis on which the Revenue Commissioners have applied a 54-week pension payment calculation for 2026; and if he will instruct the Revenue Commissioners to amend these certificates to avoid over-deduction of tax from pensioners in 2026. — Michael Collins. [8406/26]

*398. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will examine the situation that occurred in 2025, when the Revenue Commissioners applied a 54-week basis, resulting in amended tax certificates being issued in October 2025 at additional administrative cost to the Exchequer and leaving pensioners overcharged on tax throughout the year; if he will ensure

that, where taxpayers were overcharged as a result of the Revenue Commissioners calculation method, any refunds issued include interest, in line with the Revenue Commissioners own policy of charging interest on outstanding monies owed to Revenue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [8407/26]

*399. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider extending the VAT exemption for solar PV systems to retro-fitted domestic batteries and hybrid inverters, given their increasing affordability, their role in improving grid stability, and the potential resilience benefits for households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8439/26]

*400. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider providing a VAT exemption for changeover switches when installed as part of domestic battery storage systems; if his Department has examined the potential fiscal and regulatory implications of extending the existing VAT reliefs for renewable energy equipment to include these safety-critical components; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8440/26]

*401. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the point at which, and level at which his Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General is at in respect of the civil service pay scales; the duration for same; and the plans to revise current remuneration arrangements. — Aidan Farrelly. [8466/26]

*402. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the degree to which the ISIF undertook a process of due diligence in advance of supporting a company (details supplied); if he is satisfied that no conflicts of interest arise, or may arise, in the context of their activities; and that State aid rules will be upheld. — Aidan Farrelly. [8530/26]

*403. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised if all carers who have outstanding tax payments were to pay in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [8559/26]

*404. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will examine the impact of the current exit tax on investment funds on ordinary savers and those attempting to plan for retirement; whether he will consider reducing this rate in order to better support long term personal investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8581/26]

*405. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will review the operation of the eight-year deemed disposal rule which triggers tax on unrealised gains, including its impact on long term investing and retirement planning; and whether he will consider abolishing this rule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8582/26]

*406. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he has examined the absence of any tax advantaged investment account for small scale investors in Ireland; and whether he will consider introducing a scheme similar to the UK individual savings account to support ordinary people in building long term financial security; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8583/26]

*407. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether he accepts that the current tax treatment of investments disproportionately benefits the very wealthy while discouraging ordinary workers from building savings outside of pensions; and the measures he intends to bring forward to address this imbalance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8584/26]

*408. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether he will examine the current tax treatment of rental income for small scale landlords; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9231/26]

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

*409. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of persons that visited Trim Castle in 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [7375/26]

*410. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the nature of the cybersecurity incident involving unauthorised access to the IT systems of the Ombudsman. if any data was breached; if there is a need to inform persons engaged with the Ombudsman that their data could have been breached; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [7554/26]

*411. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if safety signage could be erected at the Staigue Ring Fort, Castlecove by the Office of Public Works (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7680/26]

*412. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if abatement in respect of pensions is only applied to Army personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7816/26]

*413. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of abatement waivers in respect of pensions that have been issued to date; and to clarify the basis on which these abatement waivers were issued. — Carol Nolan. [7817/26]

*414. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7935/26]

*415. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7953/26]

*416. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether he has examined the potential for perceived or actual conflicts of interest in cases where a person who has exhausted a hospital's internal complaints process is directed to the Ombudsman, and may subsequently require an FOI appeal to the Information Commissioner relating to the same matter, given that both decisions are made by the same office holder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [8015/26]

*417. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will request the Office of Government Procurement to advise Government

departments to allow staff to use the cycle-to-work scheme without having to route their purchase through voucher or administration companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [8112/26]

*418. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total number of sick days taken by staff in his Department for each of the years 2022 to 2025; the average days lost per employee for each year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [8170/26]

*419. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of WTE qualified health and safety advisors employed by the OPW as of 27 January 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [8188/26]

*420. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total number of serving Ministers and Ministers of State whose pension contributions were identified by the National Shared Services Office as having been under-deducted following Government formation in January 2025. — Ken O’Flynn. [8202/26]

*421. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the aggregate monetary value of pension under-deductions identified by the National Shared Services Office in respect of serving Ministers and Ministers of State following Government formation in January 2025; the aggregate amount repaid to date; and the aggregate balance outstanding, noting that no individual or personal data is sought. — Ken O’Flynn. [8203/26]

*422. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether the repayment timelines and recovery arrangements approved by the National Shared Services Office for serving Ministers and Ministers of State in respect of pension under-deductions identified in early 2025 are equivalent to those applied elsewhere across the public service for pension under-deductions; and if not, the policy authority and rationale for any difference. — Ken O’Flynn. [8204/26]

*423. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the point at which, and level at which his Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General is at in respect of the civil service pay scales; the duration for same; and the plans to revise current remuneration arrangements. — Aidan Farrelly. [8472/26]

*424. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation following repeated serious flooding in Enniscorthy, the measures his Department will take to ensure the flood defence scheme that is desperately needed in Enniscorthy is expediated as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [8553/26]

*425. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will provide an update on the accessibility of Dublin Castle grounds during the EU presidency; when restrictions begin and end, specifically if the public will be able to enter grounds of the Castle via Palace Street, and walk to the Dubh Linn Gardens, and if the Chester Beatty library will remain accessible from this route or via the entrance on Ship Street; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [8560/26]

*426. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will provide an update on the duration of construction works at the ‘Castle steps’ beside Dublin Castle, leading from Ship Street to Castle Street; when they will be complete; if this passage will be open to the public during the EU presidency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [8561/26]

*427. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation when works will be complete on the Record Tower at Dublin Castle, and when he expects it to be open as part of the visitor experience; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [8562/26]

*428. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on the implementation of the Dublin Castle Strategic Framework Plan, with particular reference to the dilapidated condition of Dame Lane; further to this, since 2020, the number of meetings that have taken place between himself or his officials and staff at Dublin City Council in relation to progressing improvements on areas of the plan in joint responsibility such as Dame Lane and Ship Street (Great and Little); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [8563/26]

*429. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his officials will refurbish the entrance doors of Kilmainham Gaol Courthouse, which are in a dilapidated condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [8564/26]

*430. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the status of the works on the new bridge in the War Memorial Gardens; when they will be complete; the estimated opening date for members of the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [8565/26]

*431. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation when works will be complete on the Magazine Fort at the Phoenix Park; when he expects it to be open for guided tours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [8566/26]

*432. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the status of each flood relief scheme in Counties Kilkenny and Carlow; and an indicative timeframe for the completion of each. — John McGuinness. [8617/26]

*433. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will ensure that the OPW prioritise works to an area (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [8650/26]

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

*434. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his attention has been drawn to the 2024 acquisition of the Whiddy Island terminal by a US corporation (details supplied); the decision making process for allowing the acquisition to go ahead; whether the company’s environmental and human rights track record were considered as part of this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [8392/26]

*435. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if the percentage of the 2025 capital budget allocation for Failte Ireland was spent; and if any underspend from the 2025 capital budget allocation was automatically transferred onto the 2026 capital budget allocation. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [7418/26]

*436. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps he is taking to support small and medium-sized enterprises in County Offaly facing rising energy costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7522/26]

*437. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the amount of funding allocated to tourism development projects in County Offaly in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7523/26]

*438. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the supports available to enterprises in County Offaly to mitigate the impact of high operational costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7528/26]

*439. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the export assistance provided to businesses based in County Offaly over the past year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7529/26]

*440. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the plans for the development of new enterprise hubs and co-working spaces in County Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7530/26]

*441. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of jobs projected to be created in County Offaly as a result of foreign direct investment in data centres co-located with renewable energy projects; if local communities bear disproportionate infrastructure burdens from such developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7561/26]

*442. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department has formally requested the Central Statistics Office, since 2022, to develop a residential construction productivity framework or satellite account capable of producing residential-specific productivity indicators, including gross value added and hours worked; if so, the date of each such request; and if not, the reasons no such request has been made. — Ken O'Flynn. [7615/26]

*443. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether any Inter-Departmental Group, Steering Committee, or formal governance structure has been established since 2022 to oversee the development of residential construction productivity metrics, including modern methods of construction output; the Departments and agencies represented; the chairing authority; and the outputs or decisions agreed to date. — Ken O'Flynn. [7616/26]

*444. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether a decision has been taken by his Department not to seek, request, or support a Eurostat derogation or alternative statistical approval to enable the publication of residential-specific construction productivity data; if such a decision has been taken, the date and rationale for that decision; and if no decision has been taken, whether he intends to initiate such engagement. — Ken O'Flynn. [7617/26]

*445. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department has assessed the potential economic impact on tourism, foreign direct investment, export capacity,

and employment arising from any curtailment or suspension of flights between Ireland and the United States linked to the Dublin Airport passenger cap; and if so, to provide the estimated economic exposure identified. — Ken O'Flynn. [7652/26]

*446. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether an independent external evaluation framework has been established to assess the value for money and productivity impact of the Built to Innovate initiative administered by Enterprise Ireland; whether any external evaluator has been appointed or procured to date; if not, whether the Minister intends to commission an independent external evaluation of the initiative in 2026 having regard to the €6.8 million in public grants approved to date; and if he will set out the expected timeline for such an evaluation. — Ken O'Flynn. [7711/26]

*447. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department or Enterprise Ireland has established metrics to assess whether the Built to Innovate initiative has delivered demonstrable productivity gains at sector level within the residential construction industry, including impacts on housing output, build times, or unit delivery costs beyond firm-level performance indicators; if such sector-level metrics exist, to outline them; if not, to explain how the effectiveness of the initiative is being assessed in terms of its contribution to national housing delivery objectives. — Ken O'Flynn. [7712/26]

*448. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether any further expansion or additional funding allocations under the Built to Innovate initiative will be made prior to the completion of an independent external evaluation of the programme; whether consideration has been given to making future funding contingent on demonstrated sector-level productivity or housing delivery outcomes; and if he will outline the governance arrangements in place to ensure value for money where additional Exchequer funding is proposed. — Ken O'Flynn. [7713/26]

*449. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the agencies and bodies under the aegis of his Department; the contact information of each available to members of the Oireachtas as per the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circular 25/2016. — Matt Carthy. [7764/26]

*450. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7928/26]

*451. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7946/26]

*452. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he is aware of the requirement under Health and Safety Authority guidelines for farmers to undertake front-loader training at a cost of approximately €1,000; the agricultural vehicles and machinery which are subject to this requirement where the training falls under construction industry certification; whether he will seek a review of the cost, scope, and suitability of this training for farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [6929/26]

*453. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he is aware of complaints regarding the advertising and promotion of international driving permit services,

including advertised turnaround times that may not reflect actual delivery; whether such practices fall within the remit of consumer protection legislation; the role the CCPC has in examining these matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8119/26]

*454. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide an update on the scope of the proposed regulation of the AI Bill; and the expected timelines for publication of the general scheme, pre-legislative scrutiny, and publication of the Bill. — Emer Currie. [8247/26]

*455. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to name all IDA Ireland client companies with operations in Tipperary. — Alan Kelly. [8303/26]

*456. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether Ireland has implemented our FDI screening mechanism; whether this policy was used to oversee the acquisition of the Whiddy Island terminal by a US corporation (details supplied); whether the company's environmental and human rights track record were considered as part of this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [8393/26]

*457. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding the Industrial Relations (Provisions in Respect of Pension Entitlements of Retired Workers) Bill 2021. — Paul Murphy. [8394/26]

*458. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the point at which, and level at which his Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General is at in respect of the civil service pay scales; the duration for same; and the plans to revise current remuneration arrangements. — Aidan Farrelly. [8465/26]

*459. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he is aware of reports of discrepancies between shelf prices and prices charged at tills in the grocery retail sector, including in (details supplied); the engagement his Department or the CCPC has had with retailers on this issue; the enforcement or compliance measures that are available under consumer protection legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8597/26]

*460. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has engaged with institutions of the European Union with respect to the Mobility Pact (Comprehensive Framework for Cooperation on Mobility) element of the EU-India Trade Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [8602/26]

*461. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if an application for membership of the Enterprise Digital Advisory Forum has been approved (details supplied); and whether further appointments are planned to ensure balanced representation across Irish enterprise. — Emer Currie. [8744/26]

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

*462. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of people who have applied for redress in respect of institutional abuse in each year since the establishment of the redress scheme; and the number of applicants who have received redress; and in what form, broken down by category. — Sorca Clarke. [7718/26]

*463. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when she will inform the youth organisations funded by her Department of allocations for 2026 across the various headings such

as youth service grant, UBU, and youth information centres; if she will prioritise improving the support for existing projects and work over new projects, bearing in mind the significantly increased costs for this work indicated by the voluntary youth work sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8532/26]

*464. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide dedicated financial support to voluntary youth work organisations to meet the employer contribution costs relating to MyFutureFund (auto-enrolment) in 2026 and beyond, given that this is a flagship project of the Government in ensuring proper sustainable pension coverage for workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8533/26]

*465. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) will be completed. — Darren O'Rourke. [7380/26]

*466. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) will be completed. — Darren O'Rourke. [7381/26]

*467. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether IQ tests are mandatory or routinely required in secondary schools; the circumstances in which such assessments may be used; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [7391/26]

*468. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if parents whose children receive home tuition are the employer of the tutor; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [7430/26]

*469. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if parents whose children receive home tuition are technically the employer of the tutor; the persons responsible for ensuring that the tutor has engaged with the new pension auto enrolment legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [7431/26]

*470. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the results of the school patronage survey will be made public. — Ciarán Ahern. [7444/26]

*471. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children who have been referred for a place in a special school in each county, each year for the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [7482/26]

*472. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average waiting list time for a child placement after receiving the referral. — Peadar Tóibín. [7483/26]

*473. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children which are still waiting for placement in each county, each year, for the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [7484/26]

*474. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special school placements which are available, by county, by year. — Peadar Tóibín. [7485/26]

*475. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an application for funding for a special class for a school (details supplied). — Micheál Carrigy. [7487/26]

*476. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an application for a new school building (details supplied). — Micheál Carrigy. [7488/26]

*477. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the plans she has to revise the Walk Tall Programme to include modern materials on drug prevention suitable for primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7540/26]

*478. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps she is taking to provide sustained professional development training for teachers on delivering drug education without adding to existing initiative overload in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7541/26]

*479. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the resources allocated to primary schools in County Offaly for implementing drug prevention programmes, given staffing shortages in rural areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7542/26]

*480. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps she is taking to address overcrowded classrooms impacting the effective delivery of SPHE drug education modules in secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7544/26]

*481. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide details on specialist supports available to teachers in County Offaly for handling complex pupil needs related to drug awareness and mental health; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7545/26]

*482. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the evaluation mechanisms in place to assess the effectiveness of current youth drug prevention curricula in primary and secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7547/26]

*483. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps she is taking to ensure a compassionate, evidence-based approach to drug education in rural schools like those in County Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7548/26]

*484. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the National Council for Special Education will be permitted to issue letters of eligibility again; her views on a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [7549/26]

*485. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if any of the new special classes announced for the school year 2026-2027 will be early intervention classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [7567/26]

*486. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to a shortage of primary school places in Shankill, County Dublin; the steps she is taking to address the concerns of parents in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7582/26]

*487. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding a short-term plan to address the shortage of primary school places in Shankill, County Dublin due to a significant increase in population in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7583/26]

*488. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the procedures in place within her Department that ensure that significant population growth in an area is matched with additional school capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7584/26]

*489. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions she will take to ensure that all children that are in the local catchment area for primary schools in Shankill, County Dublin are accommodated with school places in their local community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7585/26]

*490. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding a long-term plan to address the shortage of primary school places in Shankill, County Dublin due to a significant increase in population in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7586/26]

*491. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to delays in progressing emergency works at a school (details supplied); the steps she will take to ensure that this project is progressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7589/26]

*492. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps she will take to ensure improved communication with the principal at a school (details supplied) in relation to a project funded under the emergency works scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7590/26]

*493. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reasons for the delay in progressing a project funded under the emergency works scheme for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7591/26]

*494. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will ensure that the DEIS + scheme does not focus solely on urban areas, but also assists rural disadvantaged areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [7596/26]

*495. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a secondary school (details supplied) is not considered a DEIS school despite its student population coming almost exclusively from a national school. — Aisling Dempsey. [7597/26]

*496. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the commencement date for a capital works project (details supplied); the estimated time to complete the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [7611/26]

*497. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the exact number of places currently available in Portmarnock South and North, not the whole Portmarnock School Planning Area as this is a much wider geographical area; and if she will confirm the exact number of children under five (born in the years 2021 to 2025) based on child benefits statements in the area, who will need a junior infant school place in the next five years (2026 to 2030), in tabular form. — Ann Graves. [7690/26]

*498. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm that a child (details supplied) will be awarded an NCSE letter of eligibility in order to receive a place in a special class in the school they already attend; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7700/26]

*499. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which a person (details supplied) can apply for a special school place as the NCSE application has closed and due to backlogs in assessments, diagnosis has only been secured now; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [7734/26]

*500. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if funding will be provided to continue the post-primary school books scheme for the 2026/2027 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [7737/26]

*501. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the agencies and bodies under the aegis of her Department; the contact information of each available to members of the Oireachtas as per the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circular 25/2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7763/26]

*502. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children on Register 14 of TESS; the percentage of whom are identified as having AEN/SEN; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [7782/26]

*503. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children awaiting assessment via AEARS in order to be added to register 14 on TESS; the percentage of whom are identified as having AEN/SEN; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [7783/26]

*504. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special classes sanctioned in 2025 and up to the 2nd tranche in 2026 that require modular buildings or building work prior to opening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [7791/26]

*505. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the budget for modular buildings; if there is a set amount per year; the way it is decided and allocated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [7792/26]

*506. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the process for families who missed the NCSE's October 2025 deadline for eligibility letters; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [7793/26]

*507. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools awaiting tender approval in the additional school accommodation scheme currently; the number of those applications that are listed as special class accommodation; the highest, lowest, median and average length of time it takes to obtain approval from the first date of submission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [7794/26]

*508. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of issues with the NCSE's parent notify process and the delays it is causing for children in accessing a special class. — Tom Brabazon. [7821/26]

*509. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a child (details supplied) in County Kildare will be allocated a special class place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [7840/26]

*510. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special needs assistants employed in primary and post primary schools in Offaly and Laois; the allocation process to

ensure adequate support for pupils with additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7856/26]

*511. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures in place to protect freedom of expression for teachers regarding sensitive social issues; the training provided on handling classroom discussions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7857/26]

*512. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the funding provided for school transport schemes in 2025; the steps taken to address capacity issues in underserved areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7858/26]

*513. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the policy on single-sex education options; whether any reviews are underway to assess parental preferences for such schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7859/26]

*514. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when she expects NCSE senior management to issue a directive to SENO for families known post 1 October who have updated reports. — Tom Brabazon. [7921/26]

*515. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7927/26]

*516. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7945/26]

*517. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department collects aggregate data on levels of energy consumption by schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [8035/26]

*518. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has considered instructing schools with special classes to assign a teacher to coordinate said classes; to specify a minimum number of administration hours per class for that teacher; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8067/26]

*519. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide the number of times that section 37A of the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 has been used to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8068/26]

*520. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of fee paying schools across the State which have one or more special classes, by primary and secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8069/26]

*521. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of Deis schools across the State which have one or more special classes, by primary and secondary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8070/26]

*522. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the NCSE will provide the special class numbers, by primary and post primary schools, by county, for each of the years 2020 to date in

2026, in tabular form; the reason this data is not made publicly available. — Darren O'Rourke. [8071/26]

*523. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason her Department has made home tuition conditional on a student having a psychological report which must be completed within the past six months of seeking home tuition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8072/26]

*524. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of successful home tuition applications in each of the years 2020 to 2024, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [8073/26]

*525. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of persons which were successful in applying for home tuition in 2025 and to date in 2026. — Darren O'Rourke. [8074/26]

*526. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth 1173. if she is aware that a full autism class in primary school receives €4,020 annually (year on year funding), meanwhile full autism classes in post primary schools receive €0.00 in annual funding despite having the same number of students as primary school; and if she plans to ensure both primary and post primary autism classes are funded equally. — Darren O'Rourke. [8075/26]

*527. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will ensure that the NCSE will provide accurate numbers of the students in post primary schools that have a recommendation requiring a special class placement but do not currently have that placement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8076/26]

*528. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of students in post primary school with an autism diagnosis, requiring a special class, which are waiting on a special class placement since transitioning from primary to post primary school. — Darren O'Rourke. [8077/26]

*529. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will direct the NCSE to provide specific CPD on the way in which to run post primary autism classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8078/26]

*530. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to a change in SNA allocation at a school (details supplied) which will be reduced by two full-time SNA staff from September 2026; the reason for this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [8081/26]

*531. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an application by a school (details supplied) to establish a special class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [8089/26]

*532. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools that applied for a special class in Kildare for the 2025-2026 school year; the name of each school; the number of special class places granted in Kildare for that school year; the names of these schools, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [8100/26]

*533. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools in Kildare that applied for a special class for the 2026-2027 school year; the name of each school; the number

which have been granted to date for that school year; the name of each of the successful schools, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [8101/26]

*534. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school which gives priority enrolment to a post-primary autism special class, to students already enrolled in the school (details supplied) contravenes either the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 or circular 0039/2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8102/26]

*535. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to report on the progress of the Schools Photovoltaic Programme; the number of schools that have completed installations, been approved for funding and expressed interest; the amount that has been spent on the scheme to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [8110/26]

*536. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the plans in place to expand ASD special class provision at post-primary level in an area (details supplied); the current assessment by her Department and the NCSE regarding unmet need for ASD class places for girls in this area; the steps being taken to ensure that schools are supported to open ASD classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8120/26]

*537. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider early childhood educators to provide July provision (details supplied); if she plans to extend July provision eligibility to all early childhood educators; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [8143/26]

*538. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if the attention of her Department has been drawn to this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [8148/26]

*539. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a permanent special school will be delivered for County Monaghan; if a location has been chosen for this school; if design plans are in place; the timeline for construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [8154/26]

*540. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total number of sick days taken by staff in her Department for each of the years 2022 to 2025; the average days lost per employee for each year, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [8168/26]

*541. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the decision to provide only an additional ten minutes per exam, rather than per hour, for Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate students with dyslexia (details supplied); the rationale for this limited allocation of additional time given that higher education institutions in Ireland typically provide ten minutes per hour, and that the UK standard is 25% extra time; if she will further consider increasing the permitted additional time in State examinations to ensure students with dyslexia are not placed at a disadvantage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [8201/26]

*542. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the options which are available to ensure a person (details supplied) will get a place in an appropriate school in the local area. — Ann Graves. [8255/26]

*543. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of post primary school places in Galway city for each academic year from 2022 to 2026, in tabular form; whether there was a surplus or shortage for previous years; the number of students in Galway city who are currently waiting for a post primary school place offer for 2026/2027; if there was a reduction for 2026/2027; the reason for this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [8313/26]

*544. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth following the publication of the NDP Sectoral Investment Plan for 2026 to 2030 period, if she will provide an update on actions to map youth services and facilities against demographic data; to identify priority areas for capital investment based on service gaps and local needs; to develop a mechanism to embed youth voice and community input into planning and evaluation processes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [8319/26]

*545. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth following the publication of the NDP Sectoral Investment Plan for 2026 to 2030 period, when she will develop a national policy on youth spaces and facilities; if she will provide a timeline for this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [8320/26]

*546. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth following the publication of the NDP Sectoral Investment Plan for 2026 to 2030 period, when she will advance the development of a multi-annual capital investment pipeline to support new and existing youth spaces, working in collaboration with relevant Departments and agencies including local authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [8321/26]

*547. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth following the publication of the NDP Sectoral Investment Plan for 2026 to 2030, the reason for the low level of funding for youth services given the increasing importance and need for youth places and spaces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [8322/26]

*548. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if special education needs organisers have the capacity to refer children with special needs who require a space in a special needs school to a mainstream school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [8330/26]

*549. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when contracts will be signed for the construction of a new school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [8337/26]

*550. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to address the urgent need for additional autism class provision in the West Sligo area, given that only one place remains available in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [8338/26]

*551. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when she expects construction to commence on a new school (details supplied); the estimated date on which students are likely to take up occupation of the building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [8341/26]

*552. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider expanding the counselling in Primary Schools-Pilot to secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [8366/26]

*553. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to the release of the NDP Sectoral Investment Plan for 2026–2030, the progress made in mapping youth services and facilities against population data, in identifying areas most in need of capital investment due to service gaps, and in establishing a structured approach to incorporating youth perspectives and community feedback in planning and evaluation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8375/26]

*554. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth following the publication of the NDP Sectoral Investment Plan for 2026–2030, when she expects to progress the development of a multi-annual capital investment programme to support both new and existing youth spaces, including coordination with relevant departments, agencies, and local authorities; her views that the €20 million for youth services is sufficient to develop new youth services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8376/26]

*555. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth following the publication of the NDP Sectoral Investment Plan for 2026–2030, the number of youth services she anticipates that €20 million across the period will realistically deliver; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8377/26]

*556. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth in the context of the NDP Sectoral Investment Plan for 2026–2030, if she will address concerns regarding the comparatively low allocation of funding for youth services despite growing demand and the recognised need for dedicated youth places and spaces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8378/26]

*557. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth following the publication of the NDP Sectoral Investment Plan for 2026–2030, to provide a breakdown of the 105 projects that are to progress to tender or construction over the course of 2026 and 2027 totalling over €1.6 billion; if she will provide the number of the 27,000 additional and modernised school places which will be for children with additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8379/26]

*558. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth following the publication of the NDP Sectoral Investment Plan for 2026–2030, to provide the details the contingency fund is expected to cover; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8380/26]

*559. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth following the publication of the NDP Sectoral Investment Plan for 2026–2030, the amount which is expected to be provided out of the minor works and ICT grant each year from 2026 to 2030; the amount each individual school should expect to receive from these grants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8381/26]

*560. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth following the publication of the NDP Sectoral Investment Plan for 2026–2030, to provide a breakdown and location of the 25 projects prioritised under the Modular Accommodation Programme to meet urgent additional capacity requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8382/26]

*561. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth following the publication of the NDP Sectoral Investment Plan for 2026-2030, the funding which will be provided to the provision of additional special classes to meet annual needs each year through just repurposing existing accommodation. — Darren O'Rourke. [8383/26]

*562. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the planning her Department has undertaken or will be undertaking to meet the schooling needs of the Balbriggan community, given the plans for further significant housing development for the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8420/26]

*563. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the planning her Department has undertaken or will be undertaking to meet the schooling needs of the Rush community, given the plans for further significant housing development for the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8421/26]

*564. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the planning her Department has undertaken or will be undertaking to meet the schooling needs of the Lusk community, given the plans for further significant housing development for the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8422/26]

*565. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the planning her Department has undertaken or will be undertaking to meet the schooling needs of the Skerries community, given the plans for further significant housing development for the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8423/26]

*566. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the submission made over two years ago by an organisation (details supplied) calling for the inclusion of health literacy and patient empowerment within the secondary school SPHE curriculum; the expected timeline for a decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8429/26]

*567. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will consider the inclusion of structured health literacy and patient empowerment content within the redevelopment of the SPHE/wellbeing curriculum at post-primary level; the current work underway between the Department, the NCCA and health sector stakeholders on this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8430/26]

*568. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will engage with an organisation (details supplied) and other relevant stakeholders on embedding health literacy and self-advocacy skills in the post-primary curriculum; if she will report on any planned consultations in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8431/26]

*569. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will ensure that a child (details supplied) who is currently attending a local primary school has a place in a special needs class for September 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [8438/26]

*570. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the point at which, and level at which her Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General is at in respect of the civil service pay scales; the duration for same; and the plans to revise current remuneration arrangements. — Aidan Farrelly. [8464/26]

*571. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether schools are required to formally notify her Department when a child is removed from, or ceases attending, mainstream primary or post-primary school due to the fact the school has stated it cannot meet the child's additional or special educational needs, including autism, ADHD or related conditions; whether such notifications are currently made in cases where children are placed on reduced timetables, partial attendance, or other informal exclusionary arrangements; the role special educational needs organisers play in ensuring that such children continue to have access to education; and the steps her Department will take to ensure that schools are accountable for reporting these cases and that no child is effectively excluded from education without oversight. — Ken O'Flynn. [8477/26]

*572. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in each of the past five years who have ceased attending mainstream primary or post-primary schools due to their additional or special educational needs, including autism, ADHD, or related conditions; the number who were subsequently referred to iScoil or other alternative education programmes; the formal monitoring and oversight exist to ensure these children continue to access education and supports; and the immediate steps her Department is taking to prevent children from being effectively excluded from mainstream schools due to unmet needs rather than parental choice. — Ken O'Flynn. [8478/26]

*573. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the status of a school building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8484/26]

*574. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the status of school building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8485/26]

*575. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the status of school building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8486/26]

*576. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the status of a school building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8487/26]

*577. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the status of school building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8488/26]

*578. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the status of a school building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8489/26]

*579. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the status of a school building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8490/26]

*580. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a list of all school capital building projects that are at Stage 2B of the development process, and were not included on the priority list of projects in the Sectoral Investment Plan, by the school roll number and the date it entered Stage 2B, if planning permission has been achieved in each case, and when that planning

permission will expire, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8492/26]

*581. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a list of all school capital building projects that have achieved Stage 2A approval, and were not included on the priority list of projects in the Sectoral Investment Plan, by the school roll number and the date that it achieved Stage 2A approval, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8493/26]

*582. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if all school capital building projects that are currently at Stage 3, are included on the priority list of projects in the Sectoral Investment Plan; the list of those schools at Stage 3 that are not included in the plan over 2026 and 2027; when planning permission will expire, in each case, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8494/26]

*583. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if all school capital building projects in the Accelerated Delivery of Architectural Planning and Tendering programmes, are funded through the Sectoral Investment Plan; the breakdown of each school project included in the ADAPT 4 – Programme 4 bundles indicating whether construction is already underway; if not if these are included in the priority list in the Sectoral Investment Plan; to provide a list of those projects in the ADAPT-4 programmes that have achieved at least Stage 1 approval to date; the breakdown of each school project included in those ADAPT bundles, and at which stage of the process it is at, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8495/26]

*584. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm who is the external programme manager for the ADAPT 4- Programme Innovate; the annual cost for the contract for this service; the amount that was spent on the programme manager contract in 2025, and projected for 2026; the reason this work is no longer carried out by her Department itself; if a similar arrangement was in place for previous iterations of the ADAPT programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8496/26]

*585. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a list of the companies and professional practices appointed under the integrated project teams in each case for ADAPT 4 - Programme Innovate; to provide a separate list of sub consultancies; the proportion of these companies that are Irish; the projected total cost of the ADAPT 4 programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8497/26]

*586. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm whether a special class is open in a school (details supplied) in County Kildare. — Mark Wall. [8525/26]

*587. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if full payment can be made to a person (details supplied) for hours worked under the 2025 Home Based Summer Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [8534/26]

*588. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for a county by county breakdown of newly established special classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8546/26]

*589. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 485 of 16 December 2025, to provide an update on progress made to reconfigure an annex building to provide two special education classrooms at a school (details supplied) so that children are

not walking off site daily to access a classroom elsewhere (in a domestic dwelling), and to meet enrolment need for September 2026 given the school caters for all of Connacht, and give certainty to parents and the school community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [8547/26]

*590. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 142 of 22 January 2026, to supply an update on the planning application for Wexford Educate Together NS; the expected timeframe for the project to reach completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [8557/26]

*591. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the appalling conditions that students and teachers must endure at a school (details supplied), due to the existing, dilapidated old school buildings and the long delayed new school project; if she will accept the invitation from the Student Council of the school to come to the town at the earliest opportunity and meet with them and tour the existing school to fully understand the urgency of making progress. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [8604/26]

*592. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will initiate a national transfer framework to allow a transfer of seniority when a teacher moves from one ETB to another; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [8607/26]

*593. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the criteria used to determine the prioritisation of certain school building projects, as announced on 28 January 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [8610/26]

*594. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to her announcement of 105 priority school building projects in the first tranche of the NDP rollout, what this means for other projects; if projects such as the additional accommodation project at a school (details supplied) will be delayed due to funding and other practical constraints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8636/26]

*595. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to her announcement of 105 priority school building projects in the first tranche of the NDP rollout, what this means for other projects; if projects such as the additional accommodation project at a school (details supplied) will be delayed due to funding and other practical constraints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8637/26]

*596. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to her announcement of 105 priority school building projects in the first tranche of the NDP rollout, what this means for other projects; if projects such as the additional accommodation project at a school (details supplied) will be delayed due to funding and other practical constraints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8638/26]

*597. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to her announcement of 105 priority school building projects in the first tranche of the NDP rollout, what this means for other projects; if projects such as the additional accommodation project at a school (details supplied) will be delayed due to funding and other practical constraints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8639/26]

*598. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to her announcement of 105 priority school building projects in the first tranche of the NDP rollout, what this means for other projects;

if projects such as the additional accommodation project at a school (details supplied) will be delayed due to funding and other practical constraints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8640/26]

*599. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to her announcement of 105 priority school building projects in the first tranche of the NDP rollout, what this means for other projects; if projects such as the Large Scale Project at a school (details supplied) will be delayed due to funding and other practical constraints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8641/26]

*600. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to her announcement of 105 priority school building projects in the first tranche of the NDP rollout, what this means for other projects; if projects such as the Large Scale Project at a school (details supplied) will be delayed due to funding and other practical constraints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8642/26]

*601. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a school (details supplied) which has been approved by her Department for construction will be informed; the next steps for the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [8649/26]

*602. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm the funding mechanisms available for a school to apply for funding for resurfacing of a school car park; whether it can be applied for under the emergency works programme, if weather conditions render the car park dangerous; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [8658/26]

*603. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the breakdown of the allocation of the existing levels of services funding for youth affairs, for each of the past six years and for 2026, in tabular form; if she will provide a breakdown of this funding in terms of the allocations per scheme under the subhead; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [8663/26]

*604. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the consideration if any which has been given within her Department to the re-establishment of the Young Person's Facilities and Services Fund with an aim to assist in the development of youth facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [8664/26]

*605. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the engagement her Department has had with the Online Health Taskforce in respect of its recommendations and more specifically, the recommendation to establish a dedicated cross-departmental fund for youth spaces and facilities, recognising the urgent need for increased capital investment in youth infrastructure; if she will seek a meeting with the taskforce or the Minister for Health on same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [8665/26]

*606. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on current school projects in Kilkenny under construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [8666/26]

*607. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on current school projects in Carlow under construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [8667/26]

*608. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number and value of school projects which are currently at either stage 2a or 2b, per county and per school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [8668/26]

*609. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the criteria which was used in selecting schools to progress to the next stage in the latest round of announcements that came out on 28 January 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [8670/26]

*610. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to prioritise a school campus (details supplied); the reason it was not chosen in the latest round of NDP; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [8671/26]

*611. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware that a planning application has been submitted for the demolition and redevelopment of a school (details supplied); her Department’s plans for the continuity of education and appropriate interim accommodation for the students currently attending this special school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [8748/26]

*612. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth his plans to announce more special education class places; and if a school (details supplied) will be included in the allocation as the need for the class has been recognised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [8754/26]

*613. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth his plans to announce any more special education class places and if a school (details supplied) will be included in the allocation as the need for the class has been recognised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [8755/26]

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

*614. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if the National Security Analysis Centre has conducted an assessment of the way in which hostile actors might utilise digital profiling and micro-targeting techniques to identify and influence psychologically vulnerable individuals within the State; the inter-departmental plans which exist to counter such hybrid threats. — Donna McGettigan. [8062/26]

*615. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the current status of agreed pension increases for retired An Post employees, including former postmen; whether these increases have been approved and implemented; the steps that are outstanding before payments issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [7397/26]

*616. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of artists which are on the six weeks control group basic income payment; if the existing basic income for the arts (BIA) scheme participants will continue to receive the payment; if there will be an increase in the overall two thousand participants in the new scheme proposed for February 2026. — Johnny Mythen. [7422/26]

*617. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the New Sports Capital Programme will open up for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [7495/26]

*618. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures in place to improve broadband connectivity for businesses in rural areas of County Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7526/26]

*619. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on a pension matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [7612/26]

*620. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the agencies and bodies under the aegis of his Department; the contact information of each available to members of the Oireachtas as per the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circular 25/2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7761/26]

*621. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the reason for the delay in authorising the agreed pension increases for An Post pensioners; when his Department will authorise these agreed pension increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [7809/26]

*622. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7925/26]

*623. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7943/26]

*624. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if the Government plans to introduce legislative measures to increase transparency and auditability of recommendation algorithms used by major online platforms operating in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [8060/26]

*625. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the breakdown of all sports capital funding given to rowing clubs across the country, by club, in each of the years since 2016, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [8228/26]

*626. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the dates of all face-to-face or online meetings between Sport Ireland and his Department between 2020 and 27 January 2026. — Alan Kelly. [8229/26]

*627. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if increases for An Post pensioners have been introduced; if there has been a delay in their increase; when they will be approved by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [8334/26]

*628. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding any engagement he has had with the board of a house (details supplied) in relation to State support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8415/26]

*629. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding the actions that were progressed following a meeting he held with the board of a house (details supplied) in the summer of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8416/26]

*630. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding State support for the maintenance and upgrades to a house (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8417/26]

*631. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his views on the merits of increasing State support for the maintenance and upgrades to a house (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8418/26]

*632. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will engage further with the board of a house in relation to the provision of State funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8419/26]

*633. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the point at which, and level at which his Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General is at in respect of the civil service pay scales; the duration for same; and the plans to revise current remuneration arrangements. — Aidan Farrelly. [8462/26]

*634. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the supports made available by the State to motor sport. — Malcolm Byrne. [8609/26]

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

*635. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a person (details supplied) will have access to a place finders service. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7414/26]

*636. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of a project (details supplied) as of January 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8309/26]

*637. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has a preferred location for a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8310/26]

*638. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement his Department had with Cork City Council regarding a project (details supplied) as of January 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [8311/26]

*639. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether, prior to the introduction of revised engineering qualification requirements for local authority staff on 25 July 2025, any assessment was carried out to determine how many serving local authority engineers would be affected by these changes, including loss of eligibility for promotion; whether workforce retention and service delivery impacts were considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [8828/26]

*640. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the National Planning Statement on Solar Energy; the stage it is currently at; when it is expected to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [7359/26]

*641. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 1133 of 4 November 2025, if he has been given the completed report and recommendations from the housing agency which commenced drafting in May 2025, relative to the concrete block test results from properties sampled in County Carlow, in 2024; if the individual reports and recommendations will be made available to the property owners in Carlow following his consideration; if County Kilkenny has been included in the scheme arising from their submission on 23 June 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [7427/26]

*642. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when his Department will approve funding for a project (details supplied). — Tom Brabazon. [7443/26]

*643. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total capital assistance scheme (CAS) funding allocated in each of the years 2021 to 2025; the average CAS funding approved per unit nationally and in Dublin in each of those years; and whether he is satisfied that current CAS funding levels adequately reflect the significantly higher construction, land, and professional costs associated with delivering new-build supported housing in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [7453/26]

*644. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of CAS-funded projects in Dublin that have been delayed, redesigned, or deemed unviable in each of the past five years due to construction cost inflation; the average cost overruns identified in such cases; the measures in place to address viability gaps for approved housing bodies delivering CAS projects in high-cost urban areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [7454/26]

*645. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the construction cost assumptions currently used by his Department when approving CAS-funded housing projects; whether these assumptions differ for Dublin compared with other local authority areas; when these benchmarks were last reviewed; his views on whether outdated or insufficient cost ceilings are impacting the delivery of supported housing in Dublin (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [7455/26]

*646. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether that, notwithstanding significant Exchequer investment through the capital assistance scheme, the delivery of supported housing in Dublin is increasingly constrained by exceptionally high construction and land costs; whether additional CAS supports or revised cost ceilings are under consideration for Dublin-based projects; the way in which the Government plans to ensure that CAS funding translates into actual units delivered in high-cost urban areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [7456/26]

*647. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider introducing a Bill for Lough Corrib SAC, which mirrors the intentions of the proposed 2023 Private Members’ River Boyne Task Force Bill 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [7520/26]

*648. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the National Parks and Wildlife Service have engaged with Lough Corrib trout angling clubs and stakeholders

regarding the potential threat of quagga mussels (*dreissena rostriformis bugensis*) to the lake, considering their very recent colonisation of Lower Lough Erne; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [7521/26]

*649. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of judicial reviews initiated against wind farm planning permissions in the midlands since 2021; the reasons cited in these reviews; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7563/26]

*650. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will be providing funding to local authorities to install solar panels on their social houses where they previously took out solid fuel cookers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7592/26]

*651. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 462 of 25 March 2025, the rationale for Met Éireann not providing flood forecasts or warnings for floods to the public via its website or broadcast media; the plans to make provision for the dissemination of this information to the public; if he will provide a full update in respect of NFFWS services capabilities to provide warnings for specific locations to the public; the costs to date of developing the NFFWS; and the allocation of resources available for it in 2025 and 2026. — Aidan Farrelly. [7684/26]

*652. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of HAP tenancies in Galway City and Galway County in each of the years 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [7735/26]

*653. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he would consider increasing the Homeless HAP rate in Galway City and County from 35% to 50% given the high rents in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [7736/26]

*654. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the agencies and bodies under the aegis of his Department; the contact information of each available to members of the Oireachtas as per the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circular 25/2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7769/26]

*655. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta an gcuirfidh sé in iúl go sonrach de réir gach ceantar Gaeltachta cén soláthar tithíochta atá feabhsaithe de bharr an Chláir Uisce Tuaithe sa Ghaeltacht. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7834/26]

*656. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta cén tacaíocht shonrach a cuireadh ar fáil sa Ghaeltacht mar chuid den bheartas Tosaíocht do Lár an Bhaile agus den Scéim Réidh le Tógáil, briste síos de réir gach ceantar Gaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7835/26]

*657. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the regulations on local authority funding for community projects; the transparency measures for grant allocations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7865/26]

*658. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7933/26]

*659. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7951/26]

*660. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of call outs in each of the fire stations in Waterford city and county in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [8016/26]

*661. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when his Department will announce a new Fire Service Capital Programme for the period 2026 to 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [8017/26]

*662. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when homeowners who have spent money since March 2024 under the defective concrete block grant scheme will be reimbursed up to the new maximum cap, following the passing of recent legislation. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [8018/26]

*663. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of stock audits completed, by local authority, in the past 12-months, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [8040/26]

*664. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority housing retrofits completed in each of the past five years. — Thomas Gould. [8041/26]

*665. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding provided to local authorities to remedy issues identified in stock audits in 2026. — Thomas Gould. [8042/26]

*666. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether all local authority housing will be audited by 2030. — Thomas Gould. [8043/26]

*667. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of regeneration projects for which his Department has received an application; and the number of units these pertain to, by local authority, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [8044/26]

*668. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions he will take to limit the number of cases whereby people are removed from social housing lists due to getting a promotion in work and therefore increasing their income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8045/26]

*669. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the need to create greater flexibility in the income thresholds for social housing to allow for applicants to take job promotions or other opportunities in order not to act as a disincentive for professional growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8046/26]

*670. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks (Amendment) Bill 2025 was signed into law; the date on which the commencement order will be signed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8047/26]

*671. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 482 of 9 December 2025, the date on which homeowners in County Meath will be able to apply to the defective concrete block scheme and conditions of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8048/26]

*672. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of an Inland Fisheries Ireland survey conducted in 2025 which notes that salmon stocks on the Boyne and Kells Blackwater river has seen a catastrophic collapse, down to 10% of the conservation limit for the catchments; if, considering that salmon are a qualifying interest in the Boyne/Kells Blackwater SAC, he will consider it appropriate at this time to publish an SAC management plan to aid the recovery of the Boyne/Kells Blackwater salmon to favourable status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8128/26]

*673. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports currently in place to support first-time builders financially or otherwise; the proposals his Department has planned to assist first-time builders financially, or otherwise in building their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [8130/26]

*674. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of sick days taken by staff in his Department for each of the years 2022 to 2025; the average days lost per employee for each year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [8167/26]

*675. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will indicate the best practice guidelines given by his Department to local authorities regarding the time taken to process routine applications for the housing assistance payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [8369/26]

*676. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the advice given by his Department to local authorities regarding the processing of emergency housing assistance payments; the length of time such applications should take to process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [8370/26]

*677. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has set any affordable housing delivery targets for each local authority, including Mayo County Council; if so, to provide the target figures for 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026; if not, the reason local authorities are not being given clear, quantified affordable housing delivery targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [8397/26]

*678. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether Mayo County Council currently has any Department-approved affordable housing delivery targets; in the absence of such targets, the steps he will take to ensure Mayo receive clear, measurable affordable housing objectives per each town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [8398/26]

*679. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the key performance indicators (KPIs), delivery benchmarks or performance frameworks which currently exist for local authorities in respect of affordable housing delivery; whether any sanctions, corrective measures or funding consequences apply where delivery is weak or absent; if he will commit to introducing mandatory KPIs for affordable housing on a county-by-county basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [8399/26]

*680. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether local authority Housing Delivery Action Plans are required to include specific affordable housing targets; the way in which compliance with those plans is monitored; whether any local authority has been formally challenged by his Department for failure to progress affordable housing schemes; if he will strengthen these plans by making affordable housing targets mandatory, time-bound and enforceable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [8400/26]

*681. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the specific affordable housing delivery objectives his Department has for large regional towns in County Mayo; whether the designation of a town as “eligible” for an affordable housing scheme carries any obligation to deliver homes within a defined timeframe; the number of affordable homes he expects to see delivered over the next four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [8401/26]

*682. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way national affordable housing targets are translated into binding local authority delivery expectations; whether he accepts that national figures without local allocations make accountability impossible; if he will commit to publishing county-by-county affordable housing targets on an annual basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [8402/26]

*683. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which current housing output compares to the Government’s election commitment to deliver up to 60,000 homes per year; the projected delivery figure for 2026; the specific measures being taken to close the gap; and whether the absence of binding local authority targets is undermining delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [8403/26]

*684. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he will publish quarterly affordable housing delivery data on a county-by-county basis, including commencements, completions and pipeline schemes; whether such data is currently compiled internally; if he will commit to making this information publicly available to ensure transparency and accountability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [8404/26]

*685. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to introduce requirements for new housing developments to include solar PV, domestic battery storage and provision for community-scale energy storage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8446/26]

*686. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the protocol to allow households fleeing domestic, sexual and gender-based violence to transfer time spent on a social housing waiting list to another local authority; when the protocol will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8457/26]

*687. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the point at which, and level at which his Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General is at in respect of the civil service pay scales; the duration for same; and the plans to revise current remuneration arrangements. — Aidan Farrelly. [8470/26]

*688. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht a céard é líon na n-oifigeach forbartha Gaeilge (coibhéis lánaimseartha), i bhfoirm tábla, atá fostaithe ag gach údarás áitiúil; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8516/26]

*689. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the domiciliary care allowance is treated as household income for the purposes of assessing eligibility and contribution levels under the housing assistance payment scheme; whether he acknowledges that this places an additional financial burden on families caring for children with disabilities; if he will consider excluding this payment from HAP income assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [8535/26]

*690. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of engineers currently employed by local authorities who have become ineligible for promotion or career progression under revised eligibility criteria, despite having previously been eligible to progress under earlier arrangements; whether his Department was consulted in advance of these revised criteria being introduced across local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [8544/26]

*691. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the Government will review or issue guidance on qualification recognition and eligibility criteria to ensure consistency, fairness, and the retention of skilled engineers within local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [8545/26]

*692. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the basis on which Uisce Éireann requires a minimum of 25 houses before considering a new public water connection or network extension; if he has assessed the impact of the 25 house requirement on rural housing delivery; if there are any plans for his Department to review this requirement, with a view to introducing flexibility for rural communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [8550/26]

*693. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of a matter concerning a water connection (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [8551/26]

*694. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will request Uisce Éireann to review the 25-house threshold for a new public water connection or network extension, with a view to introducing exemptions for rural and Gaeltacht communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [8552/26]

*695. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the legal requirements of property management companies in relation to communication with homeowners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8570/26]

*696. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the legal requirements of property management companies in relation to communication with renters of residential property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8571/26]

*697. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the adequacy of existing legislation and regulations in relation to supports for homeowners in relation to their engagement with property management companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8572/26]

*698. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the adequacy of existing legislation and regulations in relation to supports for renters of residential

property in relation to their engagement with property management companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8573/26]

*699. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the facility available to homeowners when they have a dispute with their property management company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8574/26]

*700. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the facility available to renters of residential property when they have a dispute with their property management company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8575/26]

*701. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding any review of existing legislation or regulations to ensure that homeowners are given sufficient support and opportunity to engage with their property management companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8576/26]

*702. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding any review of existing legislation or regulations to ensure that renters of residential property are given sufficient support and opportunity to engage with their property management companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8577/26]

*703. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the repercussions for any property management company that fails to adequately engage with a homeowner of a property within their remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8578/26]

*704. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the repercussions for any property management company that fails to adequately engage with renters of residential property within their remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8579/26]

*705. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether an assessment was undertaken of the practical impact of section 85(1)(c)-(d) of the Planning and Development Act 2024 on the delivery of grid connections and other long linear infrastructure projects; and if so, to provide the findings of that assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8588/26]

*706. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how applicants are expected to demonstrate existing statutory or compulsory purchase powers at planning application stage, given that such powers are typically only conferred after the granting of planning permission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8589/26]

*707. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he accepts that section 85(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2024 has the effect of limiting eligibility to apply for permission to statutory utilities, thereby excluding private developers; and if so, the measures that are proposed to prevent adverse impacts on competition and renewable delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8590/26]

*708. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm the intended commencement date for section 85(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2024; and whether commencement will be deferred pending clarification or amendment of the relevant provisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8591/26]

*709. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has received proposals from industry to amend section 85(1)(c)-(d) of the Planning and Development Act 2024 to include applicants who would be eligible to apply for statutory powers following the granting of permission; and if so, the current status of consideration of those proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8592/26]

*710. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he accepts that legislative provisions which require certainty of land access or statutory powers prior to the granting of planning permission risk creating legal and delivery deadlock for strategic infrastructure projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8595/26]

*711. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he will examine the introduction of targeted incentives to support small scale landlords to remain in the rental market; and whether he will engage with the Minister for Finance on options to reduce the financial pressures contributing to landlord exit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8598/26]

*712. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the commitment in the Housing Action Plan to update the code of practice for local authority nominations to AHBs to require that local authority and AHB tenants are not precluded from living with domestic pets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [8656/26]

*713. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an assessment of the number of staff currently employed in local authorities which will be adversely affected has taken place before implementing the new engineering qualification criteria for engineers progressing their careers in the local authority; if his Department identified the number of serving local authority engineers which will lose eligibility for promotion; if his Department has considered the workforce retention and attrition risks arising from blocking progression for experienced staff; and if they assessed the operational and service delivery consequences for local authorities nationwide (details supplied). — Shay Brennan. [8657/26]

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

*714. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of calls received by the national community welfare scheme in each month of 2025, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [7379/26]

*715. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports available to parents who do not qualify for the bereaved parent grant due to the fact their wife/husband/civil partner/cohabitant passed away before 21 July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [7460/26]

*716. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to ensure that a person will receive a payment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [7461/26]

*717. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of meetings of the Disability Consultative Forum in 2025; the number that will take place in 2026; the dates on which they will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [7480/26]

*718. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [7632/26]

*719. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to reconsider introducing a cost of living disability payment in 2026 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [7675/26]

*720. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 1545 of 13 January 2026, the position regarding a timeline for the phasing out of the means test for carer's allowance as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7738/26]

*721. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 1545 of 13 January 2026, the approximate financial cost to the state of removing the means test for carers allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7739/26]

*722. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the agencies and bodies under the aegis of his Department; the contact information of each available to members of the Oireachtas as per the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circular 25/2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7773/26]

*723. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of local providers of the hot school meals per county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [7880/26]

*724. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7937/26]

*725. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7955/26]

*726. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will urgently review the possibility of a supplementary winter payment for those with a disability given the continually high energy costs. — Robert Troy. [8020/26]

*727. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to carry out a full review of the partial capacity benefit claim of a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [8079/26]

*728. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to review correspondence from a person (details supplied) regarding pensions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [8084/26]

*729. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether compensation following an accident is taken into consideration during the income assessment for disability allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [8122/26]

*730. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on his plans to reform the disability allowance and remove anomalies in the means test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [8123/26]

*731. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will include Grange Park, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14 in the emergency response payment following significant flooding in the area, resulting in significant damage to properties and household goods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [8127/26]

*732. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to include Dublin south-west in the emergency response payment following significant flooding in certain areas which has resulted in significant damage to properties and household goods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [8129/26]

*733. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of sick days taken by staff in his Department for each of the years 2022 to 2025; the average days lost per employee for each year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [8161/26]

*734. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for a reduction in the adult dependent payment for a person (detail supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [8183/26]

*735. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason his Department is putting resources into reviewing existing carers allowance applications given the move towards abolishing the means test for this payment; if his attention has been drawn to the stress that carers experience when they receive letters which indicate that their means are being review and that they may have to make repayments to the Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [8265/26]

*736. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on plans to abolish the carers allowance means test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [8266/26]

*737. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the percentage of applications for State pension contributory in 2025 that were refused, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [8297/26]

*738. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which the public can opt in to the auto enrolment retirement savings system, My Future Fund which is operational since 1 January 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [8335/26]

*739. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the point at which, and level at which his Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General is at in respect of the civil service pay scales; the duration for same; and the plans to revise current remuneration arrangements. — Aidan Farrelly. [8474/26]

*740. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will extend the closing date for stage 1 of the emergency response payment (formerly the humanitarian assistance scheme) to address hardship in the immediate aftermath of emergency events such as flooding, as it is due to close on 4 February 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [8554/26]

*741. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is aware that despite paying PRSI at the appropriate rate, widows in receipt of the widow and bereaved partners pension are not eligible for illness benefit; if he has any intention of changing this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8558/26]

*742. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is aware that potential overpayments of the PUP are being recouped at present; if he is aware that estimates are being given to recipients; if he will consider providing more than 21 days for reply, with additional information given the length of time that has elapsed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [8596/26]

*743. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is aware that some former political prisoners released under the Good Friday Agreement may just miss out on the State contributory pension due to the impact of their years of imprisonment on their ability to build up enough PRSI contributions; and if his Department will consider a resolution to this issue, in the spirit of that peace agreement, endorsed by the Irish people, north and south. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [8603/26]

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

*744. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the systems in place to verify the authenticity of identity and residency documents presented by non-EU nationals seeking to work on Irish-registered fishing vessels; whether there have been cases of falsified documentation or identity fraud detected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [8347/26]

*745. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No 210 of 20 January 2026, the position regarding the use of a historical investigation unit for the investigation of troubled-related cases; the reason the relevant Garda division was determined to be 'the most appropriate and effective approach in this jurisdiction'; and his views on the way in which the Government is ensuring full compliance with the procedural obligation for investigations into loss of life and acts of torture and ill-treatment under Articles 2 and 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights. — Ivana Bacik. [8678/26]

*746. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of an application for revocation of a deportation order by a person (details supplied) who self-deported in August 2019 and has since resided lawfully outside the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [7361/26]

*747. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of promotions from Sergeant to Inspector rank within An Garda Síochána which occurred in 2025, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [7385/26]

*748. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of competitions that were held in 2025 for sworn Gardai to apply to join divisional roads policing units; and

the number of Gardai, by rank that applied for each competition, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [7386/26]

*749. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the powers currently available to An Garda Síochána to seize scrambler bikes and quad bikes being used illegally in public places; the number of such vehicles seized in each of the past three years; whether he is satisfied that existing powers are sufficient; what legislative or operational measures are under consideration to address this activity; the youth diversion or community based prevention programmes in place in affected areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [7396/26]

*750. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of an application for a person (details supplied) submitted in October 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7401/26]

*751. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of vehicles seized by Gardaí within Mayo, Roscommon and Longford division for having no insurance in 2025, in tabular form. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [7419/26]

*752. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update regarding a citizenship application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [7428/26]

*753. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measure in place for Ukrainians being housed by local families given that his Department is due to cease monthly payments on 26 March 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [7459/26]

*754. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 468 of 29 May 2025, the position regarding a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [7462/26]

*755. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of convictions since new legislative measures were announced in February 2021 to tackle the illegal anti-social misuse of scramblers, quad bikes and similar off-road mechanically propelled vehicles on public roads, paths, parks and in the public space domain; and to include the number of seizures and convictions of persons found guilty of illegally selling/buying, storing, operating and facilitating aforementioned bikes, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7463/26]

*756. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when a decision will be reached in respect of a stamp 4 visa renewal application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7468/26]

*757. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the progress made on coronial reform, including the preparation of Heads of Bill; his plans to establish formal agreements between his Department, the HSE, and coroners to ensure sustainable provision of medicolegal autopsies and prevent further service cessations in hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7476/26]

*758. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to the visa application by a family (details supplied); if the specific circumstances can be

taken into consideration as the process progresses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7587/26]

*759. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the timeline for the progress of a family visa application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7588/26]

*760. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he plans to designate a unit within An Garda Síochána to act as the verifying authority in the State for the purpose of Article 6 of the Eurodac Regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7619/26]

*761. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardai employed in the Garda National Immigration Bureau in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7620/26]

*762. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the qualification or language competencies a cultural mediator will be required to have under the International Protection Bill 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7622/26]

*763. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of scrambler bikes and quad bikes seized by An Garda Síochána in each of the past three years, by Garda division; the number of related prosecutions initiated; and the number resulting in convictions. — Ken O'Flynn. [7629/26]

*764. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prosecutions initiated and convictions secured for insurance fraud and fraudulent personal injury claims in each of the last five years; the average sentence imposed in such cases; and whether this data is collated and published by his Department.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [7654/26]

*765. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he intends to review existing fraud and sentencing legislation to ensure penalties for deliberate insurance fraud appropriately reflect the seriousness of the offence and its impact on insurance costs and public confidence in the justice system. — Ken O'Flynn. [7658/26]

*766. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total amount of public funds paid by his Department and by the Irish Prison Service since 2020 in respect of podcasts, audio programmes, or similar broadcasting or digital media outputs; and the annual breakdown of that expenditure, by year. — Ken O'Flynn. [7669/26]

*767. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of podcasts, audio series, or broadcasting projects funded in whole or in part by the Irish Prison Service since 2020; the duration and format of each project; and the total number of episodes or outputs produced under each arrangement. — Ken O'Flynn. [7670/26]

*768. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the procurement or commissioning mechanisms used by the Irish Prison Service when engaging external providers to produce podcasts, audio programmes, or digital media content; whether competitive tendering was undertaken in each case; and where competition was not used, the justification for same. — Ken O'Flynn. [7671/26]

*769. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the policy basis under which funding is provided by the Irish Prison Service for podcasts, broadcasting, or audio media projects; the objectives such projects are intended to achieve; and how these initiatives align with current Irish Prison Service strategy and rehabilitation policy. — Ken O’Flynn. [7672/26]

*770. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the governance, oversight, and value-for-money controls applied by the Irish Prison Service to publicly funded podcasts or broadcasting projects; whether performance metrics or deliverables are set in advance; and how compliance is monitored and reported to his Department. — Ken O’Flynn. [7673/26]

*771. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether any formal evaluation, impact assessment, or cost-effectiveness review has been conducted in respect of podcasts or broadcasting projects funded by the Irish Prison Service since 2020; and if so, to outline the findings. — Ken O’Flynn. [7674/26]

*772. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the breakdown of the Garda fleet (details supplied) in each Garda station at the end of 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [7689/26]

*773. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the criteria used to select EU nationals who were recently deported under the Free Movement Directive; if any of those deported had Irish citizen spouses or children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [7706/26]

*774. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to the unacceptable use of bunk beds in an IPAS centre (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to an official inspection report dated 13 May 2025 that management at the centre attributed responsibility for this shortcoming to the contracting Department at that time; whether he regards such non-compliance with standards, along with associated overcrowding and inadequate wash basin and toilet facilities (as also raised in the same inspection report), as being serious breaches of State contract requirements; whether such non-compliance will be fully taken into account when the contract in question becomes due for renewal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [7726/26]

*775. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if, arising from his Department’s appearance before the Public Accounts Committee on 23 October 2025, the Department has asked An Garda Síochána to investigate the unauthorised extraction of significant volumes of water from an emergency hydrant to service an IPAS Centre (details supplied) being funded by the Department; whether the extent of the unauthorised extraction and consequent financial loss to the Exchequer has been quantified; whether a prosecution in respect of the unauthorised interference with and extraction of water from the hydrant, including reimbursement of the financial loss to the State, is pending or being pursued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [7727/26]

*776. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on the merits of creating a support service to assist jurors who have been on a jury for a distressing trial; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7746/26]

*777. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the redress scheme for the Stardust survivors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ann Graves. [7747/26]

*778. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the ongoing engagement he is having with An Garda Síochána in relation to the antisocial use of e-scooters and scrambler bikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7751/26]

*779. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the procedures which are in place within the Irish Prison Service to ensure compliance with GDPR principles of data minimisation and purpose limitation when communicating with staff; whether any data-protection breach assessments have been undertaken in relation to bulk email communications involving private email addresses; and if he will provide details of any guidance issued to IPS management on this matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [7784/26]

*780. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether contact details collected from Irish Prison Service staff during the Covid-19 pandemic for the specific purpose of contact tracing, and on the express assurance that such details would not be used for any other purpose, were subsequently used for wider HR communications; whether any data-protection breach assessment was conducted in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [7785/26]

*781. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether any personal data breach arising within the Irish Prison Service has been notified to the Data Protection Commission in the past three years in relation to internal staff communications; and if not, the way in which compliance with GDPR breach-notification obligations is assured. — Ken O'Flynn. [7786/26]

*782. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of protected disclosures which were transmitted by him to the OPDC under section 8 during the period 1 November 2025 to-date in 2026. — Ken O'Flynn. [7787/26]

*783. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration regarding disclosures, the number who had not yet completed initial assessment or follow-up at the time of the cybersecurity incident affecting the OPDC in December 2025. — Ken O'Flynn. [7788/26]

*784. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of such disclosures, if any, remain unread, inaccessible, or otherwise unprocessed due to the cybersecurity incident affecting the OPDC in December 2025. — Ken O'Flynn. [7789/26]

*785. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the arrangements currently in place to ensure that protected disclosures made to him under section 8 can be read, assessed and followed up where the OPDC is unable to access its systems; and if he considers that a whistleblower framework in which disclosures may be lawfully made to him but cannot be read by him and may not be accessible to the OPDC complies with the requirements of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 and Directive (EU) 2019/1937. — Ken O'Flynn. [7790/26]

*786. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if an IRP card will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7798/26]

*787. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total amount of public funds paid by his Department and by the Irish Prison Service to the podcast (details supplied) since 2020; the annual breakdown of those payments; the budgetary subhead under which the

expenditure was approved; and the Minister's rationale for approving this expenditure. — Ken O'Flynn. [7822/26]

*788. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the procurement process used by the Irish Prison Service in awarding contracts or payments relating to a podcast (details supplied); whether competitive tendering was undertaken; if not, the justification for dispensing with competition; and the measures in place to ensure value for money and compliance with public spending rules. — Ken O'Flynn. [7823/26]

*789. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the governance and oversight arrangements applied by his Department and the Irish Prison Service to publicly funded media or communications projects; whether performance targets or deliverables were set in respect of a podcast (details supplied); and how compliance with those requirements was assessed. — Ken O'Flynn. [7824/26]

*790. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the policy basis under which funding was provided to a podcast (details supplied); the specific rehabilitative, educational, or engagement objectives the project was intended to achieve; and how those objectives align with current Irish Prison Service strategy. — Ken O'Flynn. [7825/26]

*791. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether any formal evaluation, impact assessment, or cost-benefit analysis was conducted in relation to a podcast (details supplied); if so, the findings; and if not, the reasons such evaluation was not undertaken prior to or following the expenditure of public funds. — Ken O'Flynn. [7826/26]

*792. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration what controls, guidance, or criteria are now in place governing the funding of podcasts, media projects, or external communications initiatives by the Irish Prison Service; and whether changes have been introduced following the conclusion of a project (details supplied). — Ken O'Flynn. [7827/26]

*793. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda stations that have been closed since 2020; the criteria used for such closures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7842/26]

*794. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total funding allocated to community policing initiatives in 2025; the way this compares to 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7843/26]

*795. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps his Department is taking to address the recruitment and retention challenges within An Garda Síochána; the targets set for increasing Garda numbers by the end of 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7844/26]

*796. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of reported incidents of burglaries, in each county for 2024 and 2025; the strategies implemented to combat these trends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7845/26]

*797. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is considering introducing mandatory minimum sentences for repeat offenders involved in public order disturbances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7846/26]

*798. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current processing times for international protection applications from applicants originating from safe countries; the reforms planned to expedite these processes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7847/26]

*799. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of deportation orders issued in 2025; the breakdown, by nationality; the enforcement mechanisms to ensure compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7848/26]

*800. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the annual cost to the State of providing legal aid to international protection applicants for the period 2020-2025; the oversight measures to prevent abuse of this system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7849/26]

*801. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of failed asylum seekers who have remained in Ireland beyond their appeal periods in the past two years; the actions taken to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7850/26]

*802. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on the appointment, procurement basis and ongoing payments in respect of services provided by a company at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [7881/26]

*803. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on the decision taken in or around September 2022 to appoint a company to provide panelling, accommodation infrastructure or accommodation-related services at a site (details supplied); the criteria applied and the basis on which the company was deemed suitable, having regard to its registered business activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [7882/26]

*804. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the procurement method used to appoint a company (details supplied); if the arrangement arose from an emergency procurement, direct award or other non-competitive process; the reasons such a method was considered appropriate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [7883/26]

*805. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the contractual basis under which a company (details supplied) has been paid a fixed monthly amount of €143,322.30 from September 2022 to date in 2026; the duration of the arrangement; the extension or continuation decisions; the status of the contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [7884/26]

*806. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reasons the arrangement with a company (details supplied) has been continued on a rolling monthly basis for multiple years, rather than being time-limited, competitively re-tendered, or transitioned to an alternative arrangement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [7885/26]

*807. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the basis on which payments originally described as “supply panelling” were subsequently reclassified as “temporary accommodation”; the criteria used to treat the infrastructure supplied as accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [7886/26]

*808. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reasons his Department elected to maintain a monthly rental model for the relevant infrastructure (details supplied) rather than purchasing or capitalising it; the value-for-money assessments undertaken in this regard with a company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [7887/26]

*809. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reasons payments to a company have continued after the State's acquisition of a complex (details supplied), rather than transitioning to State-owned infrastructure or a different contractual model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [7888/26]

*810. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total amount paid to a company (details supplied) from September 2022 to date in 2026; the projected annual cost if the current arrangement continues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [7889/26]

*811. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether, prior to the State's purchase of a property (details supplied) a formal value-for-money assessment was undertaken; whether that assessment distinguished between the capital cost of the building and the ongoing operational costs associated with its use, including catering, security, staffing, transport and facilities management; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [7892/26]

*812. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he will publish the methodology and key assumptions underpinning any value-for-money assessment carried out in respect of the €148.2 million purchase of a property (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [7893/26]

*813. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if no distinction was made in the value-for-money assessment between the cost of acquiring a property (details supplied) and the cost of providing ongoing services at the site; the way in which the purchase is credibly described as representing value-for-money for the taxpayer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [7894/26]

*814. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí assigned to County Mayo in each year since the introduction of the new Garda operating model; the number of new recruits allocated to Mayo in each of those years; the current total Garda strength in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [7914/26]

*815. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda recruits assigned to County Mayo in each of the five years prior to the introduction of the new Garda operating model; the way this compares on a per capita basis nationally; the comparative change in annual recruitment levels before and after the model's implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [7915/26]

*816. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7934/26]

*817. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7952/26]

*818. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider supporting a proposal to amend the firearms permit/licence renewal process to enable it to become a process similar to that of the online passport renewal service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [8036/26]

*819. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way in which the national counter-radicalisation strategy is being adapted to address the evolving nature of ideological extremism, which can be rapidly propagated through digital algorithms and may exploit vulnerable individuals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [8058/26]

*820. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí assigned to Gaeltacht regions; the number assigned to each station; the number who are fluent in Irish in each year since 2009; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [8124/26]

*821. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the contract with a company (details supplied) for the provision of asylum accommodation will be extended in March 2026 in view of the fact that it has no planning permission and is subject to an enforcement order from Kildare County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [8133/26]

*822. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has carried out an assessment as to whether the mobility framework associated with the EU-India Free Trade Agreement, upon which negotiations concluded on 27 January 2026, will form part of the trade proposal that the Commission will bring to the Council, and therefore be subject to qualified majority voting (details supplied); to outline the Government's view of the proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [8157/26]

*823. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of sick days taken by staff in his Department for each of the years 2022 to 2025; the average days lost per employee for each year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [8162/26]

*824. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a new recruitment campaign for An Garda Síochána will be launched before Easter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [8185/26]

*825. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of new marked Garda cars and vans that were allocated to the Kildare-Carlow Garda Division during 2025; the number of those vehicles that were withdrawn from the division during same period, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [8186/26]

*826. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to list the measures under protocol 21 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which Ireland opted out of

in each year since the introduction of the protocol, to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [8237/26]

*827. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration following the review of protocol 21 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union published in 2025, to list the measures which Ireland previously opted out of where opting in is now under consideration, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [8238/26]

*828. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he agrees with the recommendation of report commissioned by him called An Assessment of the Efficacy of Bail Laws in Ireland which states that “the responsibility for the prosecution of offences should be removed from the Gardaí and all future Court proceedings should be conducted by legal professionals” (details supplied); his views on same; matter and if he will bring forward legislation to implement this recommendation. — Paul Murphy. [8263/26]

*829. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when he last met formally with the chief superintendent of DMR North Division; and the issues discussed. — Alan Kelly. [8299/26]

*830. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of inspections Gardaí within the R District of DMR Region carried out on pubs, clubs, restaurants and so on in 2025 to ensure full compliance with alcohol licensing regulations; the number of those premises that were found in breach of licensing regulations; and the frequency with which these inspections are carried out. — Alan Kelly. [8300/26]

*831. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda CCTV cameras currently operational in each Garda division, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [8301/26]

*832. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí trained and currently deployed in specialist units for cyber crime, serious and organised crime and immigration for the Louth-Cavan and Monaghan Division. — Alan Kelly. [8302/26]

*833. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the review of the Garda vetting system, if it is intended to simplify the system so that only one Garda vetting card is necessary per person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [8355/26]

*834. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 1612 of 13 January 2025, the actions he will take to ensure that visa applications are processed in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8361/26]

*835. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 1612 of 13 January 2025, if he is satisfied in relation to the level of communication with visa applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8362/26]

*836. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to clarify the way in which the State intends on dealing with holders of a temporary protection visa who is being hosted by a member of the public in cases where that hosting arrangement has to cease and no State-provided accommodation is available; the way such cases are dealt with when the temporary protection

visa holder is accompanied by their children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [8395/26]

*837. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to advise on a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [8396/26]

*838. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of property seizure holding facilities currently available in each Garda division, in tabular form. — Joe Cooney. [8508/26]

*839. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the current Garda staffing levels across west Waterford. — Conor D. McGuinness. [8528/26]

*840. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has engaged with institutions of the European Union with respect to the Mobility Pact (Comprehensive Framework for Cooperation on Mobility) element of the EU-India Trade Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [8601/26]

*841. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when it is likely that a decision will be reached in respect of an application for reactivation employment permit permission (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [8659/26]

*842. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position of refugees who submitted applications for naturalisation before 8 December 2025, whose applications were based on three years residency from date of entry into the State, as opposed to date of refugee declaration; if the position favours approving such applications in circumstances where refugee status is declaratory in nature, meaning that a person is deemed to have had refugee status from the date that they applied for international protection in the State; and if applications submitted before 8 December 2025 will continue to be processed under a policy recognising declaratory relief of refugees for reckonable residency purposes. — Ivana Bacik. [8677/26]

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

*843. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons who attained a green cert qualification from an agricultural college in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [8150/26]

*844. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are plans to amend S.I. No. 307/2006 to extend mandatory country-of-origin labelling to poultry, pork and lamb in the hospitality and catering sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [7351/26]

*845. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to detail the steps his Department is taking to ensure that processed meat products, such as chicken Kievs or pre-prepared meals, cannot use 'Product of Ireland' branding if the primary meat ingredient was hatched, reared or slaughtered in a non-EU country; and if he will address the impact of 'substantial transformation' rules on consumer clarity. — Paul Lawless. [7352/26]

*846. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine If he will review the governance structure of Bord Bia to include a statutory 'conflict of interest' clause that prohibits any board member from having a commercial interest in the importation of meat products from third countries that do not meet Irish production standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [7353/26]

*847. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of the annual uptake of the solar capital investment scheme as part of the targeted agriculture modernisation scheme, since the scheme opened; the number of applications received; the number approved; the average amount drawn down; the breakdown of completed installations, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [7360/26]

*848. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide the names of the three Irish companies that imported Brazilian beef containing the growth hormone oestradiol in September 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [7410/26]

*849. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of South American poultry meat which was imported into Ireland in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [7411/26]

*850. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a company (details supplied) imported poultry meat from South American countries in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [7412/26]

*851. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of beef and poultry meat a company (details supplied) imported into Ireland in 2025; and the countries which it was imported from. — Martin Kenny. [7413/26]

*852. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of the number of dairy farmers who are milking over 100 cows; and the number of them participating in the ACRES, the ECO scheme as part of the BISS scheme, and the dairy beef welfare scheme. — Martin Kenny. [7481/26]

*853. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps being taken to enhance surveillance and early detection systems for avian influenza in poultry farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7501/26]

*854. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current status of the bovine tuberculosis eradication programme, including the number of herds affected in 2025 and 2026 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7502/26]

*855. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if additional funding will be allocated for biosecurity training programmes for farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7503/26]

*856. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures in place to prevent the introduction of African swine fever through imported pork products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7504/26]

*857. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the impact of climate change on the spread of vector-borne diseases such as bluetongue in livestock; the strategies to mitigate these risks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7505/26]

*858. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of site inspections conducted by his Department for biosecurity compliance in 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7506/26]

*859. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to review import controls on live animals and animal products from high-risk countries for diseases like foot-and-mouth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7507/26]

*860. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress made on the national bovine viral diarrhoea eradication scheme, including vaccination rates among herds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7508/26]

*861. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the resources allocated to veterinary services for outbreak response, including staffing levels in regional veterinary offices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7509/26]

*862. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps being taken to address salmonella outbreaks in pigs and poultry, including support for affected farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7510/26]

*863. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the Deer Management Strategy Group; the number of deer culled as a result of its work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [7552/26]

*864. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the agencies and bodies under the aegis of his Department; the contact information of each available to members of the Oireachtas as per the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circular 25/2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7758/26]

*865. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports provided to farmers affected by adverse weather conditions in 2025; the compensation schemes in operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7867/26]

*866. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7922/26]

*867. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7940/26]

*868. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he engaged with members of the European Parliament in advance of the recent vote to defer the Mercosur trade agreement for scrutiny to the Court of Justice of the European Union. — Peadar Tóibín. [8151/26]

*869. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of sick days taken by staff in his Department for each of the years 2022 to 2025; the average days lost per

employee for each year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [8169/26]

*870. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review the level of bovine TB compensation given to farmers, given the current price of cattle (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [8182/26]

*871. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if home checks carried out by an organisation (details supplied) officials or their agents for prospective ‘forever’ homes for non-coursing greyhounds are classified as ‘welfare checks’ by Greyhound Racing Ireland and included as part of the official figures given for ‘welfare checks’ by the industry; and if so, if he can provide a breakdown of home checks and welfare checks carried out by Greyhound Racing Ireland for each of the years 2020-2025 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [8206/26]

*872. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds in total that were homed, domestically and internationally, by Greyhound Racing Ireland’s two care homes (details supplied) between 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [8207/26]

*873. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide the title, version date, and last review date of the Department’s internal governance guidance used by officials when assessing conflicts of interest for appointments to the board of Bord Bia, including the Chairperson role, beyond the general requirements of the code of practice for the governance of State bodies; and if no internal guidance exists, the reason. — Ken O’Flynn. [8218/26]

*874. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specific assessment steps applied by his Department before recommending or approving the appointment of a Chairperson to Bord Bia, including, the documents reviewed, the criteria used to assess external commercial interests relevant to Bord Bia’s statutory functions, and the official level at which the assessment is signed off; and if he will provide a copy of the assessment template or checklist used, with any personal data redacted. — Ken O’Flynn. [8219/26]

*875. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the frequency and format of conflict of interest disclosures required by his Department from Bord Bia board members and the Chairperson, including whether disclosures are required on appointment, annually, and on the occurrence of material changes; and the definition of “material change” applied for the purposes of such disclosure requirements. — Ken O’Flynn. [8220/26]

*876. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of times in each of the last five years that his Department has requested additional information, clarifications, mitigation measures, or recusals from Bord Bia board members arising from conflict of interest disclosures; and the number of cases, if any, where the Department directed that a disclosed interest be managed by recusal or other mitigation steps. — Ken O’Flynn. [8221/26]

*877. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the dates on which corporate governance meetings between his Department and Bord Bia were held in 2024, 2025, and to date in 2026; whether conflicts of interest, declarations of interest, or perception risks were discussed at any of these meetings; and if so, whether minutes or action logs exist and will be provided, with any personal data redacted. — Ken O’Flynn. [8222/26]

*878. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether, since 1 January 2025, he has requested or received any written assurance, report, or governance submission from Bord Bia relating to the management of perceived conflicts of interest at chairperson or board level; and if so, the date received and whether he will publish it or place it in the Oireachtas library, with any personal data redacted. — Ken O’Flynn. [8223/26]

*879. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has assessed the potential impact of governance controversies on farmer participation and confidence in the Bord Bia quality assurance system; and if so, the methodology used, the indicators reviewed, and the date of the most recent assessment. — Ken O’Flynn. [8224/26]

*880. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether he will initiate a targeted review of conflict-of-interest and perception-risk guidance for State bodies in the agri-food sector under his remit, including Bord Bia; and if so, the scope, the body or unit leading the review, and the timeline for completion. — Ken O’Flynn. [8225/26]

*881. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of the 2025 capital budget allocation for his Department that was actually spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [8374/26]

*882. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the point at which, and level at which his Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General is at in respect of the civil service pay scales; the duration for same; and the plans to revise current remuneration arrangements. — Aidan Farrelly. [8459/26]

*883. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider, in the interests of public safety, undertaking a coordinated scheme on a pilot basis, through local authorities, to undertake the removal of ash trees with ash die back along public roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [8501/26]

*884. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of food products and plant products that were seized by his Departmental officials from both cargo and passenger terminals at Shannon Airport in 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Joe Cooney. [8503/26]

*885. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to have an agricultural attaché posted to the Irish Embassy in Canada. — Joe Cooney. [8504/26]

*886. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 738 of 9 December 2025, in relation to the importation of Brazilian beef that was contaminated with growth hormones, when he expects the Brazilian competent authorities to conduct an investigation, and report to the EU authorities to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [8556/26]

*887. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he can assure consumers that seafood labelled as Irish, is indeed caught by the Irish fishing fleet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [8749/26]

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

*888. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of historic sexual abuse cases that have been opened with Tusla for each of the years, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025; the numbers of those that were determined as ‘founded’ or ‘unfounded’ for each of those years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [8509/26]

*889. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current shortage of occupational therapists in Blanchardstown CDNT and Blakestown CDNT; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [8542/26]

*890. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to outline the list of all of the remaining measures required for ratification of the second optional protocol of the UNCRC; the responsible department for each of these measures; and the expected timeline for completion. — Roderic O’Gorman. [7355/26]

*891. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children waiting for their initial CDNT appointment in CHO8, in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [7382/26]

*892. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if an assessment for autism will be arranged as a matter of urgency for a child (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [7429/26]

*893. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if a person avails of domestic violence leave under the (Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2023), the information they must provide to their employer; if the employer is allowed to ask questions to establish eligibility for domestic violence leave; the documentation or evidence which an employer can lawfully request to support a claim of this entitlement; the GDPR protections which are taken into consideration during this process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [7489/26]

*894. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the assessment her Department has made of the risk of sexual exploitation of children placed in residential care and special emergency arrangements; the formal risk classifications which apply to such placements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [7490/26]

*895. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the safeguards which are in place to prevent grooming, coercion, and sexual exploitation of children placed in open or non-restrictive residential care and special emergency arrangements; the way in which compliance with those safeguards is monitored; and if she will publish the most recent internal review or evaluation of their effectiveness. — Ken O’Flynn. [7491/26]

*896. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department reviewed the findings and recommendations of a report (details supplied) on sexual exploitation risks faced by children in residential and emergency care; the actions which were taken following its publication; and which recommendations, if any, remain outstanding. — Ken O’Flynn. [7492/26]

*897. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of incidents in which children absconded from residential care and special emergency arrangements in each of the past five years; the number of those cases in which sexual exploitation risk factors were

identified; and the policy or procedural changes were introduced in response. — Ken O’Flynn. [7493/26]

*898. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the governance and oversight mechanisms which are in place to review decisions to place high-risk children in open or non-restrictive emergency arrangements; whether such decisions are subject to periodic review by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [7494/26]

*899. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will ensure that the recently implemented Tusla structural reform will not alter the national programme status, ring fenced national programme budget, local governance and autonomy, and cradle to grave community development approach of family resource centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7565/26]

*900. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total Exchequer funding allocated to the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission in each year from 2020 to 2025 inclusive; the breakdown of this funding by staffing, legal work, research, public advocacy, grants, and communications; and whether the Minister is satisfied that this expenditure reflects a balanced discharge of the Commission’s statutory remit under the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014. — Ken O’Flynn. [7659/26]

*901. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she has sought or received any analysis from her Department on the thematic focus of the work undertaken by the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission; whether such analysis identifies a concentration of resources or public advocacy in particular policy areas; and what oversight mechanisms exist to ensure that publicly funded advocacy remains proportionate, evidence-based, and within the scope of the Commission’s statutory functions. — Ken O’Flynn. [7660/26]

*902. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she is satisfied that the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission gives equal and appropriate consideration to competing rights, including sex-based rights, in its advice to Government and the Oireachtas; whether the Minister has raised concerns regarding the absence of explicit balancing analysis in any submissions made by the Commission in recent years; and if not, the reasons for this. — Ken O’Flynn. [7661/26]

*903. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has reviewed the position taken by the former Irish Human Rights Commission during the passage of the Gender Recognition Bill 2013 in opposing the inclusion of specific protections for women and girls in sport and single-sex spaces; whether that position continues to inform the approach of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission; and whether the Minister considers that approach consistent with current evidence and public policy concerns. — Ken O’Flynn. [7662/26]

*904. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures in place to assess whether the work of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission commands broad public confidence; whether any value-for-money or governance review of the Commission has been carried out since 2019; and whether the Minister intends to initiate such a review in light of increased funding and expanding public advocacy activity. — Ken O’Flynn. [7663/26]

*905. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the nature and frequency of formal engagement between her Department and the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission regarding strategic priorities; whether the Minister has issued any guidance

concerning the importance of neutrality and restraint in relation to contested social policy issues; and how the Minister ensures that an independent statutory body funded by the Exchequer does not exceed its advisory mandate. — Ken O'Flynn. [7664/26]

*906. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the plans which are in place in Swords, Fingal East for increased availability of creche places, particularly for children under one year-of-age; if this will include greater flexibility within the national childcare scheme, including consideration of regulated childminders, and immediate short-term supports for parents who are unable to return to work due to the childcare crisis. — Ann Graves. [7714/26]

*907. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the process for registering as an early year provider will be streamlined to allow for faster registration; and if those going through the registration process with Tusla will be granted some leeway to remain operational while they register (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [7742/26]

*908. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality his plans for the allocation of €135 million which the Government has allocated to funded childcare facilities; the geographical areas covered; and if she will ensure that rural areas, with large distances between creches currently, be adequately covered by this funding allocation. — Holly Cairns. [7743/26]

*909. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the agencies and bodies under the aegis of her Department; the contact information of each available to members of the Oireachtas as per the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circular 25/2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7759/26]

*910. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of significant delays in the commencement of AON service statements including the case of a child (details supplied); the actions which are being taken by her Department and the HSE to address the delays in implementation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [7808/26]

*911. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children and adults currently attending respite in Monaghan; the current number on waiting lists, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [7877/26]

*912. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the breakdown of which counties the Shaping the Future: Early Years Action Plan is planned for, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [7878/26]

*913. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if counties Cavan and Monaghan have been considered for the Shaping the Future: Early Years Action Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [7879/26]

*914. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when in person day-services will be restored to the level that was provided for up to 2024 by an organisation (details supplied); if this proposal will be progressed without further delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7919/26]

*915. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7923/26]

*916. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7941/26]

*917. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the level of funding which the early years services are receiving (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [8034/26]

*918. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to conduct a review of the ECCE eligibility cut-off dates, with a view to eliminating the unfair disadvantage faced by children born in early January. — Paul Donnelly. [8037/26]

*919. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to consider a rolling or more flexible entry system of the ECCE scheme, rather than a rigid annual cut-off that fails to reflect children's developmental needs and increase the enrolment windows into the scheme. — Paul Donnelly. [8038/26]

*920. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to mediate interim measures to support families who are currently excluded by a matter of days for eligibility of ECCE including the option of early entry where appropriate. — Paul Donnelly. [8039/26]

*921. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the resources being dedicated to digital media literacy programmes that specifically aim to build resilience among young people against manipulation and coercive ideologies online, particularly for those who may be experiencing social isolation or mental health difficulties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [8061/26]

*922. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether the heads of the disability and miscellaneous provisions Bill have been approved by Government; when they will be published; whether pre-legislative scrutiny will take place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [8082/26]

*923. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when an adult day services centre for County Monaghan will be developed; if a location or site has been selected; if she can provide a timeline for works to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [8155/26]

*924. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department or the HSE has plans to increase respite provision for both children and adults with disabilities in County Monaghan; the amount by which the provision will be increased; the timeline when additional services will be available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [8156/26]

*925. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will meet with a campaign group in County Monaghan regarding its campaign for more respite services for the region (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [8159/26]

*926. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE psychologists, by grade posts filled, at north Tipperary CDNT as of 28 January 2026, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [8304/26]

*927. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total funding that will be allocated for respite for people with a disability in 2026. — Mark Wall. [8326/26]

*928. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the point at which, and level at which her Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General is at in respect of the civil service pay scales; the duration for same; and the plans to revise current remuneration arrangements. — Aidan Farrelly. [8460/26]

*929. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will outline all financial supports currently available to the private sector from her Department for the development of after school, creche and day care facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [8498/26]

*930. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if a fee increase will be permitted for a creche (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8519/26]

*931. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 400 of 29 January 2026, if she will provide a breakdown of the statistics provided by heading (details supplied). — Aidan Farrelly. [8669/26]

*932. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to give an assurance that the recently implemented Tusla Child and Family Agency structural reform will not alter the national programme status; the ring-fenced national programme budget; the local governance and autonomy; the cradle to grave community development approach of family resource centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [8684/26]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*933. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the current HSE recruitment model for senior speech and language therapists, particularly the exclusive use of regional panels; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8479/26]

*934. To ask the Minister for Health if she will direct the HSE to explore alternative recruitment pathways that would allow experienced speech and language therapists to apply for specific posts or locations rather than being restricted to regional panels; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8480/26]

*935. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on efforts made by the Government to find a solution regarding the blister pack charges facing vulnerable persons across County Louth and beyond to access packs which they previously were not charged for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [7362/26]

*936. To ask the Minister for Health the plans which are in place to ensure that vulnerable persons in County Louth will not face additional financial burdens in order to access blister packs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [7363/26]

*937. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm the number of persons in County Louth which had been receiving blister packs without charge from their pharmacy in 2025; the engagement which has taken place with these persons to explain the reason they are now facing charges; and

the engagement which has taken with pharmacies in County Louth regarding these charges. — Joanna Byrne. [7364/26]

*938. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances, EMTs, paramedics, and advanced paramedics that were rostered, operational, and available in County Mayo on a date (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [7365/26]

*939. To ask the Minister for Health the precise deployment locations of all National Ambulance Service units assigned to County Mayo between 10pm on 10 January 2026 and 1am on 11 January 2026, including which units were on call; which were responding to other incidents; which were unavailable; the reasons for any unavailability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [7366/26]

*940. To ask the Minister for Health the decision-making process undertaken by the National Ambulance Service control centre when an emergency call concerning a person (details supplied) was received including the units which were considered; the units which were rejected; the reasons for any delay in dispatch; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [7367/26]

*941. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the real-time tracking data, including timestamps, for all ambulances assigned to County Mayo between 10pm on 10 January 2026 and 1am on 11 January 2026, indicating their movements, dispatch times, and any periods spent awaiting assignment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [7368/26]

*942. To ask the Minister for Health the number of EMTs, paramedics, and advanced paramedics rostered for duty in County Mayo on 10 January 2026; the number which were actively available for emergency response at a time (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [7369/26]

*943. To ask the Minister for Health whether cross-county ambulance support from Sligo, Galway, or Roscommon was available, requested, or dispatched during an emergency (details supplied); if not, the reasons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [7370/26]

*944. To ask the Minister for Health whether communication difficulties arising from mobile coverage blackspots in north Mayo contributed to the delay in ambulance response in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [7371/26]

*945. To ask the Minister for Health whether the National Ambulance Service met its category-one response-time obligations in County Mayo on 10 January 2026 in relation to an emergency (details supplied); if not, to provide the reasons for non-compliance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [7372/26]

*946. To ask the Minister for Health to identify any systemic, staffing, operational, or logistical issues within the National Ambulance Service that contributed to the unavailability of an ambulance for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [7373/26]

*947. To ask the Minister for Health whether any ambulances or ambulance staff assigned to County Mayo were prevented from responding to emergencies on the night of 10 January 2026

due to being delayed outside Mayo University Hospital with patients who could not be admitted immediately; if so, the number of such patients waiting in ambulances; the length of time each ambulance was delayed; the impact this had on emergency cover for areas such as Erris (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [7374/26]

*948. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant orthopaedic surgeons based at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan as of 26 January 2026, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [7377/26]

*949. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant obstetrician and gynaecologists based at Hollies Street Maternity Hospital as of 26 January 2026, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [7378/26]

*950. To ask the Minister for Health whether it will be a hiring requirement for the HSE that graduate counsellors/psychotherapists have completed non-mandatory personal therapy hours, which were previously mandatory but have been changed under CORU guidelines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [7402/26]

*951. To ask the Minister for Health whether existing counsellors/psychotherapist will be subject to the same CORU standards as newly qualified counterparts; if existing counsellors/psychotherapist will have special qualification provisions put in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [7406/26]

*952. To ask the Minister for Health the background checks of current counsellors/psychotherapists registered with various representative bodies which have no legal or statutory basis which will be undertaken when these individuals are accredited under CORU; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [7408/26]

*953. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the case of a person (details supplied) regarding a nursing home place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [7409/26]

*954. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE suicide crisis assessment nurses posts filled within County Mayo as of 23 January 2026, in tabular form. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [7416/26]

*955. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting to see a consultant cardiologist at Mayo University Hospital for a first appointment. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [7417/26]

*956. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the National Treatment Purchase Fund refused funding for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7432/26]

*957. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the procedure whereby the recall of baby formula was communicated to parents, media outlets and other relevant organisations (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7433/26]

*958. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the timeline as to when she was made aware of the largescale baby formula recall (details supplied); the procedure that was followed in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7434/26]

*959. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the safeguards that are in place to minimise the impact of a largescale baby formula recall (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7435/26]

*960. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any engagement she has had with the Irish suppliers of baby formula involved in the mass recall to ensure a minimal impact to families and infants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7436/26]

*961. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any communication campaign she is planning to offer reassurance to families in the wake of the mass recall of baby formula (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7437/26]

*962. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to concerns related to the supply of baby formula in Ireland in the wake of the mass recall of baby formula worldwide (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7438/26]

*963. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the impact that the mass recall of baby formula worldwide (details supplied) has had on the confidence of families that use these products; the actions she will take to address this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7439/26]

*964. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the Food Safety Authority of Ireland became aware that beef from Brazil treated with oestradiol was available on the Irish market in December 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [7446/26]

*965. To ask the Minister for Health to provide her Departments response to the Provision of an Autopsy Service in Ireland Faculty of Pathology position paper from the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7464/26]

*966. To ask the Minister for Health if the Food Safety Authority of Ireland has provided her with a report into the Brazilian beef containing the growth hormone oestradiol that was imported into Ireland in September 2025; and if so, if she will publicise the report and provide the names of the three Irish companies that imported the beef. — Martin Kenny. [7465/26]

*967. To ask the Minister for Health the reason it took three months for the Food Safety Authority of Ireland to issue a recall on Brazilian beef containing the growth hormone oestradiol that was imported into Ireland in September 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [7466/26]

*968. To ask the Minister for Health if the Food Safety Authority of Ireland has the resources and powers it needs to ensure food containing banned substances such as oestradiol and specifically beef and poultry meat do not enter the Irish food chain; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [7467/26]

*969. To ask the Minister for Health the current rate of hospital autopsies in Ireland; the measures in place to reverse the reported decline; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7469/26]

*970. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant pathologists currently employed in autopsy services across Ireland; his plans to address any identified shortages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7470/26]

*971. To ask the Minister for Health if additional funding will be allocated to modernise autopsy facilities in Irish hospitals, in line with recommendations for improved infrastructure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7471/26]

*972. To ask the Minister for Health the total cost of defending medical negligence litigation against the HSE and her Department in each year from 2010 to date, including awards made in the courts or settlements made out of court to resolve disputes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7477/26]

*973. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of incidents (which includes claims) logged/recorded in each year from 2020 to date with the National Incident Management System hosted by the State Claims Agency. — Carol Nolan. [7478/26]

*974. To ask the Minister for Health the measures which are being planned to implement the 2025 ESC Guidelines for Management of Cardiovascular Diseases and Pregnancy, including the establishment of pregnancy teams. — Erin McGreehan. [7486/26]

*975. To ask the Minister for Health whether she has received, reviewed, or been briefed on the report prepared by the expert group established by the HSE to examine the implications of the final of a review (details supplied) for gender-related healthcare services in Ireland; the date on which she first received or was informed of this report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [7497/26]

*976. To ask the Minister for Health whether the expert group report examining the implications of a review (details supplied) contains any findings or recommendations relating specifically to gender-related healthcare for children and adolescents; whether those findings differ from existing Irish clinical practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [7498/26]

*977. To ask the Minister for Health whether she accepts the findings and recommendations of the expert group report examining the implications of a review (details supplied) for gender-related healthcare services; whether she has approved, rejected, or deferred any recommendations arising from that report; and the rationale for her position. — Ken O'Flynn. [7499/26]

*978. To ask the Minister for Health whether any changes to national policy, clinical governance, or risk-mitigation measures for gender-related healthcare for minors have been approved by her since the completion of the expert group report; and if not, the reasons no such changes have been made. — Ken O'Flynn. [7500/26]

*979. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 503 of 4 December 2025, whether she will provide the total approved pay allocation for funded posts within CHO4 for the year 2024; the total pay expenditure actually incurred in that year; the resulting variance, if any; the reason this information was not furnished in the response; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [7531/26]

*980. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department receives, on an annual or monthly basis, data on funded posts, vacancy levels, and unused pay allocations across each

Community Healthcare Organisation; whether this data informed the 2024 and 2025 health Estimates; and if she will outline the accountability framework in place to ensure that Exchequer-approved staffing funds are either deployed or transparently reported when unspent. — Ken O’Flynn. [7532/26]

*981. To ask the Minister for Health whether she accepts that the absence of publicly available data on the value of unfilled funded posts within CHO4 represents a deficiency in financial transparency; whether she has directed the HSE to standardise reporting of funded vacancies and associated pay underspends across all CHOs; and when such reporting will be made available to the Oireachtas. — Ken O’Flynn. [7533/26]

*982. To ask the Minister for Health whether any portion of the unused salary allocation arising from funded but unfilled posts within CHO4 in 2024 was reallocated, surrendered to the Exchequer, or carried forward; the value involved; and the statutory or administrative basis under which such decisions were taken. — Ken O’Flynn. [7534/26]

*983. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will commit to publishing, on an annual basis, a national breakdown, by CHO of funded posts, filled posts, vacancies, and associated pay allocations, in order to allow the Houses of the Oireachtas to assess workforce planning effectiveness under Sláintecare and the National Health Workforce Plan. — Ken O’Flynn. [7535/26]

*984. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she has taken to ensure urgent access to welireg (belzutifan) for a young adult with von Hippel-Lindau disease; whether compassionate or exceptional access mechanisms are available while national reimbursement processes are ongoing; the safeguards currently in place to protect such patients from avoidable permanent harm during administrative delays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [7536/26]

*985. To ask the Minister for Health if a long-Covid patient (details supplied) without health insurance who has been referred for a procedure that can only be done privately could have this procedure covered by the HSE or a hardship scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7538/26]

*986. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to ensure urgent access to welireg (belzutifan) for a young adult with von Hippel-Lindau disease, in circumstances where clinicians warn that any delay risks irreversible neurological and functional decline; if compassionate or exceptional access pathways are available pending completion of national reimbursement processes; and the safeguards in place to protect patients in similar situations from avoidable and permanent harm arising from administrative delays. — Paula Butterly. [7539/26]

*987. To ask the Minister for Health the measures she is implementing to coordinate community and therapeutic supports with schools for youth drug prevention, ensuring schools are not overburdened with additional responsibilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7543/26]

*988. To ask the Minister for Health the proactive initiatives she is developing to link mental health services with school-based drug prevention efforts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7546/26]

*989. To ask the Minister for Health when dental treatment under full anaesthetic will be given to a 14-year-old child with considerable special needs (details supplied) in severe need of this treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [7553/26]

*990. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in County Kerry waiting for diagnostic tests, including MRI, CT, ultrasound and endoscopy, at the latest available data point, in each of the years 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [7566/26]

*991. To ask the Minister for Health the number of specialist eating disorder teams currently operational under the National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders; the location of each team; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7568/26]

*992. To ask the Minister for Health the total funding allocated to the implementation of the Model of Care for Eating Disorders since its launch in 2018; the amount expended to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7569/26]

*993. To ask the Minister for Health the current average waiting times for access to specialist eating disorder services in each community healthcare organisation area, including CHO8 which covers County Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7570/26]

*994. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dedicated inpatient beds available for the treatment of eating disorders in the State; if plans are in place to increase this number; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7571/26]

*995. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff vacancies in eating disorder services nationally; the steps being taken to address these vacancies, particularly County Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7572/26]

*996. To ask the Minister for Health the details of early intervention programmes for eating disorders currently available; if such programmes are accessible to residents of County Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7573/26]

*997. To ask the Minister for Health the supports provided to families and carers of individuals with eating disorders; if additional resources are planned for family support services in regions such as County Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7574/26]

*998. To ask the Minister for Health the most recent data on the prevalence of eating disorders in County Offaly compared to the national average; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7575/26]

*999. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to enhance eating disorder treatment services in the midlands region, including County Offaly; the timeline for any such enhancements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7576/26]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Health the measures in place to address disparities in access to eating disorder services between urban and rural areas, with specific reference to County Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7577/26]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Health where the HSE and National Ambulance Service currently stand on delivering the recognition that has been promised to paramedics for several years; the HSE's views on the reason recent pay and recognition proposals are being repeatedly

rejected by paramedic staff; whether she accepts that these proposals fail to adequately reflect the clinical autonomy, unsocial hours, exposure to risk, and severe staffing pressures faced by frontline paramedics; the steps which are now being taken to re-engage meaningfully with paramedic staff to deliver a proposal that they themselves consider fair, credible, and reflective of their role as an essential emergency service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [7580/26]

*1002. To ask the Minister for Health when a carer will be appointed to fulfil an approved home care package in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [7593/26]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Health if she expects the Strategic Review of General Practice to be completed in 2026 or 2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [7595/26]

*1004. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of emergency department admissions per each emergency department in the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [7598/26]

*1005. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of presentations per each emergency department that do not have a GP referral; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [7599/26]

*1006. To ask the Minister for Health the share of presentations per each emergency department that do not have a GP referral; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [7600/26]

*1007. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for the proposed establishment of regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy and to clarify the governance, funding and accountability arrangements for these structures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Máire Devine. [7601/26]

*1008. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the population-based planning, that will be used for new National Drugs Strategy structures, will address deprivation and local need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Máire Devine. [7602/26]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Health the consultation that has taken place with local drug and alcohol task forces and communities ahead of the proposed regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Máire Devine. [7603/26]

*1010. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the independent, community-led nature, and preventative role, of task forces will be protected in the new proposed regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Máire Devine. [7604/26]

*1011. To ask the Minister for Health the Food Safety Authority of Ireland's procedure for the testing of beef and other meat products entering the Irish market for banned hormones; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7606/26]

*1012. To ask the Minister for Health if the presence of oestradiol was found through routine testing in relation to the beef from animals treated with oestradiol, which was recalled by the

Food Safety Authority of Ireland in December 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7607/26]

*1013. To ask the Minister for Health if she has had engagement with the Food Safety Authority of Ireland regarding the reason Brazilian beef was allowed to enter the Irish market in December 2025, while the results of the tests for oestradiol were not yet known; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7608/26]

*1014. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the work of the Covid-19 evaluation panel; the timeframe for completion; the costs to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [7614/26]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Health the changes she has implemented to address the issues identified in reports on the nursing home sector (details supplied); the further actions she intends to take to reform the way in which nursing homes are regulated and funded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [7618/26]

*1016. To ask the Minister for Health the number of private residential properties owned by persons in receipt of support under the nursing homes support scheme that were rented out in each year since the Fair Deal rental income reforms came into effect in early 2024; the total number of such properties currently rented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [7665/26]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Health the number of properties associated with nursing homes support scheme applicants that were identified by her Department or the HSE as potentially suitable for rental prior to the 2024 Fair Deal rental income reforms; the evidence base used at that time to estimate that thousands of homes would enter the rental market; and if she will publish the underlying analysis. — Ken O'Flynn. [7666/26]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has conducted any post-implementation review of the 2024 Fair Deal rental income reforms; whether barriers such as legal complexity, family consent issues, tenancy duration rules, or interaction with wider rental legislation were identified as limiting take-up; and what corrective actions are now proposed. — Ken O'Flynn. [7667/26]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Health what engagement has taken place between her Department, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, and the HSE to assess the impact of wider rental market reforms on the willingness of nursing homes support scheme participants to rent out their properties; and whether any cross-departmental measures are planned to increase participation. — Ken O'Flynn. [7668/26]

*1020. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or the HSE has undertaken, commissioned, or reviewed any health economic or cost-benefit analysis on the use of GLP-1 receptor agonist medicines, including tirzepatide and semaglutide, for obesity treatment and the prevention of type 2 diabetes; if so, the details and outcomes of any such analysis; and if not, whether she intends to commission such an assessment in light of evidence on long-term savings to the health service. — Ken O'Flynn. [7676/26]

*1021. To ask the Minister for Health the current policy position of her Department regarding the reimbursement of GLP-1 receptor agonist medicines under the Drugs Payment Scheme;

whether any review is under way to consider broader eligibility criteria; and the expected timeline for any decision on changes to reimbursement policy. — Ken O’Flynn. [7677/26]

*1022. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has assessed the potential impact of GLP-1 receptor agonist medicines on reducing the future incidence of type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and associated complications; whether such preventative outcomes are factored into medicines reimbursement decisions; and if she will outline how prevention-based savings are weighted in funding assessments. — Ken O’Flynn. [7678/26]

*1023. To ask the Minister for Health what consideration has been given to the equity implications of high out-of-pocket costs for GLP-1 receptor agonist medicines; whether the Department has examined the risk of access being determined by ability to pay rather than clinical need; and if she will outline any measures under consideration to address this issue. — Ken O’Flynn. [7679/26]

*1024. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved occupational therapy posts, per population, in psychiatry of later life services across each health region; if there are integrated health areas that currently do not have approved occupational therapy posts, in tabular form. — Liam Quaide. [7685/26]

*1025. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved social work posts, per population, in psychiatry of later life services across each health region; if there are integrated health areas that currently do not have approved social work posts, in tabular form. — Liam Quaide. [7686/26]

*1026. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved community mental health nurse posts, per population, in psychiatry of later life services across each health region; if there are integrated health areas that currently do not have approved community mental health nurse posts, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [7687/26]

*1027. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for the proposed establishment of regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; the governance, funding and accountability arrangements for these structures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [7701/26]

*1028. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which population-based planning, that will be used for new National Drugs Strategy structures, will address deprivation and local need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [7702/26]

*1029. To ask the Minister for Health the consultation which has taken place with local drug and alcohol task forces and communities ahead of the proposed regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [7703/26]

*1030. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the independent, community-led nature, and preventative role, of task forces will be protected in the new proposed regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [7704/26]

*1031. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that there is currently no head child psychologist currently working in Wexford Primary Care Psychology Service for Children

and Adolescents; that the current waitlist for this service is three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [7705/26]

*1032. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the rationale for the proposed establishment of regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; and to clarify the governance, funding and accountability arrangements for these structures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [7707/26]

*1033. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which population-based planning, that will be used for new National Drugs Strategy structures, will address deprivation and local need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [7708/26]

*1034. To ask the Minister for Health the consultation that has taken place with local drug and alcohol task forces and communities ahead of the proposed regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [7709/26]

*1035. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the independent, community-led nature, and preventative role, of task forces will be protected in the new proposed regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [7710/26]

*1036. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the case of a person (details supplied) who has been awaiting a total knee replacement for over five years at Beaumont Hospital; the reason, despite the length of time on the waiting list and the clinical complexity of the case, surgery has still not been scheduled; the steps which are being taken to prioritise long-waiting patients whose quality of life has been severely impacted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7715/26]

*1037. To ask the Minister for Health if she will intervene to support the case of a person (details supplied) in urgent need of life-saving medication; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7717/26]

*1038. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the lack of dental services for persons with disabilities due to overcrowding in Galway University Hospital; the number of patients that have been seen in Galway University Hospital for this service in each of the years, 2023, 2024, and 2025; the number of patients currently on the waiting list for this service as of January 2026; if she has considered offering this service in other regional hospitals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [7720/26]

*1039. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the timeline for the recall of baby formula (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7728/26]

*1040. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the initial confirmation from the FSAI that the baby formula involved in the mass recall (details supplied) was established to be incorrect; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7729/26]

*1041. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the engagement she is having with the FSAI in relation to the mass recall of baby formula (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7730/26]

- *1042. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the procedure whereby the recall of baby formula was communicated to parents, media outlets and other relevant organisations (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7731/26]
- *1043. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement she has had with the Irish suppliers of baby formula (details supplied) involved in the mass recall to ensure a minimal impact of families and infants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7732/26]
- *1044. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any communication campaign she is planning to offer reassurance to families in the wake of the mass recall of baby formula (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [7733/26]
- *1045. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); the arrangements in place to ensure patients can access their dental records and continuity of care in such circumstances; if any guidance is available to patients who have paid for treatment that was not completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7740/26]
- *1046. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to ensure a health surgery (details supplied) in County Waterford returns to operating on a full-time basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [7744/26]
- *1047. To ask the Minister for Health the steps which are being taken to ensure urgent access to Welireg (belzutifan) for a young adult with von Hippel-Lindau disease where clinicians advise that delay risks irreversible loss of neurological and functional ability; whether compassionate or exceptional access mechanisms are available while national reimbursement processes are ongoing; and the safeguards which are currently in place to protect such patients from avoidable permanent harm during administrative delays. — Ann Graves. [7745/26]
- *1048. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions in current or pending legislation around the use of AI in counselling/psychotherapy sessions, namely for recording sessions and notetaking; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [7749/26]
- *1049. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for the proposed establishment of regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; the governance, funding and accountability arrangements for these structures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [7753/26]
- *1050. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which population-based planning, that will be used for the new National Drugs Strategy structures, will address deprivation and local need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [7754/26]
- *1051. To ask the Minister for Health the consultation that has taken place with local drug and alcohol task forces and communities ahead of the proposed regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [7755/26]
- *1052. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the independent, community-led nature, and preventative role, of task forces will be protected in the new proposed regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [7756/26]

*1053. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to ensure urgent access to Welireg (belzutifan) for a young adult with von Hippel-Lindau disease where clinicians advise that delay risks irreversible loss of neurological and functional ability; whether compassionate or exceptional access mechanisms are available while national reimbursement processes are ongoing; the safeguards which are currently in place to protect such patients from avoidable permanent harm during administrative delays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [7757/26]

*1054. To ask the Minister for Health the agencies and bodies under the aegis of her Department; the contact information of each available to members of the Oireachtas as per the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circular 25/2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7768/26]

*1055. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 2159, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228 and 2229 of 13 January 2026, the number of chartered physiotherapists employed full-time by the HSE; the waiting lists for MSK/physiotherapy services; her views on whether certified athletic therapists are qualified to address the high percentage of MSK disorders to reducing waiting times; if, so, the steps being taken to use certified athletic therapists to reduce such waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [7777/26]

*1056. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 2159, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228 and 2229 of 13 January 2026, of the list of professions seeking to be regulated, if she is satisfied that these professions represent a risk to public safety and non-regulation is appropriate; her decision not to regulate any further profession for a number of years, should a risk to patient safety materialise or become evident, whether she has a mechanism to regulate a relevant profession, ahead of the new proposed framework; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [7778/26]

*1057. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 2159, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228 and 2229 of 13 January 2026, the way in which she plans in the intervening period to address existing or emerging risks relating to those professions which are seeking to be regulated or any other profession which may pose a risk to patient safety; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [7779/26]

*1058. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide access to a medicine for the urgent case of a person (details supplied). — Mark Wall. [7780/26]

*1059. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to ensure urgent access to Welireg (belzutifan) for a young adult with von Hippel-Lindau disease where clinicians advise that delay risks irreversible loss of neurological and functional ability; the safeguards which are currently in place to protect such patients from avoidable permanent harm during administrative delays. — Mark Wall. [7781/26]

*1060. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to ensure that cardiovascular registers, audits, and research collect and publish-sex-and equity- disaggregated data. — Ann Graves. [7796/26]

*1061. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Sláinte an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas maidir leis an gcinneadh chun an tseirbhís teiripe urlabhra a aistriú ó Leitir Mór go dtí an Tulach i gContae na Gaillimhe; cén tionchar a imreoidh an cinneadh sin ar pháistí atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís sin sa gceantar iargúlta i gConamara; agus an raibh aon comhairliúchán ag a Roinn agus ag Feidhmeannacht

na Seirbhíse Sláinte leis an bpobal i gCeantar na nOileán maidir leis sin. — Mairéad Farrell. [7797/26]

*1062. To ask the Minister for Health the steps which are being taken to ensure access to Welireg (belzutifan) for patients with von Hippel–Lindau disease whose treating clinicians advise that delay risks irreversible neurological and functional decline; if compassionate or exceptional access mechanisms are available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [7800/26]

*1063. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to delays in securing marriage notification appointments in the HSE north Lee area of Cork; her Department's plans to reduce these waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [7811/26]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for a procedure in the Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore. — Robert Troy. [7812/26]

*1065. To ask the Minister for Health her views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding vaping; her plans to address this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [7820/26]

*1066. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for the proposed establishment of regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; to clarify the governance, funding and accountability arrangements for these structures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [7836/26]

*1067. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which population-based planning, that will be used for new National Drugs Strategy structures, will address deprivation and local need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [7837/26]

*1068. To ask the Minister for Health the consultation that has taken place with local drug and alcohol task forces and communities ahead of the proposed regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [7838/26]

*1069. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the independent, community-led nature, and preventative role, of task forces will be protected in the new proposed regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [7839/26]

*1070. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for elective surgeries in midlands regional hospitals compared to those in Dublin; the plans to reduce disparities in access to healthcare services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7851/26]

*1071. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GP vacancies in rural practices as of January 2026; the incentives offered to attract medical professionals to these areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7852/26]

*1072. To ask the Minister for Health the impact of the HSE's winter plan on emergency department overcrowding in 2025; the additional resources allocated to support frontline staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7853/26]

*1073. To ask the Minister for Health the eligibility criteria for the drug payment scheme; whether adjustments are planned to account for rising living costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7854/26]

*1074. To ask the Minister for Health the total expenditure on mental health services in primary care settings for 2025; the evaluation metrics used to assess service effectiveness; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7855/26]

*1075. To ask the Minister for Health the number of rapid response vehicles in operation in Cavan and Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [7872/26]

*1076. To ask the Minister for Health if additional rapid response vehicles would help reduce ambulance response times in Cavan and Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [7873/26]

*1077. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding endometriosis care in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [7874/26]

*1078. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the dental screening programme in Cavan and Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [7875/26]

*1079. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the orthodontist programme in Cavan and Monaghan. — Cathy Bennett. [7876/26]

*1080. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the implementation of screening for spinal muscular atrophy as part of the National Newborn Bloodspot Screening Programme (heel prick test); the specific milestones that have been set for its rollout; the body, agency or individuals responsible for delivery; the reasons for delays in reaching these milestones to date; the actions being taken to expedite implementation, given the urgency of early diagnosis and treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [7917/26]

*1081. To ask the Minister for Health the reason low-dose atropine (0.05%) eye drops for myopia control are difficult to obtain or totally unavailable (details supplied); if she will make provision for this medicine to be sourced for children who need them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [7918/26]

*1082. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7932/26]

*1083. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7950/26]

*1084. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant and filled psychologist posts respectively, with the HSE, in County Mayo; the measures her Department is taking to increase such jobs in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [8022/26]

- *1085. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a clinical psychologist currently assigned to the CAMHS team serving Mullingar; and the number of WTE posts filled and vacant. — Sorca Clarke. [8053/26]
- *1086. To ask the Minister for Health the steps her Department is taking to enhance early-intervention protocols within youth mental health services, specifically regarding the identification of individuals exhibiting early signs of severe psychiatric distress; the supports for families to navigate these critical periods; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [8055/26]
- *1087. To ask the Minister for Health the guidance or training which has been provided to primary care and mental health professionals concerning the assessment and management of patients whose psychotic symptoms may be interwoven with extremist ideological content online; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [8056/26]
- *1088. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has had an appointment cancelled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8065/26]
- *1089. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has carried out research on the effect of privatisation in the home care sector on the pay and conditions of workers in the sector as well as the overall quality of service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [8080/26]
- *1090. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of a strategy (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [8125/26]
- *1091. To ask the Minister for Health the measures in place to ensure timely access to appropriate treatments for patients with von Hippel-Lindau disease, given the risk of irreversible deterioration where treatment is delayed; how such cases are managed while reimbursement processes are underway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [8126/26]
- *1092. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurse positions in each county. — Peadar Tóibín. [8134/26]
- *1093. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses who have resigned in each county over the past five years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [8135/26]
- *1094. To ask the Minister for Health the number of agency nurses working as public health nurses in each county, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [8136/26]
- *1095. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the fact that public health nurses in some counties are permitted to work four-day weeks, while others are not allowed any leeway in terms of working hours; the reason for this discrepancy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [8137/26]
- *1096. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses in each county who are currently on sick leave; and the number of whom are citing stress as the reasoning for their leave. — Peadar Tóibín. [8138/26]

*1097. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurse vacancies in each health centre; the number of weeks they have been vacant, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [8139/26]

*1098. To ask the Minister for Health the number of regular general nurse positions vacant in each health centre nationwide; and the number of weeks for which they have been vacant, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [8140/26]

*1099. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid out by the HSE to agencies to provide agency staff to cover vacant RGN and PHN positions in health centres nationwide in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [8141/26]

*1100. To ask the Minister for Health the age in months of the oldest child to receive a 21-24 month developmental check in each county; and if she is aware of any region which is experiencing a delay in conducting such developmental checks. — Peadar Tóibín. [8142/26]

*1101. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home care hours currently waiting to be released in each county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [8144/26]

*1102. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who have been approved for home care hours but have not received those home care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [8145/26]

*1103. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of sick days taken by staff in her Department for each of the years 2022 to 2025; the average days lost per employee for each year, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [8165/26]

*1104. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the development of a primary care centre at An Spidéal, County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [8171/26]

*1105. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the development of a primary care centre at Inisboffin, County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [8172/26]

*1106. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the development of a primary care centre at Oughterard, County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [8173/26]

*1107. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the development of a primary care centre at Clifden, County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [8174/26]

*1108. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the development of a primary care centre at Claregalway, County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [8175/26]

*1109. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the development of a primary care centre at Oranmore, County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [8176/26]

*1110. To ask the Minister for Health whether a person with a disability who holds a long-term illness card, and whose prescribed medications are covered under the long-term illness scheme, is entitled as part of that scheme to have those medications dispensed in clinically required blister packs to enable safe administration in a home-care setting; if this service has been funded by the State to date; when any decision was taken to withdraw or limit such funding; the policy rationale for that decision; and if she will confirm that essential medication compliance supports, including pharmacist-prepared blister packing, will continue to be covered where clinically indicated. — Ken O’Flynn. [8227/26]

*1111. To ask the Minister for Health if the forthcoming National Drug Strategy will outline alternatives to the current local and regional drug and alcohol task forces. — Ann Graves. [8232/26]

*1112. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for the proposed establishment of regionals structures under the National Drugs Strategy; to clarify the governance, funding and accountability arrangements for these structures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ann Graves. [8233/26]

*1113. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which population-based planning, that will be used for new National Drugs Strategy structures, will address deprivation and local need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ann Graves. [8234/26]

*1114. To ask the Minister for Health the consultation which has taken place with local drug and alcohol task forces and communities ahead of the proposed regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ann Graves. [8235/26]

*1115. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the independent, community-led nature, and preventative role, of task forces will be protected in the new proposed regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ann Graves. [8236/26]

*1116. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to extend the scheme for healthcare workers who contracted long-Covid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [8239/26]

*1117. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the status of a paediatric neurology appointment for a child (details supplied) awaiting assessment in Sligo University Hospital; if steps can be taken to expedite the appointment given the clinical circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [8242/26]

*1118. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioner practices in receipt of the social deprivation practice grant in each of the years since its introduction, by health region, and integrated healthcare area, in tabular form; the total amount provided in each year; the average grant awarded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [8252/26]

*1119. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a proposal to implement a new social deprivation practice grant has not been progressed (details supplied); her plans to implement this proposal; the timeline for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [8253/26]

*1120. To ask the Minister for Health if any additional supports will be provided to general practitioners in the most deprived areas to assist with the chronic disease management programme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [8254/26]

*1121. To ask the Minister for Health whether elective procedures at Tallaght Hospital are currently being scheduled (details supplied); if not, the reason; and when they will likely be scheduled again. — Paul Murphy. [8256/26]

*1122. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for the proposed establishment of regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; to clarify the governance, funding and accountability arrangements for these structures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [8257/26]

*1123. To ask the Minister for Health how population-based planning, that will be used for new National Drugs Strategy structures, will address deprivation and local need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [8258/26]

*1124. To ask the Minister for Health the consultation that has taken place with local drug and alcohol task forces and communities ahead of the proposed regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [8259/26]

*1125. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the independent, community-led nature, and preventative role of task forces will be protected in the new proposed regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [8260/26]

*1126. To ask the Minister for Health if she plans to establish a national system for professional interpreting services in the HSE (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [8261/26]

*1127. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric gastroenterologists based at Cork University Hospital as of 28 January 2026. — Alan Kelly. [8295/26]

*1128. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE HSE-employed podiatrists, by grade, working within older persons services in CHO3 as of 28 January 2026, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [8296/26]

*1129. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to end the local and regional drug and alcohol task forces; if she plans to reform the 24 current locations and set ups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [8316/26]

*1130. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 11 of 22 January 2026, the date of and the matters discussed in the meeting with pro-life groups she referred to in the response; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [8318/26]

*1131. To ask the Minister for Health the total funding that will be allocated for respite for older people in 2026. — Mark Wall. [8327/26]

- *1132. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to provide a mental health crisis unit in County Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [8331/26]
- *1133. To ask the Minister for Health the reason many patients receiving mental health treatment, have received cancellations from St. Otteran's Hospital Campus, John's Hill, Waterford, noting that this clinic provides service to many patients from County Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [8332/26]
- *1134. To ask the Minister for Health of the 620 people taking legal action against the State as a result of the cyber-attack on the health service have accepted the offer of compensation; if the number of persons taking legal action has increased following publicity around the compensation offer; the number of persons currently taking legal action against the State as a result of the cyber attack; and the nature of the claims, privacy breaches, psychological distress, missed appointments, health impacts and so on. — Peadar Tóibín. [8336/26]
- *1135. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for the proposed establishment of regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; the governance, funding and accountability arrangements for these structures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [8357/26]
- *1136. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which population-based planning, that will be used for new National Drugs Strategy structures, will address deprivation and local need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [8358/26]
- *1137. To ask the Minister for Health the consultation which has taken place with local drug and alcohol task forces and communities ahead of the proposed regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [8359/26]
- *1138. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the independent, community-led nature, and preventative role, of Task Forces will be protected in the new proposed regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [8360/26]
- *1139. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Birr First Responder Group was not alerted to an incident at a location (details supplied) on 27 January 2026; the reason the fire service was dispatched instead; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [8367/26]
- *1140. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dietitians, by grade posts, filled at each primary care centre within CHO7 as of 27 January 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [8371/26]
- *1141. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant in geriatric medicine based at St James's Hospital as of 27 January 2026; the average waiting times to see these consultants for the first time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [8372/26]
- *1142. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to cases related to the fair deal scheme (details supplied); her views on how best for people in these circumstances to proceed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8384/26]

*1143. To ask the Minister for Health to outline her approach to long-Covid; the funding allocations made to research and counteract long-term side effects; and the steps being taken to address this issue. — Pat Buckley. [8408/26]

*1144. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is concerned that more than two years on from the exposure of the spinal surgery implant scandal at Temple Street Hospital, the Medical Council who were requested to investigate the surgeon at the centre of the scandal (details supplied), appear to have issued the same surgeon a certificate of good standing to practice in the US; if she will seek clarity from the Medical Council on whether they did issue such a certificate; and the status of their investigation. — Paul Murphy. [8411/26]

*1145. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE does not collect and monitor data relating to adult waiting lists and times for dental treatment provided under the dental treatment service scheme, or data relating to private patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [8424/26]

*1146. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed national rollout of the iSIMPATHY medication safety programme, which demonstrated improved patient outcomes and cost savings during its HSE pilot; the timeline for national implementation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8432/26]

*1147. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to strengthen national medication safety initiatives in line with the WHO “Medication Without Harm” programme; if she will report on progress in ensuring that every patient has access to clear medication information, including the medicines list recently incorporated into the Health App; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8433/26]

*1148. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the AMRIC antimicrobial resistance programme; the additional supports or resources allocated to sustain this work in 2026; if she will provide assurances that the programme will remain a priority given its patient safety importance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8434/26]

*1149. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which patient empowerment and health literacy will be embedded within the new health regions; the structures in place to ensure meaningful engagement with patient advocacy groups, including an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8435/26]

*1150. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will commit to formal, ongoing engagement with an organisation (details supplied) as part of the implementation of the WHO Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021–2030; the current channels of engagement between her Department, the HSE and the organisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8436/26]

*1151. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to develop or update a national health literacy strategy to support patient empowerment, particularly for marginalised and high-risk groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [8437/26]

*1152. To ask the Minister for Health the costs to date, including start-up cost of Ireland’s Covid-19 evaluation; if she will provide incurred costs by heading (details supplied); the number of staff working on the evaluation; a detailed outline of its work to date; the anticipated date of

completion; and if she has been provided with an interim report to date, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [8458/26]

*1153. To ask the Minister for Health the point at which, and level at which her Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General is at in respect of the civil service pay scales; the duration for same; and the plans to revise current remuneration arrangements. — Aidan Farrelly. [8469/26]

*1154. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the number of instances that the National Ambulance Service has provided an ambulance to Shannon Airport for medical cover from January 2024 to January 2025 inclusive; the number of hours those resources were onsite for those instances for the same dates by month, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [8499/26]

*1155. To ask the Minister for Health the current resources and staff allocation to County Clare palliative care including the provision for home care palliative care and residential palliative care; the staffing allocation including current vacancies. — Joe Cooney. [8505/26]

*1156. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE infection prevention and control clinical nurse specialist posts that have been filled for the County Clare area as of 23 January 2026, in tabular form. — Joe Cooney. [8506/26]

*1157. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the full membership of the Alcohol Act Technical Evaluation Group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8520/26]

*1158. To ask the Minister for Health the full terms of reference of the Alcohol Act Technical Evaluation Group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8521/26]

*1159. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times that the Alcohol Act Technical Evaluation Group has met; when these meetings took place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8522/26]

*1160. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for when the Alcohol Act Technical Evaluation Group will report to her; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8523/26]

*1161. To ask the Minister for Health when she proposes to meet with the Alcohol Act Technical Evaluation Group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [8524/26]

*1162. To ask the Minister for Health the reason nurses based in the community do not receive a car and pay for their own car expenses. — Thomas Gould. [8526/26]

*1163. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the proposed primary care unit for Lismore, County Waterford; whether this facility was previously promised; and to provide a clear timeline for its delivery, including details on site identification, funding allocation, design, tendering and construction stages, given the growing healthcare needs of the Lismore and wider west Waterford area. — Conor D. McGuinness. [8529/26]

*1164. To ask the Minister for Health where a councillor cannot attend a meeting of a regional health forum, if it is possible for that councillor to be substituted on that day from the same council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [8536/26]

*1165. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to extending the bowel screening age beyond 70 years old; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [8537/26]

*1166. To ask the Minister for Health the number and location of housing or residential properties owned by the HSE per IHA; for a list of all vacant properties owned by the HSE per IHA; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [8538/26]

*1167. To ask the Minister for Health if attendance by the integrated health area (IHA) manager of each IHA is mandatory at regional health forums; and if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [8539/26]

*1168. To ask the Minister for Health if there has been consideration of a paramedic bank or paramedic reserve to assist with surge capacity nationally and the figures required in each region to support surge weeks, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [8540/26]

*1169. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the building of the new planned Loughlinstown Health Centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [8541/26]

*1170. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists assigned to local authorities, in particular for assessment of housing adaption grants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [8543/26]

*1171. To ask the Minister for Health if a data-sharing agreement between the HSE and An Garda Síochána is in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Brabazon. [8567/26]

*1172. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a planned consolidation of task forces; if there is a timetable in place; if so, if there will be consultation on the change; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [8580/26]

*1173. To ask the Minister for Health to outline who is conducting the current review of the HSE's 2017 position paper on wind turbines and public health; the terms of reference governing this review; the expertise represented on the review group, including public health and environmental noise specialists; and when these details will be published, in order to support public confidence and planning certainty for renewable energy infrastructure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8585/26]

*1174. To ask the Minister for Health what arrangements are in place to ensure that the HSE review of its 2017 position paper on wind turbines is conducted independently, transparently and in accordance with best practice in public health assessment; and whether there will be an opportunity for relevant stakeholders, including communities and planning authorities, to make submissions on implementation issues, while safeguarding the scientific integrity of the evidence review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8586/26]

- *1175. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE review of its 2017 position paper on wind turbines will be explicitly required to assess the most up-to-date peer-reviewed scientific evidence and the latest WHO environmental noise guidelines; and whether she will publish confirmation of the evidentiary standards being applied, in order to provide long-term regulatory certainty and facilitate the timely delivery of renewable energy projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8587/26]
- *1176. To ask the Minister for Health when the long-awaited Killarney community hospital will open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [8600/26]
- *1177. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated to the to the drugs task force in Kilkenny in each of the past five years; to provide an outline of the activity in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [8605/26]
- *1178. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an itemised breakdown of allocations made towards combatting loneliness between 2019 and 2025, indicating which specific organisations and projects have been supported, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [8606/26]
- *1179. To ask the Minister for Health whether she has directed, or will direct, the National Ambulance Service to collect and publish monthly data on the number of emergency calls classified as clinical status 1 purple and red where the response time exceeds 60 minutes; if not, the reasons this data is not currently required as part of national performance oversight; and the date from which such reporting will commence. — Ken O'Flynn. [8611/26]
- *1180. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for excluding response times exceeding 60 minutes for clinical status 1 purple and red emergency calls from the key performance indicators of the National Ambulance Service; when this policy decision was taken; and whether she considers the exclusion of extreme delays to be consistent with patient safety and international best practice in emergency care governance. — Ken O'Flynn. [8612/26]
- *1181. To ask the Minister for Health when she was first made aware that the National Ambulance Service does not collate or report data on life-threatening emergency calls where response times exceed 60 minutes; whether this issue has been raised with her Department by the HSE or the NAS; and what actions, if any, she has taken since becoming aware of this gap in oversight. — Ken O'Flynn. [8613/26]
- *1182. To ask the Minister for Health what formal escalation, intervention, or corrective measures are triggered when national or regional response time targets for clinical status 1 purple and red emergency calls are not met by the National Ambulance Service; whether any such measures were triggered during 2025; and if not, how target compliance is enforced in practice. — Ken O'Flynn. [8614/26]
- *1183. To ask the Minister for Health whether median response times for clinical status 1 purple and red emergency calls are collected by the National Ambulance Service; if so, to provide the median response times for each of the past 12 months by HSE region; and if not, the reasons median data is not used alongside averages in assessing emergency response performance. — Ken O'Flynn. [8615/26]
- *1184. To ask the Minister for Health the assessment her Department has undertaken of the persistent variation in emergency ambulance response performance between HSE regions for

clinical status 1 purple and red calls; whether staffing levels, fleet availability, or geographic coverage have been identified as contributory factors; and the national actions which are being taken to address regional inequity in emergency response times. — Ken O’Flynn. [8616/26]

*1185. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider the provision of suicide crisis assessment nurses in the Kerry area (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [8655/26]

*1186. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for the proposed establishment of regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; to clarify the governance, funding and accountability arrangements for these structures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [8672/26]

*1187. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which population-based planning, which will be used for the new National Drugs Strategy structures, will address deprivation and local need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [8673/26]

*1188. To ask the Minister for Health the consultation which has taken place with Local Drug and Alcohol Task Forces and communities ahead of the proposed regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [8674/26]

*1189. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the independent, community-led nature, and preventative role, of task forces will be protected in the new proposed regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [8675/26]

*1190. To ask the Minister for Health the number of infringements of the Public Health (Sunbeds) Act recorded in 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [8750/26]

*1191. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to introduce a legislative ban on sunbeds once the results of a working group report and public consultation are analysed; and the timeline of this. — Erin McGreehan. [8751/26]

*1192. To ask the Minister for Health when the results of a public consultation on a potential ban on sunbeds will be made public; when the working group will submit its own report to her; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [8752/26]

*1193. To ask the Minister for Health her views that there is no safe limit for exposure to UV radiation from sunbeds and that using a sunbed even once increases your risk of cancer. — Erin McGreehan. [8753/26]

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

*1194. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to provide financial supports for Irish students studying in the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [8325/26]

*1195. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science given that 3rd level institutions produce lists of counsellors/psychotherapists for their students who wish to engage in personal therapy, his views on the way in which these institutions choose these counsellors/psychotherapists, given that there is no existing set of professional standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [7403/26]

*1196. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science given that 3rd level institutions produce lists of counsellors/psychotherapists for their students who have to engage in supervision, his views on the way in which these institutions choose these counsellors/psychotherapists, given that there is no existing set of professional standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [7404/26]

*1197. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which he plans to ensure that people in lower socioeconomic backgrounds can train to become counsellors/therapists given that the cost of these courses are several thousand euro, before the added expense of textbooks, personal therapy, supervision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [7405/26]

*1198. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of participants from County Offaly in skills development and training programs funded by his Department in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7527/26]

*1199. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated total cost of the proposed national online AI and digital skills platform intended to upskill up to one million people; the funding source for this initiative, including whether funding will be drawn from his Department's Vote, the National Training Fund, or another source; the multi-annual budgetary provision envisaged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [7633/26]

*1200. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the delivery model proposed for the national AI and digital skills upskilling platform; whether delivery will be provided directly by the State, through SOLAS, or via contracted private or third-party e-learning providers; the procurement process envisaged for selecting any such providers; and the governance and oversight arrangements that will apply. — Ken O'Flynn. [7634/26]

*1201. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the specific target cohorts for the proposed AI and digital skills platform; whether participation will be open to workers, jobseekers, SMEs, the self-employed, and those outside the labour force; the measures planned to ensure accessibility for people with low baseline digital skills; and if he will outline how uptake will be measured. — Ken O'Flynn. [7635/26]

*1202. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the proposed micro-credential framework referenced for the AI and digital skills platform; how stackability and formal recognition of qualifications will operate; whether these micro-credentials will align with the National Framework of Qualifications; and what engagement has taken place with employers and higher-education institutions in this regard. — Ken O'Flynn. [7636/26]

*1203. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the evidence base used to support the target of upskilling one million people in AI and digital skills; the data sources relied upon, including reports from Ibec, OECD and the National Skills Council; and whether the Department has set interim targets or timelines for delivery. — Ken O’Flynn. [7637/26]

*1204. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the functions, staffing complement, and annual operating cost of the proposed National Skills Observatory; how it will operate within SOLAS; the nature of the labour-market intelligence and forecasting it will provide; and how its outputs will inform policy and funding decisions. — Ken O’Flynn. [7638/26]

*1205. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how the proposed AI and digital skills initiatives will address regional and sectoral skills gaps; whether specific provision will be made for construction, manufacturing, retail, and SMEs; and how regional disparities identified by the National Skills Observatory will be acted upon. — Ken O’Flynn. [7639/26]

*1206. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the agencies and bodies under the aegis of his Department; the contact information of each available to members of the Oireachtas as per the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circular 25/2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7767/26]

*1207. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a grant scheme is available for undergraduates granted a position in a four-year undergraduate course in an American university; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [7776/26]

*1208. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7931/26]

*1209. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7949/26]

*1210. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the Government is funding interdisciplinary research into the intersection of digital technology, mental health, and societal violence to inform evidence-based policy across the departments of Health, Justice, Home Affairs and Migration and Culture, Communications and Sport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [8064/26]

*1211. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the work underway to support third level institutions to actively support students to develop digital and AI skills to better equip the workforce of future. — Emer Currie. [8249/26]

*1212. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the position regarding the publication of his Department's Student Accommodation Strategy 2025–2035; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [8314/26]

*1213. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the point at which, and level at which his Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General is at in respect of the civil service pay scales; the duration for same; and the plans to revise current remuneration arrangements. — Aidan Farrelly. [8468/26]

*1214. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline grants and funding opportunities that are available for people pursuing counselling and psychotherapy qualifications, in particular for course with (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [8569/26]

*1215. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans to increase AI training places on Springboard+, Skillset, and Solas micro-credential courses in 2026. — Emer Currie. [8741/26]

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

*1216. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta cén scrúdú a dhéanfar ar an bhféidearthacht go n-oibreodh Údarás na Gaeltachta le hUisce Éireann agus le húdaráis áitiúla chun tacú le tógáil tithíochta do phobail na Gaeilge, cén amlíne atá leis an scrúdú sin, an bhfuil tús curtha leis an scrúdú agus cathain a bheidh toradh an scrúdaithe ar fáil don phobal. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7833/26]

*1217. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil sé i gceist aige Scéim na mBóithre Áise a athbhunú le go bhféadfaí caoi a chur ar bhóithre nach bóithre Comhairle Contae iad; má tá sé i gceist an Scéim sin a athbhunú, cén uair a bheidh an scéim oscailte le haghaidh iarratas; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — John Connolly. [7458/26]

*1218. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the amount of funding that was made available by his Department to Carlow County Council through the Local Enhancement Programme in 2024 and 2025; the amount that was drawn down by Carlow County Council in 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [7682/26]

*1219. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the breakdown of the total funding made available by his Department in 2024 and 2025, through the Local Enhancement Programme to each local authority; the amount that was drawn down by each local authority in 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [7683/26]

*1220. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the agencies and bodies under the aegis of his Department; the contact information of each available to members of the Oireachtas as per the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circular 25/2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7772/26]

*1221. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7936/26]

*1222. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether his Department or any body under its remit has any contracts with an organisation (details supplied); or has contracted work from that organisation within the past two years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7954/26]

*1223. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the total number of sick days taken by staff in his Department for each of the years 2022 to 2025; the average days lost per employee for each year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [8163/26]

*1224. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide a break down of the funding allocated by each county council in each of the years 2020 to date, under the LIS, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [8388/26]

*1225. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide a break down of the funding drawn down by each county council in each of the years 2020 to date, under the LIS, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [8390/26]

*1226. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the point at which, and level at which his Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General is at in respect of the civil service pay scales; the duration for same; and the plans to revise current remuneration arrangements. — Aidan Farrelly. [8473/26]

*1227. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his Departmental strategy to expand connected hubs and remote working infrastructure, including the potential for new hubs in County Clare. — Joe Cooney. [8507/26]

*1228. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil ar údaráis áitiúla ar a laghad duine amháin ar bhonn coibhéis lánaimseartha a bheith fostaithe acu chun obair ar fhorbairt na Gaeilge faoi Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8517/26]

*1229. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide details of all available grants in 2026 for tidy town groups, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [8548/26]

*1230. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide details of all available grants in 2026 for walkways, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [8549/26]

*1231. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether he will review the eligibility boundaries used for the CLÁR programme to ensure they accurately reflect current levels of rural disadvantage, service access, and population change. — Pat Buckley. [8736/26]

*1232. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the measures in place to support community centres with ongoing operational pressures such as energy, insurance, and staffing costs, beyond one off capital grants. — Pat Buckley. [8737/26]

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

1. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when he intends to publish the successor to Our Rural Future for the period beyond 2025; and whether that new strategy will include clear, measurable targets for rural services, rural employment, rural housing and ensuring population sustainability. — Conor D. McGuinness. [8692/26]

2. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta nuashonrú a thabhairt maidir leis na hiarrachtaí atá Údarás na Gaeltachta ag déanamh chun tacú le forbairt tithíochta cónaithe sna réigiúin Ghaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — John Connolly. [7697/26]

3. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the funding available through his Department for community festivals such as a festival (details supplied) in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [7869/26]

4. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of buildings purchased under the town and village renewal scheme. — Peadar Tóibín. [8629/26]

5. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if the cut in the rural development spend in Budget 2026 is a trend he sees persisting throughout the lifetime of the current Government. — Sorca Clarke. [8710/26]

6. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide an update on the development of the new strategy to support the community and voluntary sector in Ireland for 2026-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [8241/26]

7. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on the implementation of rural proofing. — Cathy Bennett. [8717/26]

8. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his plans to reopen the shovel ready community centre scheme. — Thomas Gould. [8050/26]

9. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta an nglacann sé leis an athbhreithniú ar phleananna teanga sa Ghaeltacht go bhfuil staid “éigeandála sa Ghaeltacht” agus géarghá le gníomh “práinneach” le dul i ngleic le meath na teanga sa phobal; an

geuirfidh an Rialtas moltaí an athbhreithnithe i bhfeidhm ina n-iomlán; an féidir leis na botúin a bhí le ceartú tar éis foilsíúcháin na tuarascála a chur in iúl agus a mhíniú. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8765/26]

10. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his Department's engagement with Cork County Council regarding the development of remote working hubs facilities in Cork; if further investment is planned to expand remote working opportunities and connected hubs in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [8191/26]

11. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta conas a chomhlíonfaidh an Rialtas an riachtanas go mbeidh 20 faoin gcéad d'earcaigh nua seirbhíse poiblí inniúil sa Ghaeilge faoi 2030; céard iad na gníomhartha earcaíochta agus oiliúna atá sa sceideal do 2026; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [8689/26]

12. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta cén dul chun cinn atá déanta chun Scéim na mBóithre Áise a chur ar fáil arís; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aindrias Moynihan. [8276/26]

13. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta an soiléireoidh sé cén fáth ar leasigh a Roinn a bhfreagra ar an Athbhreithniú Pleanála Teanga a foilsíodh le déanaí, agus an bhfuil sé ar intinn aige an tuarascáil a athbhreithniú i bhfianaise an aiseolais a fuarthas agus na míchruinneas atá tuairiscithe. — Louise O'Reilly. [8729/26]

14. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil sé ag obair chun níos mó spásanna ar chúrsaí samhraidh sa Ghaeltacht a leathnú chun freastal ar an éileamh méadaithe i mbliana; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [8727/26]

15. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether he is satisfied that Town Centre First, Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme, and Rural Regeneration and Development Fund are being matched with sufficient delivery capacity within local authorities; and the concrete changes have occurred on the ground as a result of the policy. — Sorca Clarke. [8709/26]

16. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the measures in place to support community centres with ongoing operational pressures such as energy, insurance, and staffing costs, beyond one off capital grants. — Louise O'Reilly. [8731/26]

17. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will include costly water connection charges for funding on applications under the Community Centre Investment Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [8275/26]

18. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the progress of the Town Centre First initiative in Galway east; his plans to support regeneration in towns and villages across County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [7450/26]

19. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the planned 2026 funding allocation for the local improvement scheme (LIS) in counties Sligo and

Leitrim; if he will provide additional supports to local authorities with significant LIS backlogs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [8244/26]

20. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil sé sásta an maoiniú cuí a chur ar fáil d'Údarás na Gaeltachta chun rannóg tithíochta a chur ar bun san Údarás le comhordú a dhéanamh ar straitéis chun dul i ngleic leis an éigeandáil tithíochta Gaeltachta, comhordú a dhéanamh ar thógáil tithíochta ag na húdaráis áitiúla agus ag na comhlachtaí tithíochta ceadaithe agus pleanáil go straitéiseach don líon tithe breise atá ag teastáil chun inmharthanacht na Gaeltachta a chinntiú. — Barry Heneghan. [8725/26]

21. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if his Department's Our Rural Future Strategy envisions encouraging people to leave Dublin (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8410/26]

22. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if funding to support the refurbishment of community centres will be made available in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [8724/26]

23. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will outline the average yearly allocation to the Leader Programme since 2007, by programme. — Matt Carthy. [8633/26]

24. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number properties have been purchased nationally to date under the town and village renewal scheme's building and land acquisition measure, which allows local authorities to purchase vacant or derelict buildings for regeneration; and the number of these acquisitions that have taken place in County Mayo. — Paul Lawless. [8715/26]

25. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of applications received per year 2023-2024, and per county, for funding under the Community Recognition Fund; the number therein that were successful, the number that were unsuccessful, in each county; the allocation that will be provided to each county in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [8632/26]

26. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his Department's efforts to tackle dereliction in rural towns and villages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [7451/26]

27. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme will open for applications in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [8723/26]

28. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will outline a timeframe for the implementation of the national plan for Irish language public service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [8628/26]

29. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht given the continued presence of derelict buildings in towns and villages across County Mayo, if the Minister will outline the funding Mayo County Council has received under recent rounds of the town and village renewal scheme and the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for the

purpose of acquiring or refurbishing derelict properties; and the further supports that will be made available in 2026. — Paul Lawless. [8716/26]

30. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will outline the importance of the Action Plan for Irish Language Public Services 2026-2028; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [8719/26]

31. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he is aware of the funding difficulties being experienced by the Fingal centre in Finglas, following his visit to the centre in 2025; and if he has given further consideration to open the Community Services Programme for applications to allow centres such as this to apply. — Paul McAuliffe. [8385/26]

32. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will outline the delivery of the new Local Enhancement Programme for organisations in north Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [8720/26]

33. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if the local improvement scheme will open for applications this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [8630/26]

34. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if it is proposed to review the CLÁR areas with a view to extending to new areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8698/26]

35. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta cén freagra atá aige ar an litir curtha isteach chuige ag grúpa agóide thar cheann BÁNÚ ar an Luan 26ú Eanáir 2026 ag oifigí na Roinne sna Forbacha. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8766/26]

36. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the sources of funding his Department makes available for the development of community centres, particularly in areas with a clear and longstanding deficit in community infrastructure. — Conor D. McGuinness. [8693/26]

37. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if CLÁR will open for applications in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [8631/26]

38. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on his engagements regarding the LEADER programme under the next EU budgetary cycle. — Cathy Bennett. [8718/26]

39. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when another round of category 1 funding for the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund will be announced; the criteria that will apply; the measures in place, to ensure a fair distribution of funds; the date on which applications will open and close; if projects which were previously unsuccessful will be allowed to re-submit (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [7868/26]

40. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta conas a chinnteoidh an Plean Gníomhaíochta do Sheirbhísí Poiblí Gaeilge, 2026–2028 go mbeidh

seirbhísí a chuirtear ar fáil trí Ghaeilge ar fáil de réir caighdeán comhsheasmhach cáilíochta ar fud comhlachtaí poiblí in 2026; cén mhéadracht feidhmíochta a úsáidfear chun an caighdeán sin a mheas; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [8688/26]

41. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the criteria for a community horse project to be included in Pobal funding; the programmes that Pobal can offer for a community horse project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [8685/26]

42. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the steps his Department is taking to support the development of community spaces in Cork north central; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [8278/26]

43. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when the next round of the community centres investment fund and community and halls investments scheme will be launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [8342/26]

44. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will urgently increase funding allocations to local authorities for the local improvement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [8198/26]

45. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he is satisfied that public signage is adequately translated and displayed in the Irish language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [8199/26]

46. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if funding is available through his Department to support insurance and safety-related costs for a local community playground; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [8243/26]

47. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the planned 2026 funding allocation for the local improvement scheme; if additional supports will be provided to local authorities with significant backlogs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [8277/26]

48. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the total level of funding allocated to County Cork under the Community Centres Investment Fund to date; if further funding will be made available under the fund in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [8192/26]

49. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether it is his position that the rural resettlement scheme should be re-established (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8409/26]

50. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether funding is available for a proposal (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [8049/26]

51. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will report on the support she is providing the Auschwitz Birkenau Foundation’s Holocaust Education programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [8340/26]

52. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the action Ireland is taking in relation to the repression of civil society and democratic opposition, and the undermining of democracy and the rule of law in Russia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [8285/26]

53. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on whether clear criteria should be put in place for the decision on whether or not there is a referendum on a United Ireland; the timing of such a referendum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [8344/26]

54. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the contact she and her officials have had with a person (details supplied) who is currently incarcerated in a German prison since September 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [8646/26]

55. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which she is developing our links with Canada; if her Department is providing to a school (details supplied) to support this work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [8288/26]

56. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department has concerns regarding the ability of citizens to exercise their rights under GDPR and the EU AI Act being undermined by the provisions currently proposed in the digital omnibus simplification packages; whether these concerns have been raised in early discussions on the packages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [8708/26]

57. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her assessment of the current situation in Belarus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [8282/26]

58. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on her Department's stance on the amendments to the EU Morocco trade deal; the use of provisional application for the deal; the way in which it interacts with the right to self-determination of the Sahrawi people; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [8707/26]

59. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her response to the suppression of peaceful protestors in Iran; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [8625/26]

60. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Ireland accepts the legitimacy of the current government in Venezuela; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [8281/26]

61. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her Department's stance on the digital omnibus proposal, in its current form, as published by the European Commission; the proposed changes or concerns they have; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [7871/26]

62. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the action she is taking with EU counterparts in relation to the situation in Iran; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [8290/26]

63. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on the need for international pressure to vindicate the right of Western Sahara to self determination; and the Government's relations with the SADR. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [8764/26]

64. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of passports issued to Tipperary residents in 2025; the number to date in 2026; the average processing time for each application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [8345/26]

65. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her proposals to expand the Irish diplomatic footprint in areas with a growing diaspora community. — Cathy Bennett. [8712/26]

66. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will report on the recent EU Foreign Affairs Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [8291/26]

67. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on the opening of the new passport office in Cork; the services that will be provided from that office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [8193/26]

68. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on the recent engagement her Department and the Government has had with the European Union and the EU Commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [8653/26]

69. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the engagements she has had in relation to the EU-Mercosur trade agreement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [7445/26]

70. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department will prioritise overseas aid and development as a key topic during the EU presidency, particularly in the context of decreasing overseas development aid budgets across Europe, and the impact those cuts are having on communities around the world; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [8704/26]

71. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on the Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill 2025. — Thomas Gould. [8052/26]

72. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on the continued detention in Hong Kong of businessman and pro-democracy advocate Jimmy Lai, the harassment of one of his lawyers and an Irish citizen (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [8209/26]

73. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on her Department's recent engagements with the government of Ukraine in relation to the ongoing conflict, and efforts made to reach a ceasefire. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [8762/26]

74. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will consider restricting Saint Patrick's Day engagements with the Trump administration in light of the execution of protesters, kidnapping of a head of state and threats towards Greenland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [8702/26]

75. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on the Government's position in relation to potential increased tariffs; and the preparations it is making for same. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [8760/26]

76. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on the number of passports issued during 2025, with a breakdown per passport office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [8194/26]

77. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her assessment of the EU-India trade agreement; the way in which it will benefit Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [8353/26]

78. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her assessment of the current situation in Belarus; if she has had any engagement with the Belarus government-in-exile; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [8280/26]

79. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will report on Ireland's implementation of, and adherence to, the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly, which Ireland co-sponsored, arising from the ruling of the International Court of Justice in the case of the Legal Consequences arising from the Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. — Matt Carthy. [8626/26]

80. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which Ireland is working to secure a just and lasting peace that guarantees Ukraine's independence and sovereignty; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [8339/26]

81. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the engagement Ireland has had with Belarus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [8284/26]

82. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade given that Ireland contributed over €150 million to global humanitarian crises in 2024, including responses in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Yemen, and Afghanistan; the way in which it is planned to safeguard and prioritise humanitarian funding in Budget 2026; and the assessment that has been made of the risks to Irish strategic interests should global crises continue to expand. — Paul Lawless. [8701/26]

83. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline Ireland's position in relation to trade with China. — John Lahart. [8732/26]

84. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will advance the Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill 2025, for goods and services, with urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [8694/26]

85. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will outline her engagements in international fora with a view to seeking reform of the United Nations system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [8728/26]

86. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the specific commitments Ireland made at the Global Alliance meeting on the two-state solution; the way these commitments will be implemented and monitored over the course of 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [8620/26]

87. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on any discussions she has had with the UK government in relation to legacy issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8623/26]

88. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for a report on her attendance at the Coalition of the Willing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [8289/26]

89. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will consider broadening the criteria for appointing high level diplomats, including ambassadors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [8245/26]

90. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline the specific actions Ireland is currently taking in response to the significant expansion of Israeli settlements in the West Bank, including at EU and United Nations level; the way in which Ireland is raising concerns regarding breaches of international humanitarian law and the impact of settlement expansion on the viability of a two state solution; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8756/26]

91. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on her engagement with the secretary of state for Northern Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [8329/26]

92. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on recent engagements of her Department, and of the Government, with the government of the United States; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [8652/26]

93. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade in light of the record number of consular assistance cases handled by her Department in 2025, including deaths abroad, mental-health-related emergencies, and complex long-running cases, the additional staffing, resources, or operational changes that are being introduced to strengthen Ireland's consular capacity and ensure that Irish citizens overseas continue to receive timely and effective support. — Paul Lawless. [8700/26]

94. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline any projected economic return on Ireland's investment in hosting President Zelenskyy, including the strategic value of enhanced bilateral trade, Ireland-Ukraine economic forum initiatives, foreign direct investment and potential exports or reconstruction contracts, relative to the public funds expended. — Paul Lawless. [73042/25]

95. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will report on her engagement with the political parties in Northern Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8622/26]

96. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she is providing any support for the International Fund for Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [8287/26]

97. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on the situation in Iran. — John Lahart. [8733/26]

98. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the plans the Government has in terms of reforming the institutions established under the Good Friday Agreement; the engagement undertaken by her Department in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [8690/26]

99. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she believes that recent events will have any impact on the serious violations of human rights in Venezuela; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [8283/26]

100. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps her Department is taking to support the establishment of a humanitarian corridor in northern Syria; the action being taken diplomatically to protect the Kurdish population; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [8706/26]

101. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Ireland will call for Israel to admit all waiting humanitarian assistance to Gaza now that the Israeli hostage situation has ended; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [8714/26]

102. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on whether it is appropriate that the British secretary of state for Northern Ireland should have the power to decide whether an inquiry is held into legacy issues in the North; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [8343/26]

103. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she has had any meetings or engagements with the United States government, or multinational corporations, regarding the Government’s promise to introduce the Israeli Settlements (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill 2025; her views on the legislation; if she is planning any further meetings with the US Government or multinational corporations to discuss the legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8696/26]

104. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will provide an update on the Shared Island Civic Society Fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [8722/26]

105. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on her Department’s engagements in relation to the EU Morocco trade deal; the Government’s position on this trade deal; its concerns in relation to human rights complaints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [8761/26]

106. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she has raised concerns with the US about human rights violations in the United States, including the execution of peaceful protesters; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [8703/26]

107. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she has had any engagement with her Ukrainian counterpart; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [8292/26]

108. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will report on the 2030 Roadmap on Ukraine-Ireland Partnership that was signed with President Zelenskyy on 2 December 2025. — Malcolm Byrne. [70940/25]

109. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline her Department's priorities in advance of Ireland holding the European Presidency, including specific actions in relation to Ireland's diplomatic engagement, coordination with EU member states; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [8619/26]

110. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on the implementation of the UN80 Action Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [7912/26]

111. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on the humanitarian crisis now unfolding in north east Syria; the concern for the Kurdish people; for other minority groups in the region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [8763/26]

112. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the action she is taking with EU colleagues with regard to Venezuela; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [8279/26]

113. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on the progress of the Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [8705/26]

114. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she has had any engagement with her Danish counterpart in relation to Greenland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [8286/26]

115. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the measures her Department is taking to address the impact of the climate crisis globally, and to support poorer nations in adapting. — Darren O'Rourke. [7870/26]

116. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the action she is taking with regard to the crisis in Venezuela; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [8624/26]

117. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way Ireland intends to respond to the surge in global humanitarian needs reported in early 2026; whether additional funding will be allocated to priority crises; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [8621/26]

118. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will provide an update on the British Government's response to the State's ongoing request for full disclosure and access to all relevant documents concerning the Dublin Monaghan bombings of 17 May 1974; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [8699/26]

119. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade how it will be ensured that trade agreements, including the EU–Mercosur deal, do not undermine our climate objectives; and whether the Government will seek binding environmental clauses to prevent imports linked to deforestation and biodiversity loss. — Paul Lawless. [73013/25]

120. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the timeframe in which she intends to introduce legislation to prohibit the trade in goods and services with illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories. — Cathy Bennett. [8711/26]

121. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her trade priorities for 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [8635/26]

122. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she has made, or plans to make, any representations at European Union level, through international fora on sports, or to the Israeli minister responsible for sport to demonstrate opposition to the proposed demolition of the football pitch at a location (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [4125/26]

123. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline Ireland's current diplomatic, political and economic engagement with the United States; the way in which Ireland is advancing its foreign policy priorities and values within that relationship, including on international law and conflict prevention; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [8757/26]

124. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she has been in contact with the US ambassador to express Ireland's concern at the loss of life at protests in Minneapolis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [8713/26]

125. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will report on her recent meeting of the Government's trade forum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [8721/26]

126. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether an Irish Citizen (details supplied) has received a visit from consular services; whether the Irish Government have expressed concern to the Russian authorities regarding their detainment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [7911/26]

127. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on the work of the Government trade forum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [8634/26]

128. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she intends to open a passport office in the north. — Matt Carthy. [8627/26]